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Coleman A. Young, Mayor
City of Detroit

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The Honorable Coleman A. Young
Mayor of the City of Detroit
1126 City-County Building
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mayor Young:

On November 17, 1986, I submitted a preliminary report addressing the issue of youth shootings. Within that report were four specific proposals which identified immediate activities to be initiated. Briefly, the proposals recommended 1) a restaffing and revitalization of the Special Crimes Section; 2) establishing a "HOT LINE"; 3) directed enforcement patrols; 4) establishing a Juvenile Management Committee.

Subsequent to the initial report, I ordered a comprehensive implementation plan for the Special Crimes Section (attached). Although lengthy in format, it completely identifies the major components necessary for a viable youth shooting curtailment plan.

The essential parts of the plan necessarily include additional personnel and equipment; a formal training program; as well as the location of a facility to accommodate the expanded section. Some of these issues can be addressed by reallocating existing departmental personnel and equipment. This redeployment would allow for the timely training of the expanded Special Crimes personnel.

Concurrently, efforts will be made to identify a facility which would accommodate the requirements of this Section. Besides additional space for the personnel, a secure holding area is needed for the short detention of juvenile suspects. Within the facility, it will also be necessary to house a computer system which would be non accessible to outside personnel.