

For Review Board

To the Editor:

Sir—The need for a police advisory board has strong undertones of racial injustice. To view the lack of proven cases of police brutality as a justification that it doesn't exist is rather naive. Moreover, this would prove that under our present system the possibility of substantiating a case against the police is rather remote. It is foolish to attempt to convince Negroes that there is no such thing as police brutality. We know there is. Equally foolish is the notion that the present avenues for complaints are sufficient. We know they are not.

Negroes are more frequently arrested and more often convicted than white persons. In part, this is because of our low economic status. The police prey on the poor. Moreover, the poor do not have means to secure competent legal counsel or to exert political or other influence to get them out of difficulties with the law. In addition, the Negro is all too often the victim of bias in law enforcement and in the administration of justice.

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