

Conference is planning to sue the government for the recovery of the money the lumber was sold for and also for their \$5,000 deposit. Is that correct?

Mr. CASTRO. Mr. Chairman, I have no way of knowing what they plan because we have had no communication with them in respect to that. We have asked them to reimburse us for the cost of dismantling the structures and hauling away and storing the lumber.

Mr. DOWDY. Have you asked them for reimbursement for restoring the turf?

Mr. CASTRO. We have not. Our lawyers felt that came within the provision of the permit covering normal wear and tear.

Mr. DOWDY. \$35,000 worth of normal wear and tear?

Mr. CASTRO. Yes, sir.

Mr. DOWDY. There is a statue in the area that was damaged, was there not?

Mr. CASTRO. The D.C. War Memorial was defaced by some of the participants in the exercise and it cost \$200 to restore it.

Mr. DOWDY. Have you asked them to reimburse you for that?

Mr. CASTRO. Yes. That represents part of the \$71,795 claim we have against them.

Mr. DOWDY. Could you furnish us a statement of the expenses incurred in connection with this Resurrection City exercise?

Mr. CASTRO. I will be delighted to, sir.

Mr. DOWDY. And the amount of reimbursement, if any, so far. That would be at most \$10,500.

Mr. CASTRO. We will be glad to, Mr. Chairman.

(The information follows:)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., October 8, 1968.

HON. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
Chairman, Committee on the District of Columbia,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: During the continuation of hearings by your Committee on H.R. 14430 and 14448, "To establish a Commissioner of Police for the District of Columbia," National Park Service Regional Director Nash Castro, the witness for the Department of the Interior, was asked to supply certain information to the Committee for the record.

Mr. Castro was first asked to provide a copy of the permit which was granted by the Interior Department to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the Poor Peoples' Campaign. We understand that Mr. Castro supplied a copy of this document on October 1. Mr. Castro was also requested to provide a statement of expenses incurred by the Government as a result of the demonstration, including costs incurred by the District of Columbia Department of Traffic and Highways and by the General Services Administration. That statement is enclosed herewith.

During the hearing, Mr. Castro referred to authority for the granting of such a permit by the Department, and for the regulation of the activities of the permittee. A copy of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations was requested by Mr. Dowdy. Section 50 of that title is enclosed and, as you have noted, reflects a revision of the regulations since the Committee copy of CFR was issued.¹

We hope this information will assist the Committee, and we appreciate the opportunity to supplement our testimony. Please inform us if any further information is required.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) FRANK E. HARRISON,
Assistant to the Director.

Enclosures

¹ These regulations are reprinted in the Appendix, pp. —.