

In addition to having made this tremendous number of arrests, I must point out the wonderful assistance that we received from the Army when they were in here helping us. So many of these arrests were made as a result of the detentions that Military, detentions which were then turned over to the police officers for the arrest process.

During all of this time, the plans that had been well laid by Chief Layton were implemented with the result that we feel we have done a reasonably good job in the paper processing of these arrests and complaints.

With the assistance of Mr. Bress—and I cannot praise too highly both the United States Attorney's Office and the Corporation Counsel's Office in working with Police Department staff.

We feel that we can be optimistic and that we are going to have a significant number of prosecutions and, hopefully, convictions in many of these cases. We think that is terribly important as a deterrent, lest any citizen feels that there is any policy of leniency or of permitting disorder, or whatever misimpressions may exist; that the vigor with which these cases will be pursued and prosecuted—and I might add, Mr. Chairman, that we will even be able to use a section under the D.C. Crime Bill, which was strongly supported by this Committee—we will be able to use a section of that bill to use an additional charge relating to riotous situations.

So, Mr. Chairman, I think that we certainly responded well. The Police Department and the Fire Department and the Federal Government were most cooperative in giving us the assistance we needed.

We have learned things, and not everything was done perfectly, obviously. It is awfully difficult to be able to say anything optimistic or good about such a tragic situation. It certainly is disturbing and heartbreaking to all of us, and especially to those of us who were so close to what was going on during those troubled days.

I feel it was a heartbreaking experience to witness this kind of tragedy in a nation's capital.

I wish, sir, only to assure you that it is my conviction that the people in the Police Department and the Fire Department, the Office of Civil Defense, were a great credit to this city and to this nation in the manner in which they responded to a terrible tragedy.

It may be, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. McGiffert would like to say something about the Army.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. McGiffert.

FEDERAL TROOPS

Mr. MCGIFFERT. Mr. Chairman, I don't have any preliminary remarks. I would be very happy to answer any questions any members of the Committee might ask.

The CHAIRMAN. There is one question I would like to ask, for clarification, what kind of orders were given the troops? Were they ordered not to touch any of these people who were looting stores and throwing Molotov cocktails in these stores? Could the troops touch those people?

Mr. MCGIFFERT. Mr. Chairman, the Federal Troops in Washington were commanded by General Haynes, who received his instructions from the Chief of Staff of the Army. Fundamentally, their instructions were to assist the civilian law enforcement authorities to restore law