

It would strengthen our community support and participation. We would be happy, Mr. Congressman, to submit any further thoughts that could be developed in our discussions.

Mr. MATHIAS. Chief, do you have anything?

Chief LAYTON. No, sir, I don't right at the moment. I think a good deal of our planning—some requests that we feel we should make—go to the appropriations Committee, of course. We have made some of those desires known in the area of legislation.

Mr. MATHIAS. Maybe we can help you indirectly with the Appropriations Committee. Secretary McGiffert, are you satisfied as far as liaison with the Military?

Mr. MCGIFFERT. Yes, I am.

Mr. MATHIAS. Do you have any request that you make of this Committee?

Mr. MCGIFFERT. No, not at the moment, although we may in due course have a request that concerns improving the laws which provide protection for National Guard personnel.

Mr. MATHIAS. Mr. Bress, is there any action this Committee ought to take which would promote more prompt administration of justice in the District, which would be helpful? I will ask Mr. Whitener to join with me in putting on his other hat as a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. BRESS. There is some legislation pending now which I think would be helpful to law enforcement if some of its were adopted.

Mr. MATHIAS. Would you give us a memorandum of that so we can put it in the record?

I think it would be helpful if we could have that so that we can make your request part of this record. (See p. 86.)

Mr. WHITENER. I would just like to make this observation in view of what Mr. Murphy has said that some of us here on this Committee two or three years ago, as I am sure Chief Layton will remember, undertook to enact legislation which would create a reserve police force, which would give those reserve officers when on active duty the right to carry a gun and other necessary weapons, and which would have provided for some sort of workmen's compensation-type of coverage in the event of injury.

We met nothing but resistance from the District Building on that proposal at the time. I am not talking about from the Police Department, but I am talking about those in charge of the Department. Now, it comes as quite a surprise to me that you gentlemen are recommending, as I understood what you just said, that we do exactly that, that they be called into duty when they are needed, and that they have this insurance protection.

The Corporation Counsel and the then District Commission seemed to think it was not the thing to do. So perhaps some of us have been ahead of some of the folks down there.

I might say that we had members of the reserve or auxiliary police who were most interested in the legislation and who were utterly shocked at the opposition.

Mr. DOWDY. I was, too.

We will come back again. Some haven't had a chance to ask questions.

I will come back tomorrow afternoon if any of you wish to do so. We are trying to adjourn this hearing.