

Mr. JOHNSON. I believe that some legal services lawyers were appointed to represent some people charged with rioting in Los Angeles about a year ago. But most of the people were represented by others.

Mr. GURNEY. If there are other instances, would you furnish those for the record?

Suppose the judge doesn't appoint a legal services officer. What other action might your agency take?

Mr. JOHNSON. First of all, it wouldn't be action by our agency. It would be what the local legal services project did and what the attorney did in view of his duties as an attorney. If he was appointed to represent someone who was charged with a misdemeanor, whether it be out of a riot situation or otherwise, he would represent him and provide him all of the advice, counsel and representation that a lawyer would normally give.

Mr. GURNEY. Your answer is that if he was appointed, and I presume there you are talking about if the court appointed him?

Mr. JOHNSON. That is correct.

Mr. GURNEY. I am asking about other situations.

Mr. JOHNSON. All right. There are two ways that a legal services lawyer could become involved. One, as I said, would be court appointment. The other would be if the family of, say, the person who had been arrested came to them and said, we would like you to represent our son in this particular matter. We do not have money to retain a lawyer.

And if he was charged with a misdemeanor and if this was one of our legal services programs that does handle misdemeanors, they might very well take that case.

Mr. GURNEY. And do you have instances where that has happened?

Mr. JOHNSON. I can think of at least one instance offhand, but there may be others.

In Cincinnati, Ohio, our legal services project was requested by families of some people who had been arrested was requested to represent those people, and they did enter appearance to obtain bond and a continuance.

Mr. GURNEY. This is recent?

Mr. JOHNSON. Quite recently, I believe.

Mr. GURNEY. If you have other illustrations, would you supply that?

Mr. JOHNSON. I certainly would.

(The information referred to follows:)

REPRESENTATION OF PERSONS IN RIOT OR PROTEST SITUATIONS BY LEGAL SERVICES AGENCIES

The OEO Legal Services Program has been able to identify the following cases in which legal services attorneys represented persons who had been alleged to have participated in riots or protest actions.

1. Northeast Region—New York City

Mobilization for Youth did handle eight or nine persons involved in the Viet Nam demonstration at St. Patrick's Cathedral. A description has been forwarded to Mr. Johnson.

2. Mid-Atlantic Region—Washington, D.C.

Last summer a few days before the 15th of August, some teenagers described as negroes were accused of having assaulted a "white" near a tavern in the South-East section of Washington. The police had the name of one person allegedly