

ANACOSTIA CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
District of Columbia, July 29, 1968.

Hon. U.S. Congressman JOEL T. BROYHILL,
Congress of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN BROYHILL: I am fully in accord with your comments in reference to the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia. I do believe that the Police Department should be controlled by the Federal Government as Washington is the Nation's Capital. I have praise and respect for our Chief of Police John B. Layton for his achievements, he should have full control of the police without interference of a Safety Director.

When a policeman makes an arrest, he is on trial instead of the criminal, a criminal is immune from any acts of violence by militant groups. Legislation should be in progress to protect our policemen from being sued by militant groups for justifiable homicide.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES J. PIPER, *President.*

The CHAIRMAN. The committee stands adjourned until the call of the Chair.

(Whereupon, at 12:16 o'clock p.m., the committee adjourned.)

(Subsequently the following letters were received for the record:)

POLICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C., August 1, 1968.

Hon. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN McMILLAN: Enclosed herewith is a copy of a statement released to the press by the Policemen's Association of the District of Columbia with reference to the attack by Mr. Bruce Terris of the District of Columbia Democratic Central Committee on Chief John B. Layton and the Metropolitan Police Department.

We respectfully request that this statement be made a part of the hearings on H.R. 14430 and H.R. 14448, bills to establish a Commissioner of Police for the District of Columbia.

Also, I am attaching herewith a copy of the press coverage by Mr. Terris. We believe this attack is further reason for favorable action on H.R. 14430 and H.R. 14448.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN,
Chairman, Legislative Committee.

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE POLICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN RE STATEMENT OF JULY 29, 1968, OF BRUCE TERRIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The Executive Committee announces, after consideration of the statement of Mr. Bruce Terris, that Mr. Terris is incorrect in many of his charges and accusations. Mr. Terris' statement appears to be politically inspired and motivated, and many, if not all, of the accusations in regard to the police and in particular to the Chief of Police, John B. Layton, are inaccurate and not founded upon all of the facts.

Without attempting at this time to answer all of the allegations in Mr. Terris' testimony, this Association does feel compelled to take issue with the attack on Chief Layton. Furthermore, this Association deems it necessary to point out that Chief Layton has been responsible for many improvements within and outside of the Department, such as integration of scout cars, promotions of Negro officers to ranking officials, establishment of the Community Relations Unit, and other acts deliberately ignored by Terris and his committee.

Many of the advances made by the Department within the past several months have been advances which have been in the planning and preparation stage for