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TO THE CITIZENS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY, KANSAS

Wyandotte County Prison, Kansas City, Kansas

We, the undersigned representative members of a special ad hoc committee of CITIZENS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE COUNTY JAIL, meeting in special session this 16th day of October, 1968, do hereby submit the following resolution:

POCKETED
CIVIL RIGHTS

WHEREAS, A series of recent disturbance among the inmates of the Wyandotte County Jail has called to our attention the presence of a situation in which the human rights of the men have not been respected, where physical harm has been inflicted by inmates of sadistic tendencies making fear and force compelling factors for power and authority among the inmates:

WHEREAS, The county jail authorities are aware of these problems, but continue to place together inmates of all ages and degrees of criminal record, even those who are allegedly first offenders and not yet convicted:

WHEREAS, There has been no effort to establish and follow minimum requirements for the recruitment of law enforcement personnel that would conform or be acceptable to the "President's Commission on Law Enforcement":

WHEREAS, There continue to be repeated allegations that members of the county law enforcement personnel, even the sheriff himself, have shown signs of racial prejudice by word and action, thereby causing unrest and loss of necessary respect for law officials among the minority community:

WE HEREBY STRONGLY URGE, That responsible authorities implement immediately the following suggestions which may be carried out without undue delay:

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1. That in the quartering of inmates,
 - a) Those merely accused, especially first-offenders, be separated from the convicted;
 - b) Younger offenders be separated from older recidivists;
 - c) Separation based solely on race be stopped.
2. That an orderly form of surveillance, well-planned and executed, be adopted to insure the safety of inmates; that such plans should include the elementary notions of frequent and scheduled walk-throughs; periodic shake-down inspections

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