



VILLAGE OF SKOKIE

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60078

December 11, 1970

Mayor Albert J. Smith
Village Board of Trustees

Dear Mayor Smith:

At its meeting of December 3, 1970 the Human Relations Commission passed a resolution supporting the Youth Welfare Commission's inquiry into police-youth-community relations in the Village of Skokie, and asking the Village Manager to conduct an investigation into the recent incident which took place in Skokie between the Morton Grove police and seven young people from Evanston (see statement attached).

In transmitting this resolution, I have been asked by Commission Chairman Bloch to express concern over the allegation that Skokie police, acting within our Village boundaries, stood by and watched the abuse of individuals and the deprivation of their rights by the police of another community. We would hope that Skokie police would be as zealous in preserving the rights of individuals from abuse by police from other communities as they would be if those involved were Skokie policemen. It does not seem proper that, by jurisdictional agreements between police departments, the rights of individuals within Skokie to protection by Skokie police can be abrogated.

We are aware of and appreciate the high degree of training of our Skokie police and their generally admirable behavior in situations in which they are directly involved. We would like to see our police department insist on similar performance by any police acting within the Village of Skokie.

Sincerely,

Harold Goldmeier
Director

c.c.: Village Manager
Chief of Police

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STATEMENT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the December 3rd monthly meeting of the Human Relations Commission, the commissioners passed a motion calling for an investigation into the recent incident between the Morton Grove police and seven young people from Evanston Township High School.

The Human Relations Commission also supports the Youth Welfare Commission in its decision to ask the Board of Trustees to support a Youth Welfare Commission inquiry into the allegedly strained relations between the police and youth of Skokie.

Respectfully submitted,

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Dr. Herman Bloch, Chairman