

Mr. McGIFFERT. Well, it applied to every member of the Military Forces.

Mr. WHITENER. Well, I am told on reliable authority that the Military personnel on Capitol Hill had their guns loaded and had instructions not to tolerate any foolishness. Now, is that contrary to your understanding?

Mr. McGIFFERT. I don't know whether they did or not, Mr. Whitener.

Mr. WHITENER. Well, you wouldn't deny that this was the situation?

Mr. McGIFFERT. No, for all I know, they were given permission to do so by an officer.

Mr. WHITENER. Under these orders, I take it that a soldier, seeing someone throw a Molotov cocktail into an occupied apartment house, would have no authority to fire upon that individual unless some commissioned officer gave him a direct command?

Mr. McGIFFERT. That's correct.

Mr. WHITENER. Who protected the people in the apartments who were living over the stores?

Mr. McGIFFERT. I think the principal way in which you bring situations like this under control is the introduction of massive numbers of people—law enforcement people, whether they be soldiers or policemen or both.

Mr. WHITENER. Well, I was told by people in authority that the Military personnel were booed as they walked up and down the street. So apparently this massive force didn't deter those. Did you get any reports to that effect?

Mr. McGIFFERT. No, I didn't. I think that it is quite clear from the record of the disturbance that once large numbers of personnel were on the streets, the incidents fell off very rapidly.

Mr. WHITENER. Well, may I ask you one other question. Who, in authority, has the responsibility for the direction of the troops not to load their guns until authorized by a commissioned officer and not to fire in defense of their lives? What individual made that order?

Mr. McGIFFERT. Well, this is part of the Army policy, Mr. Whitener.

Mr. WHITENER. I know, but you said you gave each soldier a card.

Mr. McGIFFERT. That's right.

Mr. WHITENER. This was an official order, so it had to have some authority.

Mr. McGIFFERT. That's right.

Mr. WHITENER. Who signed that order?

Mr. McGIFFERT. I don't know if there is a signature on the order or not.

Mr. WHITENER. Do you have one of the cards?

Mr. McGIFFERT. No, I do not.

Mr. WHITENER. Could you get one?

Mr. McGIFFERT. I certainly can.