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U.S. National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders

After race riots erupted in more than 30 cities across the United States during the summer of 1967, President Lyndon Johnson appointed a commission to investigate what caused them. The commission, headed by former governor of Illinois Otto Kerner, issued the *Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders* early in 1968, concluding that "our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal." The commission recommended changes in employment, education, welfare, and housing policies to alleviate racial divisions. Excerpts from the report follow.

Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders

Summary

Introduction

The summer of 1967 again brought racial disorders to American cities, and with them shock, fear, and bewilderment to the Nation.

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The worst came during a 2-week period in July, first in Newark and then in Detroit. Each set off a chain reaction in neighboring communities.

On July 28, 1967, the President of the United States established this Commission and directed us to answer three basic questions:

What happened?

Why did it

happen?

What can be done to prevent it from happening again?

To respond to these questions, we have undertaken a broad range of studies and investigations. We have visited the riot

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