

forcement will the city once again become the pride of the Nation and no longer a national disgrace.

I know time is short, Mr. Chairman. We have furnished a list of witnesses, and I think we will furnish you the fears that are in the minds of so many of the problem that is being compounded. We know that business, restaurant business, at night is substantially down because people will not come into the District. We know that businesses are moving out because of intimidation and threats, these types of things that to me are just tearing the guts out of the city, so to speak, and I think all of us have been trying to help in promoting the Nation's Capital that we are all proud of without regard to race, color, or anything else, and it is unfortunate and tragic, in my opinion, that there has been built up in the minds of so many of the people from all walks of life and all colors, all races, this feeling of hopelessness.

When you talk to these various groups, you talk to them in private, I am an attorney and certainly I wouldn't present before this Committee things that couldn't be substantiated, but when you talk about some of the things that there is just a sense of frustration, whether they are policemen, whether they are bus drivers, whether they are business people or whether they are people who just want to come down and they are not—statistics will show more and more of your businesses are going to your shopping centers, people are coming out of the District to shop in your suburban shopping centers. So it something no one wants to get hysterical about and I don't think many of us are, but I think all echelons of government should recognize the seriousness of the problem and not say the answer has got to come in one direction of just money alone. It has got to come with a feeling of a sense of security and a sense of pride and responsibility being built back into the police department, and I am very, very apprehensive of many of the statements and I am sure you will be when you hear the testimony.

I thank you again very much with the busy schedule all of you have for scheduling this hearing to let this segment, cross section, of the community have an opportunity to present their views.

I thank you very much.

Mr. DOWDY. I appreciate your comments and I appreciate your statement.

I well know the things to which you refer. I have talked with members of the Police Board about the restrictions that were placed on them in April, when the riots were going on here. Of course, they would lose their jobs if they were publicly to state the restrictions put on them, and I know their superiors have denied it, but they were ordered not to arrest anybody. People in business here in town, one that comes to mind, when his place, the front was knocked out of it and women drove up their cars and husbands would get out and pick up arm-loads of clothes and bring them out, and policemen were standing there, and the man begged them to make them quit. One of them said "We are under orders and we can't do anything about it." That is responsible for what happened here.

Mr. MACHEN. Mr. Chairman, I have been very careful in presenting my testimony, that the point I am trying to make is that whether they say it is true or not, and your higher District officials do deny it and I am not accusing them of it, but whether it is or is not true in the minds of the rank and file of the cross segments of your community,