

Considering the frequently minor character of such offenses, the difficulty of proving intentional falsehood as distinguished from simple misinformation, and the delay and expense incident to jury trials, we do not believe that the public interest is served by the enactment of section 508.

Mr. Chairman, I would appreciate it if you would include this statement in full in the record.

The CHAIRMAN. I believe I have already made that order earlier.

Mr. ACHESON. As well as Mr. Katzenbach's letter of September 13.

The CHAIRMAN. That was previously introduced into the hearing record at the start of the hearing.

Mr. ACHESON. And my letter of September 12 on behalf of the Law Enforcement Council.

The CHAIRMAN. I believe that an order was made at the commencement of the hearing, incorporating that in full in the hearing record.

We are certainly all alarmed by this continuing upsurge of crime in the Nation's Capital.

We realize that possibly this follows a kind of a national trend and, certainly, the fact, as I have said so many times that we compare favorably with other cities is very, very small consolation.

Now, we are proceeding, in the course of the next 3 weeks, to examine the more controversial sections of this crime legislation that is before us, as passed by the House of Representatives, but I would be hopeful toward the end of this hearing, after we have finished our *Mallory* and *Durham* probing, that you would be in a position to make any additional suggestions as to what we can do, as a legislative committee, to strengthen your hand as a law enforcement officer here in the District of Columbia.

I know you have spent many, many hours in working on this problem, and I know you have some suggestions.

Mr. Tobriner made a suggestion in his statement about the registration of firearms. You may have some comments to make also in that connection.

I do not think this is the proper place to make them, but I would hope toward the end of our hearing, in some later session, that you would be prepared to make any additional recommendations that you wish.

Maybe there are none to be made. Maybe law alone does not correct this, but I would hope, in the next 2 or 3 weeks, you would give, as you have in the past, your intensive thought to this problem to see if there is not some way that we can be of help to you in strengthening your arm as a law enforcement officer.

Mr. ACHESON. I appreciate that, Mr. Chairman.

I do expect to have a proposal to make next Tuesday.

The CHAIRMAN. That will be fine.

Senator Dominick?

Senator DOMINICK. Mr. Chairman, I do not know why we should avoid at this time any question on the supposed licensing of firearms, because I think this is a pretty important point.

The CHAIRMAN. There is no intention to do that. I intended to go into that independently.

Senator DOMINICK. I see.

The CHAIRMAN. I am going to bring that into another hearing as well.