

citizens of the District of Columbia? As I have stated on numerous occasions, I do not think there is any reason to have this ten square miles here set out unless it is to protect the Government.

Mr. FLETCHER. I would agree, sir, that the District Government is directly related to Congress. Obviously I think we should be available for whatever you wish as far as the District Government is concerned. That is what we strive to do. I think you should look to just us for the services.

The CHAIRMAN. I, as Chairman of this committee, have written several letters down there three months ago and have not received an answer.

Mr. FLETCHER. I am not familiar with what it is, sir, but I will be glad to check that out. If we are not providing to the Congress the services you need, we will correct it and provide the service you asked for.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Zwach.

CIVIL DISTURBANCES AND THE POLICE

Mr. ZWACH. Mr. Chairman, I am inclined to not agree with this bill because I came to this committee hoping to do more toward self-determination in the city itself. But something you say rather intrigues me, Mr. Fletcher. You say that you have demonstrated your ability to do a good job with the police. Do you think you can document this?

Mr. FLETCHER. Yes, sir, I think so. I think the actions as far as the District Government is concerned with the Poor People's Campaign in the month of May and June I think we handled a difficult, dangerous and tense situation very well. I think the fact that was handled by the District of Columbia Government primarily in coordination with other Federal agencies in my opinion demonstrates it can be done effectively.

Mr. ZWACH. This is post-April you are speaking now?

Mr. FLETCHER. Yes.

Mr. ZWACH. You think post-April you have been improving?

Mr. FLETCHER. We learned lessons in the April disturbance. We never had such a thing happen in the District of Columbia before. It is important, I think, that we learn from our experience the first time and not the second time. I think we learned those lessons adequately, and I think we put into effect controls and procedures and systems necessary to take care of dangerous situations. I think we adequately displayed that to the people of the District and to Congress.

Mr. ZWACH. There are two other things that cannot help but disturb me. First of all, a member of the Council making statements as he does; then your School Board hiring a superintendent and wanting to fire him six months later; these things are most disturbing. I would like to ask you this: You say you are stabilizing the police force. This would be most encouraging. Could you elaborate on this?

Mr. FLETCHER. I am not sure I used the term "stabilizing."

Mr. ZWACH. Your resignations are fewer.

Mr. FLETCHER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ZWACH. Are you in a position to document this for us this morning?