COLONEL HASSAN: Yes, I have the card.

MR. COCUZZA: In the meantime, Mr. Jesse Allen, if he is here, please come to the microphone.

(Mr. Allen presents himself at the microphone.)

MR. COCUZZA: Mr. Allen, you have thirty minutes for presentation and ten minutes to sum up, sir.

MR. ALIEN: Mr. Chairman, first of all, before I start speaking, I want to make very clear to you that when I start talking, it might end in fifteen minutes or thirty-five or forty minutes, and it might end in an hour, so I'm letting you know right now for the minutes you have because at this time I feel I will be speaking about half of what I believe in the City of Newark.

MR. COCUZZA: Please step back.

MR. ALIEN: I will discard any town rules, regulations that you have made for me. As far as I'm concerned, you can take that and use it somewhere else.

MR. COCUZZA: You have thirty minutes.

MR. ALIEN: My name is Jesse Allen. I

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reside in Newark, New Jersey, 227 Jelliff Avenue. I am representing the Black Mafia in Newark, New Jersey. I am here to speak tonight. not in terms of the medical site but in terms of Negro removal and white folks run because when we declare a city blight, we have one thing in mind, that you have -- that you say we have a Negro removal and Puerto Rican removal and the white people runs. That means when I say the white runs, when you have real estate, when you have real estate people after your city or government declares these area blighted, then you have the real estate people coming in the neighborhood and tear down this area and declare it blighted. You have to move out the value of the property and it is going down. You have to sell us because the Negroes are moving. you know. Then what you have people likeyou who don't, will not live next door to the black man or the black woman, so what you do, you find another place to go to, which while is wide open for you, but the doors is closed to people like us. What I mean is people like us is all black people, you know. We cannot come out in the suburbs and live and do that. If we do that.

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you're going to find some place else to go.

When we start to rebel against the destruction that you have set up and telling our people this is the best for you all, this is all in the benefit of you all, we looking and trying to do research and work and find who is benefitting from it. We the ones who suffering from it and you the ones that gains from it, because you don't know, you don't have to live in a city who have been in a ghetto city where it is in Newark or any other city you want to name where you have a ghetto area. Who created other areas when the black people who lived there today, people like you all who established these areas, but you find that you can move away from them and move us where we can support you all to live in the suburbs, in the suburban homes. This is the thing that we are tired of. We are tired of letting you people come down here to the City Hall and tell us that you all are the fathers of this city. How in the hell can you make me feel or anybody else feel that you concerned about this city in Newark when you are really moved out?

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How many of you live in the City of Newark now? You not concerned about the people in this city. You concerned about trying to hold on to what you have established in the city and make the black people in the ghetto area support you to live in the suburban homes. If you do research work on the city and in the ghetto area and throughout the United States, you will find that people of you pull thousands and thousands of dollars a month and millions of dollars a year out of the ghetto city, out of the ghetto area. You establish a business there. You come up with urban renewal program. say this is something to create better housing and what you created better housing is some what you call a new slum altogether when you build apartments twelve and fourteen stories high. You move families in there with six and seven people to a family with a four-room apartment and with the kitchen being built into the livingroom. This is a new slum, you know.

So, how you create this monster about urban renewal, give it everything here, give it to everybody and everybody is trying to reach out to get--to use people to get funds from the

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Federal government to say that they represent the people and at the same time verybody is filling their pockets up. When I mean everybody. that means people like you who sit here tonight. You see, it don't take people always to figure out what is wrong in the city and who is benefitting from it. We know that when you come before this Planning Board, that the Mayor done give the word to all of you. Say I want this to be a clean people. That I want it to be a clean vote on this Board all the way. I want you to vote yes. He says to the City Council meeting, he got us old people living together because all of you know just what you are going to get at. We know what we going to lose out of it. Again a look at that in 1962 when Mayor Hughie J. Addonizio ran for Mayor of Newark. Look how many years before he was the Mayor when Mr. Carlin was the Mayor, when Mr. Carlin was the Mayor of Newark. When we first came down and Mr. Carlin asked for a Negro jury, his answer to that was the Negro's not ready yet and do you know what happened? The Negroes showed him that in 1962 they was ready. They was ready, but they was brainwashed. They was brainwashed,

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because here comes Hugh J. Addonizio law who had been in Congress and making deals for fourteen years and say, well, we will listen. I'm a white liberal. I'm a white liberal. If you all support me, I'll stand by the black people in Newark. Do you know what he meant when you all support me, I'll stand by the black people in Newark? He was only trying to get Negroes to go in the community and vote for him and because he know that they was going to vote all the way. He know the Italian, it is split there with them because it is like, you know, in Italy you have the north and you have the south. If the north is the light, what you call the white Italian the south is dark Italian for the skin is darker so they don't go together good, you know.

So what I'm concerned about and who is the dangerous people in this city is the white liberals. You see, I'm damn tired of seeing people like you come and pretend that you are white liberals and me will go at you like a mass of Ku Klux Klan, because the Ku Klux Klan has a hood on his face. It looks like the Ku Klux Klan around the streets today and they tell me in Florida where I was born and raised,

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you know, one thing. You know you got to shoot them because that is your enemy but you come around and say we white liberals, you come on this side of the bush and you go on the other side and we can't see you coming through, but you hitting us in the back all the time. All the white liberals plan to say that they will keep the white community authority, you know, Just like I sits here from yesterday and last night from the time you take a seat. You came in after Mr. Booker wasn't around, after they used him for the blight man, say, well, we have you for the president and we put the white people on each side of you and say because this is a black community, we going to do that, maybe they will listen to you, but he got the message, . you know, that people don't listen to him or what he have to say any more because they feel that he is not -- he is the black man, but he don't represent the black people of Newark, and what the black people of Newark is ready for.

Then you come in after all from what I can hear, you say that last night with some questions raised to you and you supposed to be a member of the Planning Board and you address yourself to the

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newspaper, then that made me believe one thing. so, hell, you're bringing him in because he's a white liberal, but he went in on the Planning Board. If you here, you talk about the Planning Board, not what you read in the newspaper. So therefore, you feel that you could come in and you say well, Mr. Allen, or Mr. Whatever-his-nameis, you address the Negroes nice. I'll change that word Negro to black people. You address them nice, like white liberals do, and we can get this thing over with and I'm going home feeling happy. We have news for you. We are not going to let you sell us out like that, you know, If I had my way with you, I'll tell you what you all would happen to the white liberal. I would Ku Klux Klan because I feel the so-called white liberal, all of you, need to be sent to the cemetery and when we send you to the cemetery, then we can start moving and you can't chain us down. People like you brainwash the white people.

Look at him, look at him, look at him.

You get a picture of your face in the mirror,

look, look at you. You call yourselves sitting

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the city and if you look in the mirror and look at the expression on your face, you look like a damn bunch of caged wolves. If you don't like what I'm saying, youstop me, but I won't stop easy. If you want to talk about the rules. I say the hell with them. You go use them in the bathroom when you give out the toilet paper. That's how much I appreciate it, you know. sick and tired of people in this city, the people, the black community to fight against one another. You say, well, last night, for instance, after this meeting was over with, I was getting a cab out on the street. stopped there -- wasn't stopped there, I was walking to get this cab and one white fellow who worked for the City Planning Board for eight years, he was stopped there and started talking with me and all of a sudden got a policeman come by in a radio car and get away from him, don't talk to him, you ain t no good, you work for the City Hall and he better move on. That means he work for City Hall, that means when the Mayor snap his fingers, he jump. If anybody going to move, it going to be people like me because today I have come -- the day has come that we recognize that we is the majority people in this city

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and we are tired of you all using us for your own political strength and your own political power. We feel it is time for us to have this power. Now we know that you know what power means. We know that you are not going to give up your power without a fight. I mean that and that is your right. That's your right. I mean if I'm in power, there is nobody going to come over and take power away from me. going to put up a fight. I want you to understand one thing, that we going to do just like you all did, we're going to fight to take it from you and you're going to fight to keep it and so again we will go back, you know, again we will go back just like the Italians did when we was trying to take the power from the Irishman in the city, you know. That group was awful busy in them days. You know what I am talking about, you know. What you know I'm talking about, you know what power means and you know you have to share the vote to get it. So, today you're coming here, say, well, we don't try the urban renewal programs. We don't put all the high rise projects in there. Now we are going to come back with a medical site. Now one thing that I don't

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know whether you looked at, that you did all the tearing down and you throwed up a few high risers and a few cooperative buildings and say, well, we did something to try to satisfy the black people in Newark, but you haven't concentrated on how much you have vacant land left there that is torn down and haven't been built back.

We know and I know and in 1958, after I was stupid enough in 1952 to volunteer to go to Korea, but now I know about how to fight, where I live at. I bought a home at 75 Quitman Street. You know in 1962 when urban renewal come through there, right where your coop housing built. I used to own a home, the second house from the corner there. When I moved to the South Ward, the ward was then half decent neighborhood where you had apartment houses that I can name the houses that had severn room apartments where they themselves was apartments now and they is now four room apartments. What happened there? You had after the Negro started to move in, you had the real estate people come in through the white and they say, well, the Negro's moving in and the value of

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property is going down, you're all going to sell your homes to me and the average one of you white liberals can't afford to live with the Negroes because they nasty and filthy so you all say because of the society you have been taught to by your parents for the four hundred twelve years and you haven t got hold of yourself yet. You say, well, we going to move out for what they do. The real estate people would pay them a lower price for their property and come in and our people and then they will sell it to our people and make three times the profits off Behind that you have the landowners come in where you have apartments with seven rooms. They automatically cut that room in half and make a four-room apartment or a three-room apartment and if you paying -- if the white person is paying eighty-five dollars a month rent. they would move so fast just to get the white out and automatically the rent goes up to one hundred thirty-five dollars a month and the value of the property goes down. A few things happening in Newark today, these things are happening. I can start at Johnson Avenue and all the way through. I walked in the houses

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where we taking the Mayor in and he brought in a City Inspector along with him and they find two hundred and eighty-five violations in that building. They find where the kitchen sink was going through the floor and that was two years ago and that building still there and they haven t done a damn thing about it. They have eighteen people in that building who was on welfare, who mothers had five and six kids and eight kids. When they find these violations in there and came out in the Newark News that the Mayor was there along with the Inspector, and we was there along with him, we know he was there also, butwhat happened? They didn't make them correct the violations. The Essex County Welfare, the mothers was paying one hundred fifteen dollars a month rent. A month later the rent went up to one hundred twenty-five dollars and the violations still exist. Essex County raised the check another ten dollars. So who are we supporting? The Essex County Welfare supporting the real estate business of Newark. At the same time, if this mother had went there or if this mother had a father and went there and asked the Essex County Welfare

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for a five dollar raise or a three dollar raise to buy some more food to go into the Frigidaire or some more shoes to go on the kids! feet or some clothes to go on the back, they say we don't have it. It's not in the guidelines. So, if you can kind of get the message, you can see the reason why. I see those guidelines are made. It's not worth a damn when it comes down to Human beings because I feel that any time you can find money if a landlord walk in today or tomorrow and raise the rent from a person on Essex County Welfare, if they raise the rent from one hundred fifteen dollars a month to one hundred twenty-five, one hundred thirty, and they just raise the check up to cover that rent. Then who are they protecting? The clients or the landlords? Or is the taxpayer trying to protect their money?

I'll go a step further than that. I know that field because all this come under blighted, you might say I'm leaving what you call your own guidelines, but like I say, don't mention it to me because then I'll really be embarrassed again. I'll go back and say if we're concerned about the City of Newark and the future City of

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Newark, and once you listen to the majority of people, the majority of the people in this city today is black people. These black people, and I'm one of them, these black people knows that this City has already been turned into a graveyard. We know if as a Negro or either one of you runs for Governor today or tomorrow, you get the governor's seat. The first thing you are going to do is cry Newark is bad and you are going to try to run it from the State, you know. Then you going to have control of the State and the City, but we say now, we have something to fight for. Not only are you trying to take over the City, but we have to build the City after you leave it because you done torn everything down that was left in it. How many factories and businesses have moved out of the City in the last ten years and why? And Why? I mean a lot of people establish their business in the suburbs because they can get cheaper tax there, you know. The tax goes up on people here, but who benefit from it, you know? One thing that we have to look at that wakes people's eyes up, how long after the last election, after Addonizio run for--was re-elected.

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how long before he raise the salary from twentyfive thousand dollars a year to thirty-five thousand?

We know that I know taxpayers if you--if people really knew a lot of us know what's happening and a lot of you all know what s happening, and you won't admit it, we have a lot of people whose homes is in worse shape and better shape than other people homes, but these people pay higher taxes than the ones in the bad shape. If you take the average homeowner in Newark, today, the Negro homeowner, he can't afford to own them twenty-one and thirty-one unit apartment houses. The only thing he can afford to own is the one or two-family and the best is a three-family home. Therefore, he got to live here. Therefore he going to, by him living there, she living there, they going to keep their property up, but when you all come along and get the apartment buildings, once you don't keep the property up, you charge more rent and if a tenant comes and complains about the apartment, then where is the lawyer at? They on his side. You got to holler in court and everything, you go on about laws that was

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established in 1800. You still abiding by them in the housing code. Who the hell goes by the laws established in 1800 unless they go for their own benefit and good, you know? Then when the black people come forward and try to fight for what rightfully they are entitled to, then we have a good friend, Norman Schiff, I am a white liberal, let me turn out and talk with you. Let me open the books and this is the law. This is the law. The law is only for the one--they want to show the laws to us when we fight against them. When you want something, that same law is on that book, but you find that red tape where you can bypass everything, you know, you know. Why you do this? Because you have created one thing, you call a white family. You have sit down with the Jews, you have sit down with the Irishman, you have sit down with the Italians, and say, listen, say, we all from one big family in terms of white, but we don't agree on different issues. but to keep the black people from taking over, we got to come together, but one thing that you have to make the black people, you say, well. Negroes will not stick together and we can treat

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some of them nice and keep them far apart and we go on and it will cool off after a while. We will have our way. We will control. But I have news for you, what all you shook up about today, because today is the first time that you have seen in the City of Newark where the majority of the people are black, are coming together and say we going to fight for a change. This is what you worried about. You see, in the past you have went and got one or two Negroes, you was going to pick out one Negro and the post you will concentrate on, you will go to the Baptist Church and try to get a Negro Baptist preacher and say, we will make you happy, but you go out and talk to the people, but I have sense enough to know that four hundred twelve years ago the white men talked my people then, they talked them how to go out and tell them say now, thou shall not kill, thou shall not steal, that means when he's working you like hell for nothing every day, don't steal from his hand. He go about it and tell them say don't worry about it, you working like a slave. You'll get your own when you die and then the day we have Negro that this preachers like the thing

you see handing out the list here last night try to still come around and tell us about what the hell we have to die for. You see there is one thing we tired of and we no longer standing up, whether the black man or white having to come to us to tell us about look up and say sweet by and by when the morning comes and you come and get the hounds digging and go like all hell. You see it's time for us. We mean we going to dig some of it also. It's not enough today. All we have to do is stand up and fight and take that away from you what you already took away from us. This is not a problem only in Newark. This monster you create with urban renewal and what the market stands for, you business people operate, you preach some that you call the United States and ain t a damn thing united about a handful of people, because I got news for you, you know, you know as well as I know whether you're black or white and the majority around, there is just a few people chose the whole damn government in the United States. A handful of people. You got one of the biggest men right here live in Jersey. They call him Engelhard, who is one

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of the biggest men in Newark and Essex Bank and the State of Essex County. He have a right to have them banks because goddammit, he never stood up and say he got slave mines in the mines of South Africa where have people working for twenty-five cents an hour. I working for twenty-five cents an hour, I'm telling you white people from America, you can work for five and six dollars an hour, but he goes, I say he's a white liberal in this country and when, doggonnit, it hits his daughter, his daughter brought home a black man to his house and told her she was in love with him, he took sick and went to bed for two weeks and the newspaper said he was ill but they didn't state why. This is the kind of people he is. He went further and said I would ignore you being my daughter. You look into the whole life of America country and look through there. Look at Puerto Rico, what you doing over there?

We going to have to send foreign aid. We have new programs. You have new programs over there. You'll find the Shop Rite, all these big companies, you find them right there. I tell you something else you'll find also, you'll

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find slum areas there where people who this country supposed to be giving foreign aid to, five and six childrens to a family to get them something like twelve dollars a month to live off. You'll find something else this country doing over there and you businessmen is doing over there. You go there and you rent, you set up your business and tell them it be ten years before we can pay your tax off and when your ten years is up, you automatically change the corporation of that name to another corporation and then they move in and he stays there for ten years and the people get in the tax hole. At the same time, you paying off one person to say, well, you keep the peace over there for us, we'll make you happy. Then when people start to bellow against this when you holler, then what you do? If you black, you call them a Muslim. If you white and stand up against them, you call them a Communist, and if you people radically and they don't give a damn like me, you call them a troublemaker. This is what you do to them, you see, but one think that you have to understand, see, if you don't understand it, then, see, I'm only here

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because, you know, like really the people gets tired, you know, when you get your back against the wall, you get back so far in you turn around and fight, you know.

You know, when MacArthur run out of dough were you whities and he told them, so he go out and we come in again. When he went back. he went back with a black regiment and he went through there. Some of us might get killed, you can call in, you got two things going for you. you have the police force, they will control by the City Hall. You have the government, you can call it the National Guard, but it's one thing you call in a thousand, a thousand of people, but nobody wants to die. If you know that you are going to be the first to get it. you will tell the National Guard and all of them to stand back and don't move because you say I don't want that. I want to live. I'm a person who don't give a damn about dying, you know. When I go over there in Korea fighting for something, I thought that I was going to make a better life for myself, saying I have a career for myself, what I did when I get back to the States, they made a shoeshine

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boy right out of me right on.

Now, again, we have what you call a democracy in this United States going to tell the people be not violent. At the same time you train them how to be violent and fight somebody way over there twelve thousand miles. I don't know whether the people or the black people of the United States have stopped and looked at that, that every nation that we are-that this country have rules against and fought was a black nation, was a dark nation. The further you go into South American, into the Latin American countries, where do you think the hell will be raised at? The majority of people is dark people because you say one thing, we can't going to fight like hell to keep them over there because we robbing over there and we can't afford to let them come to the country over here because these black people over here are raising too much hell otherwise--

MR. COCUZZA: Mr. Allen, you have ten minutes more for summation, please.

MR. ALLEN: Let me remind you, Mr. President. I don t give a good god damn what you say on that book. I ain't going to move. I'll move

when I get good and damn ready. If I don't move, you have your force. When it come down to fighting where I have to live at, you don't tell me how long I going to be here on my limit, because this again today, while we are here arguing and fighting today because you people have sit down for years and years and made this and say this is the ruling and this is the regulation, but when something comes out and affects your own lives, you find ways to break them. This is breaking our lives and we will find a way to break them tonight, at least I am going to find a way.

Again I'm going back and I'm going to say to you that I will not yield to you or anyone else when it come in here tonight and you try to push something to people that they--you can see they not satisfied with, they not happy with it and at the same time you are going to decide it before you call on the black hand which way it was before. You have decided this already. You come here and talk to people like you talking to a wall, you know. I mean, I think some of you dummies up there, I don't think you got feeling in you. Sometimes I wonder

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if you got feeling. If I come up there and slap you upside the jaw and see if you move your head. I don't believe you'll move then. I'll sit here for a whole week and I looked at the people sitting on this Board. This young man over here about the only one I can say be whether he was serious or not, but he seems to be hear what the people was saying because he tried to pay attention to it and then again it might -- it made us feel that it's time for new blood around here because you old folks, you old foggies over here ain't doing nothing, nothing. The world has changed but you have to change also. You have quite a few white people are going to change. Either you have to change or we are going to move you off. I say to you tonight that we going to stand up and we going to fight for better homes. better homes for people to live in. You cannot make me believe after you ask for one hundred fifty acres that you going to settle on fifteen acres or forty-five acres of land because if you-if we look at how you people have run from us in the past, how can you stand there or sit here tonight and tell the black community that

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you just going to have fifteen acres of land and you're going to have others around here to build houses? We know the people who come in are going to be the ones going to this Medical School is going to be the white. Why it's going to be the white, because our schools don't turn out the type of people being qualified to go to the school and the reason why you don t turn them out is because we have eighty-five percent of the white teachers and the teaching in black people's schools don't give a damn about nothing but picking up the paycheck. I don't believe that you can convince anybody that you going to set up a fifteen or forty-five acre medical site and going to build homes around for black people to live in and knowing that you have all the black people that close where you have all the black people going to school. I think if you going to be concerned about this, building homes first on some of this land, that is already vacant and then come back and build a better site, you are going to have better people. It is again, we have to go back and say no to the Mayor. He has been Mayor for four years. It is time now to say

no to him and reconsider this thing, you know.

Because you are building, you are going to
have hell and how the hell am I going to stand
by when I have a medical school going up there
when I know the black people can't go there
and you send white children there, I going to
die there day and night or somebody going to
die on me.

Thank you.

MR. COCUZZA: Mr. Joseph Price, please come to the stand. Mr. Price, please.

colonel HASSAN: Mr. Chairman, if I may, please, the four names that you gave me had to leave for the U.C.C., the other three must leave now. I would like to put Mr. Andrew Washington up next and he has a card.

MR. COCUZZA: Do I have his card, sir?

(Mr. Washington proceeds to the microphone.)

MR. COCUZZA: You have thirty minutes for presentation and ten minutes for summation.

MR. WASHINGTON: Incidentally, you did not ask me where I live, you know. I can live in Short Hills.