

Mr. ADAMS. It says an independent office, with the title of Commissioner of Police of the District of Columbia, established in the government of the District of Columbia. So I am trying to determine if you are going to put this in the District of Columbia. The only thing that I see is that an appointment would be made from Capitol Hill of this Commissioner and this group. Do you have any comment on that?

Mr. FLETCHER. I believe it would be under the control of Congress, as it is written. The appointing authority would be the Speaker of the House, the President Pro Tem, and the advisory board created by this bill would be advisory to Congress.

Mr. ADAMS. Therefore, within the Police Department the office would come directly under the Congress, in your opinion?

Mr. FLETCHER. That is my understanding, or directly to the Police Commissioner who would be appointed by Congress.

Mr. ADAMS. There was some comment made on what is happening to police officers in their relationships with people in the District of Columbia. I would like to get some idea percentagewise, because I know the sensation is nearly always reported and the day-to-day activity is not. Can you give me or can there be supplied by the District Government the number of arrests that occur within a month and a breakdown within that of those in which some degree of altercation occurs? As I read, there may be one of these a month, sometimes maybe two, and I would like to get some idea statistically whether this is a very small thing. I suspect it is, with a 3,100-man police force and an 800,000 population city. My guess is your arrests are running several hundreds per month and one or two incidents out of several hundred would not bother me as much as if there was an incident almost every time. Could you supply that or could it be supplied through the Department? I will ask the other witnesses later, but I would like to get some perspective on this.

Mr. FLETCHER. Yes, we can provide that for the record.

Mr. ADAMS. Next, refers to what it has been asked by Mr. Fuqua and Mr. Broyhill. I would like to get, as part of the statistics, the percentage of time spent by the Metropolitan Police Department on what we refer to as local crimes, or day-to-day law enforcement business. This is the burglary, robbery, traffic citation, and so on, in comparison to their Federal operation and, in particular, I would like a comparison in terms of arrests.

Mr. FLETCHER. All right, sir.

(The information subsequently submitted follows:)

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Washington, September 9, 1968.

HON. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
*Chairman, House District Committee,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN McMILLAN: This is the information requested for you by Mr. James T. Clark in his letter of August 7, 1968 and August 9, 1968.

Mr. Adams requested the following information: how many arrests within a month involved some degree of altercation; how much time did the Metropolitan Police Department spend on "local crimes"; and how much time was spent on