

Jamaica Plain, Mass. 02130

Oct. 3, 1974.

Judge Arthur Garrity

Federal Court House

Boston, Mass.

Dear Judge,

I partially agree with the people in South Boston about not wanting the colored in their schools because

I have seen first-hand how their (the blacks) presence changed the face of Roxbury. I am not talking about all of Roxbury, since I don't know it first-hand but about Mission Hill section of Roxbury which I know very well since I lived on Mission Hill for eighteen years and in the project behind Mission Church for the next ten.

I never saw or heard before what I did once the
colored people moved in.

I myself was held up and assaulted by them four times,
the first of which required hospitalization. I begged
my mother to move out of that section after this first
incident but she was so attached to Mission Church
that she refused. (Maybe I was more attached because Mission ~~Drum~~
and High School had helped an awful lot in bringing
me up but I knew I had the character to face the present
situation regardless of how much it meant to me.)

It got increasingly worse until finally a lot of businesses
moved out and Whiting Milk Co. refused to let their
men deliver on Mission Hill because their men were
continually assaulted and robbed.

So I can understand South Boston's plight now.
They (the colored people) made a hell-hole of
Mission Hill so let them stay there. It was fine
before they came.