

recommended, that the rank of detective sergeant eventually be reduced to something like 34 men. If this large number of detectives is promoted to the rank of detective sergeant, then of course if the force wants to phase out the detective sergeant rank, this will take a great many more years than is now anticipated with the present number of men in the detective sergeant grade.

Mr. MULTER. I might have misunderstood the Deputy Chief. I thought there was no intention of following that recommendation of phasing out to 34.

Deputy Chief WILSON. Not at this point, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MULTER. And reducing the number of detective sergeants.

Deputy Sergeant WILSON. Only through the eventual process of attrition.

Mr. MOYER. The point is with their large number of extra men, attrition would be a lot longer.

Mr. WINN. You still have the possibility, though, that some of these men might not want to go on to detective sergeant; they might still want to switch over to uniform sergeant?

Deputy Chief WILSON. Yes, sir. I suspect there are a number who would.

Mr. MULTER. Once these men qualify by examination and appointment as sergeants of police, will they all then be entitled to take the lieutenant examination?

Deputy Chief WILSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. MULTER. That completes our hearing this morning.

Thank you very much.

We will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

(Whereupon, at 12 o'clock noon, the subcommittee was recessed subject to call of the Chair.)

FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
January 31, 1968.

HON. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
Congress of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: The Federation of Citizens Associations wishes to reiterate its endorsement of the former Multer bill (H.R. 13203) and now H.R. 14809.

As you know, a recommendation from the President's Crime Commission makes this bill necessary, and we feel this is no time to experiment with, or phase out, any of the men of the Metropolitan Police Department.

In this terror-stricken city, with its lawlessness and crime and where the criminal is favored, lets not say to 130 dedicated detectives who have spent 10 to 20 years in that specialized work, "You go back to the end of the line and compete with the recruits." Rather, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee, we urge you, and respectfully request that you approve H.R. 14809.

Sincerely,

LILLIAN P. HOWARD
Mrs. Ernest W. Howard,
Chairman, Police and Fire Committee,
Federation of Citizens Associations.