

I do not think the list suggested by me here for either frustrating crime or reducing crime, reducing its causes—that these are by any means the full list. I think many, many things can be done. I simply, in my own suggestion, would say let's put our emphasis on this kind of a method in the District of Columbia:

First, we support expansion of the police force so that the authority of the law will be more visible in the difficult areas of the city;

Second, denial of pistols to all persons within the city limits except for those few who obtain permits based on justified need. I must say I have always been surprised why the police do not support this proposal of limiting small arms. Small arms are not ways of shooting ducks. I really feel that there is much to be said for trying to keep these concealed weapons away from people in this area;

Third, more complete integration of the police force in the interest of efficiency and public confidence;

Fourth, improved education, housing, employment, and welfare throughout the city; and

Fifth, a District of Columbia fair housing regulation, and a District of Columbia fair employment practices regulation, both long overdue, to make it possible for every District resident to have the housing he can afford and the job he can do.

Methods such as these are the American way of fighting crime. Let us reduce the crime rate by raising standards throughout the city, not by lowering them at the police station.

In conclusion, may I say a word of commendation of Chief Murray and his colleagues. Our disagreement over *Mallory* must not obscure our deep debt of gratitude to him and to the entire Metropolitan Police force for the magnificent way in which they handled the August 28 march on Washington and our two local marches. The splendid cooperation of the police force with the leadership and citizens of the community on those occasions points the way to future cooperation in other areas. One can only hope that the spirit of cooperation during the marches can now be applied to reducing the crime rate here in our Nation's Capital.

I strongly feel, Mr. Chairman, that there is much that can be done between the police force and the citizenry that has never been done.

I was terribly heartened by the way that they did have this cooperation in the marches.

People have said to me, How do I look on the racial tensions in the city of Washington today? And I said that I thought the situation had improved considerably. And they say to what fact, would you say—what was the one fact which has had the best effect on racial tensions in the city of Washington? In my judgment, it is the fine way in which the police cooperated with those marchers and made the Negro population feel that there were times at least in which the police force was not just on the other side. Therefore, I would sort of like to take the spirit of the way the police handled those marches and apply it to the crime situation generally. And I think a great deal can be done, a lot more can be done today, in my judgment, and the judgment of our local Democratic Party, than by changing the rules to make confessions easier.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Joe. I appreciate your statement a great deal.