

should use the tools at hand. I am not talking about guns, unless they are necessary, but the gas, the Mace, and the other tools available. Then it was said that we went up on 14th Street and it was said that we formed a cordon around a certain area and that in so doing we arrested the perpetrators of the crimes as they left the area.

Now, certainly by experience, as our good Deputy Mayor has said, we learn lessons. In the last incident in May when the authority was turned over to our Chief of Police, he did a job which is commendable to all men because he used the force that was necessary, and was very right, and the difficulty was over within hours.

I am saying simply that if we had had the same coordination of all the forces—and this force had been applied in the April incident—it would have gotten no further than 12th and U Streets, Northwest.

Yet millions of dollars of property was destroyed, people's lives were taken, and there was useless waste of the taxpayers' money and property in the District of Columbia.

Now, to get back to the legality—and I am not a lawyer—but it is the duty of Congress to govern the District of Columbia, and I think it was around about 1802 when they took upon themselves to set up a government for the District of Columbia because the District of Columbia does not only belong to the residents of the District of Columbia but this entire Nation, and this Nation has a right to visit the capital seat, it has a right to do so in safety.

I think the merchants, the hotel people and everybody else would say clearly that this was not the case this summer. So I can only say that after reading what our attorney said and what Congressman Broyhill said in his opening statement, that this is not only a necessity but a must. When we read in the newspapers where members sitting on the City Council condone and will not refute a statement made that the "two honky cops" that were shot and one of them executed while laying on the sidewalk, is justifiable homicide; we find ourselves in a dilemma. The only one who can straighten out the dilemma is you gentlemen in the Congress of the United States of America.

When we pick up such things as these little goodies (indicating the exhibit attached) and we read them, we find the names of individuals on the bottom of it, and I shall submit this for the record, if I may, people in high places making decisions as to whether policemen can walk in a certain area or whether policemen have a right to go into a certain area, even speaking of holding elections to decide who is going to patrol or who is going to be the commanding officer; I fully realize that we must have the confidence of the people, and I think we can best gain that confidence by keeping our precincts intact, keeping our community relations at a point where they were years ago when you knew Mr. So-and-So who lived on your beat.

We say much about recruitment and we say that we are only 80-some short now. But the question is: Where are they? Are they patrolling their beats at night? Are they on the street? You gentlemen and I both know, and I am sure the good Chief will agree with me, the best prevention of a crime, and also the detection of crime, is the uniformed man walking on the beat.