

We hope Congress acts in time to meet the present crisis. We strongly urge this Subcommittee to act favorably on H.R. 15511 and do its best to secure its early enactment into law by the 90th Congress.

Mr. Dowdy. Thank you. All statements will be filed. We appreciate all of you coming, and I am sorry we could not get to you and hear all of you, but we appreciate your time.

Also, we have some correspondence to the Chairman from The Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, which will be inserted at this point. (The matters referred to follow:)

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE OLDEST INHABITANTS OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C., February 14, 1968.

Hon. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN McMILLAN: Enclosed please find copy of a letter our President, Burton M. Langhenry, sent to Dr. William R. Manning, Superintendent of the District of Columbia schools. We want you to know how our patriotic organization (over 100 years old) feels regarding Stokely Carmichael.

Wishing you continued success, I remain

LEO F. DIEGELMANN, *Secretary.*

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE OLDEST INHABITANTS
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C., February 3, 1968.

Dr. WILLIAM R. MANNING,
*Superintendent of Schools,
Franklin Administration Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR DR. MANNING: I am addressing this letter to you by authority of The Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia. Our Association was organized in 1865 and numbers among its members over 500 of Washington's prominent and influential citizens.

We read with amazement in a recent issue of the "Evening Star" that Stokely Carmichael had lectured two classes at Western High School. As a justification for this invitation the principal, Mr. Zevin, stated in the newspaper article that it's better to have Carmichael talking to the students in a classroom than outside the classroom. Also a school official stated that the students "tore Carmichael to pieces", which statement is a little hard to believe. Nevertheless, these explanations are little justification for inviting into a school building to address our school children, many of whom are still impressionable, a man who has advocated the overthrow of our Government and the destruction of our way of life—a man whose inflammatory statements have contributed to rioting, bloodshed and the destruction of property and one who in the opinion of many should be behind bars. The publicity, recognition and support provided by this invitation is just what is needed to encourage Stokely Carmichael to continue his campaign to destroy our way of life. Granting him this opportunity was a disservice to the Washington community and our school children, and raises a serious question as to the soundness of the policies you allow to be followed in our public schools. We are awaiting an explanation from you on this matter.

Very truly yours,

BURTON M. LANGHENRY, *President.*

Mr. Dowdy. The hearing will now adjourn.

(Whereupon, at 12:30 p.m., the Special Investigating Subcommittee adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.)

(Subsequently, the following letter was received for the record:)