

missioner and also to me and in turn to the Park Service and the Secretary. I have strong misgivings about that and I am sorry that I do. I wish I could concur with you wholeheartedly.

You alluded to the business of police coordination. Police coordination between the Park Police and the Metropolitan Police and the Capitol Police and the White House Police and the Zoo Police is no problem. We have good coordination. I don't know of a better example of this than during the Poor People's Campaign here in Washington. We have much truck with a lot of them with the possible exception of the Zoo Police. We had no problem. Everything worked well.

Though we have divided responsibility, we met daily with the Metropolitan Police. We made our plans for the day and week on the assignment of men. They assigned men to Resurrection City, too, to bolster our limited force there and things worked well.

Mr. BROYHILL. That statement sounds pretty good, but you cannot convince me that five separate police departments under five separate jurisdictions and management can be coordinated effectively and efficiently and economically—at least not to the degree that it can be done under a single administrative head. It does not work that way in any other operation.

Mr. CASTRO. I cannot think of any other type of operation that works as you suggest, sir. I am sorry to be in the position of having to disagree with you. It would be much easier if I could agree with you, believe me, and I would like nothing better, but I honestly do not see the wisdom of this legislation, and I have to be candid and truthful with you.

Again I say coordination of police activities is a prime consideration here and I think that is working well, at least between us and the other police forces.

Mr. BROYHILL. I can understand how the Secretary of the Interior, or anyone in his position, would want to have supervision and control over maintenance of the parks, the national shrines, and the Rangers and things of that nature; but I cannot see why it is necessary that the Secretary of the Interior have complete and sole jurisdiction over policing of the parks.

Mr. CASTRO. I do, for this reason—Congress charged him with managing and operating that parkway. If he does not exercise police authority over it in the context of the present method I think it makes it awkward for him to discharge his responsibility.

Mr. BROYHILL. I can see his responsibility so far as maintenance is concerned but in the matter of police protection I do not see what advantage the present situation presents over the authority of a trained police commissioner. I don't see how this protection would be lessened by having it under a commissioner rather than under the Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. CASTRO. My judgment is that under this kind of arrangement the Park Police will lose their autonomy and their flexibility.

Mr. BROYHILL. The bill says they will not. However, we can put other language in the bill to clarify that point.

Mr. CASTRO. That may be something for us to consider.

Mr. BROYHILL. We can do whatever is necessary to further assure the operational autonomy of the Park Police.

Mr. CASTRO. Thank you.