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Dear MJWF Board Member:

The findings of the report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders have the deepest significance for the future of our country. The Jewish community and its leadership is challenged by the Report to respond with understanding and compassion, with vigor and creativity to the crisis in race relations and in our cities.

The Board of Directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds adopted a resolution on March 24, 1968 which said the Report can be received as a "warning" and as an "unparalleled opportunity":

"Warning of impending disaster, unless the total community by its program of action takes seriously the Report's central thesis that white racism has produced a condition that threatens not only escalated violence but possible apartheid that would undermine the fabric of our society; unparalleled opportunity because the Report's specific programs in education, welfare, employment and housing are blueprints that, if seriously implemented, will avoid violence and, more important, make possible a far too long delayed reconstruction of our decaying central cities.

We believe there is no more pressing priority for us as a nation than a demonstration through acts by every sector of our society to implement the Report."

In cooperation with the Milwaukee Jewish Welfare Fund, we are pleased to make available to you as a member of the MJWF Board a copy of the full report as well as a Summary of the Findings of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. We believe they deserve your close attention. The comments made about the city of Milwaukee will be of particular interest.

Very truly yours,

Bernard Solochek
President

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