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build citizens not prisoners. Such activities include:

- Civic Betterment (youth input for better communities)
- Investment & Credit (how to use

money to make money and the values of creditability)

- Debating & Caucus (addressing relevant issues and developing response strategies)

Service (advantaged youths helping less advantaged peers; community projects, information, re-educational and social aids, research)

- Business & Professional (a head start for students training for careers in

business and professions, employment, internships, contacts, workshops)

- Labor (union and management techniques used effectively to gain employment for youths)

• Trades (putting young minds to work as inventors, innovators; and to develop useful mechanical and technical skills)

• Fraternal (an early look at fraternal orders, disciplines, loyalties, common-bonds, service)

• Arts (ventilating inhibitions through self-expression, behavior modification, creative coefficients)

• Creative Writing (intellectual exorcism, expression of life experiences, short stories, media, plays)

Boycotting Crime Through Literacy Enablement

NMBC is indeed a sharp departure from "crime prevention" schemes which exacerbate this critical problem by a calculated and insidious use of welfare dependency and illiteracy. "Black people," says Julian Garfield, "are not 'making it' and will have a difficult time doing so as long as illiteracy and crime continue to pluck from the flock the cream of the crop."

Anticipating the high demand for education as a survival technique, NMBC has aligned itself with the national Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP) and Julian Garfield is a co-chairperson of the Assault On Illiteracy Council. A significant portion of AOIP's literacy-deprived target population, 18 year old and older who read at or below a fourth grade level, is among the thousands of Blacks that are incarcerated in America's jails and prisons.

Prisons don't educate; they don't correct; they don't rehabilitate. Prison is *punitive* and *isolating*. AOIP volunteers penetrate these institutions bringing help to the helpless and hope to the hopeless.

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NMBC challenges American society to work to achieve a pronounced and measurable reduction in violent crime. Crime, as we see it today, is a burden we need not continue to bear. Crime abatement, NMBC says, is the final challenge. Let's join together to build more citizens, not prisoners!

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