

11 Now I met with several dozen people on the 17th of
12 July and I wish to read this petition and then I will
13 turn it over to you if you wish to have it.

14 Q All right. May I see it first?

15 A Yes, certainly. That's a photostatic copy
16 of it.

17 "We, the residents of Beacon Street in the City of
18 Newark, New Jersey, do hereby attest to and commit our
19 signatures in protest against the violence which was
20 used by the State Police on Friday, July 14, 1967, at
approximately 5:30 p.m.

"Most of us who have signed this complaint were
eyewitnesses to the events which are described and we
were directly involved.

"At approximately 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 14, 1967,

1 we were standing on our porches in our homes.

2 "Our children were playing on the sidewalks and we
3 were trying earnestly to avoid being involved in the
4 rebellion which was taking place in the city.

5 "Suddenly without warning or provocation, the
6 State Police began firing upon us. There was about a
7 dozen of them firing directly down our street from the
8 left and across the middle of the street to the right,
9 a few feet into Beacon Street on Springfield Avenue.

10 "Two of our neighbors were shot. James Snead,
11 age 36, was shot in the stomach as he was making repairs
12 on his car. (The car was marked with a C-37 in evidence.)

13 "Carl Green, age 17, was shot in the head as he
14 stood on his sister's porch at Number 55 Beacon Street.

15 "This shooting continued for at least one half-
16 hour. We were not allowed outside to seek help for the
17 wounded. (A statement from Miss Viola Johnson, 3-17-68)

18 "We present this to you and request that some
19 action be taken on behalf of these innocent injured
20 people." (You have certain did play a role on the part of

21 Here we have a list of 76 people.

22 Now I assure you no one got a bright idea to think
23 up a petition and could convince 76 people to sign it if
24 there wasn't some validity to this particular petition.

25 Q For To whom did you address that petition?

1 the A Well, this was turned in to us. They call
2 this a grievance complaint and I turned this over to the
3 FBI, to the State Police and every other investigating
4 committee that has asked questions about our observations.

5 Q Do you know whether or not that would coin-
6 cide with anything that the Newark Legal Service Project
7 collected?

8 A Yes. We also turned it over to the Newark
9 Legal Services Project.

10 Q Could we have a copy to mark it in evidence?

11 A Oh, yes.