

that were open. I happen to be in the mortuary business. I buried most of the people who were killed in the City of Detroit in this conflagration.

I went into their homes, and I note that the kind of homes that I went into involving these looters were not the homes of criminals. So I think we ought to put that in proper context and, I think, related to any suggestion that we should go in indiscriminately, using excessive amounts of force, including gunfire, in order to exercise some kind of control over this situation—I repeat, I am not a supporter of this kind of activity.

I am also curious about reference to the tourist trade being down here in the City of Washington, and relating it to the riot situation, because there has been some encouragement of this kind of reaction from some quarters right here on the Hill through newsletters and responses to requests for servicing groups that propose to come here, that they have actually been discouraged, that there are quarters on the Hill who have not stood up for this community, who have painted a situation here in Washington which has discouraged people, and they have made their contribution to the reduction in tourism in the City of Washington; and then, they have turned around and tried to attribute this to the disturbances which have taken place.

I think that we have a community here that we ought to stand up for. We ought to stand up for our Police Department and its policies. Obviously, there are instances in a situation like this where excessive amounts of force may have created a problem.

I think that those situations ought to be handled on an individual basis as these complaints come up.

I am curious—and I am now getting to the question—I am curious, Mr. Commissioner, as to why or if you plan on asking for more police. We passed an authorization for a minimum of 2500 policemen in the District of Columbia in 1956; and in 1961, we increased it to an authorization of no less than 3,000, and it has stood at that minimum figure for seven years.

There have been some very dramatic changes, not in the population necessarily, but there have been changes in protest techniques; there have been changes in the very character of this community and of this nation and of the issues that have been involved.

I am curious as to whether or not you contemplate petitioning the Appropriations Committee for an increase in appropriations so that you can raise the minimum number of police that would be required during these occasions?

I don't think we are going to go back. I think we have reached a new plateau that ought to be considered in this connection.

Collaterally, may I say, my experience in connection with calling out the National Guard and the Federal Troops has been that they have been called too late. I am certainly hopeful that you will take these matters into consideration and also the curfew techniques, that the time limits of imposing a curfew and calling out the National Guard is something that needs improvement, not only here, but across the country.

I know that there are some political implications involved in calling out the National Guard. This was our trouble in Detroit—when we needed troops, where the troops had to be requested by the Governor,