

September 3, 1975

Honorable William M. Bulger
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State Senate
State House
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Bill:

Enclosed please find a copy of my letter to Chairman Fleming of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission joining in your request for an inquiry into racially inspired street crime. It is time that the Commission realized that all racially inspired crimes - whether against whites or blacks - are equally serious civil rights violations.

It would appear that existing law authorizes such an inquiry. I would call your attention to 42 U. S. C. 1975(c)(a), which authorizes the Commission to:

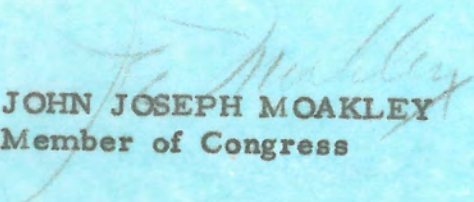
- (2) study and collect information concerning legal developments constituting a denial of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution because of race, color, religion or national origin or in the administration of justice;
- (3) appraise the laws and policies of the Federal Government with respect to denials of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution because of race, color, religion or national origin or in the administration of justice;
- (4) serve as a national clearinghouse for information in respect to denials of equal protection of the laws because of race, color, religion or national origin, including but not limited to the fields of voting, education, housing, employment the use of public facilities, and transportation, or in the administration of justice;

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In view of this, I have asked the Chairman to intervene personally and hope he will agree to our request. Thank you for contacting me on this matter and please rest assured of my full support.

With all best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,


JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
Member of Congress