

would do, and your position and those supporting that position, is actually a lack of faith in the existing City Council as composed under the Reorganization Act; isn't this basically the fact?

Mr. SULLIVAN. It is part of the fact.

Mr. SISK. I want to hasten on. I know the Chairman is anxious, and the House is now going into Session. As I stated, I as one who supported the President's reorganization proposal—I know some of my colleagues around here who did not, and maybe this proves they were nearer right than I was at that time—I say I am not entirely ready to reverse my position. I have been very disappointed, let me say, in the lack of strength shown by this Council, and particularly by what I consider to be very weak-kneed action by some members of this Council. I think it is unfortunate. Maybe we can check into these Councilmen and make some changes. There is a complete lack of faith in what we have created as part of the Reorganization Act. I would personally like to see it strengthen.

As to the concern I have with this bill—and as I say, I have not taken a position for or against the legislation, I think I basically agree with the objectives you seek to achieve—I am hesitant to fragment a situation. If we made a mistake in the reorganization, I think we should take the bull by the horns and rescind the reorganization and maybe make a whole new approach to this situation. The only question I had was this: Generally, there is a strong feeling, Inspector Sullivan, that the Council has not asserted the firm support for law and order in the District that you feel they should have. Is that basically correct or not?

Inspector SULLIVAN. That is correct. Let me say this: We have the greatest faith in our Mayor. I think he is trying to do and has done on outstanding job with all the complications that go along with it.

The same goes for our Deputy Mayor. We cannot say the same about the Council and we will not say the same about the Council. The Council has not given us any encouragement. It has not shown us any encouragement. Maybe the approach should be to reorganize once again. But I believe in the meantime, and I believe even in the future, that these particular two bills will come nearer to doing the job than any single action that can be taken. It is my humble opinion that once it is put into practice and it is left up to the Chiefs of the various Departments to run their Departments with the guidance of the Commissioner and his Council that the bill calls for, then and then only is crime going down.

It appalls me to read in the papers each and every day of my life where some person I have known over the years was murdered.

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If we had time to get into the crimes that were committed in Resurrection City, it would be appalling.

Certainly they did not let the policemen in. When they did go in they got whipped and beat up and their guns taken away from them. Yet one of these so-called leaders of these Rangers was arrested the other day for armed robbery. So I cannot see why we can say that you can designate an area belonging to this great Nation of ours, and