

and the White House Police to guarantee the physical security of the President of the United States.

The White House Police force is a highly specialized unit whose duties are related to the physical security of the Chief Executive, his family, and certain property as defined by statute. Their responsibilities are not as broad as those of the municipal police force. The officers receive special training from the Secret Service in addition to basic police training. Once on board they work under experienced senior personnel carrying out their functions as a security force under the most trying circumstances.

Hundreds of thousands of people, each capable of committing some grievous act, must be scrutinized in a continuous effort to secure the home and offices of the President. The White House Police force's responsibilities do not permit a single failure in communication or coordination with the efforts of the Secret Service. I believe it would be an egregious error to divide protective responsibility between separate commands instead of continuing control in one organization.

The Treasury Department position is that the consolidation of the White House Police under the Commissioner of the District of Columbia Police would segment existing efficient line authority.

Mr. Chairman, Director Rowley, Major Lanier or I will be pleased to answer any questions you or members of the Committee may have pertaining to the White House Police force and the Treasury position regarding the legislation.

Mr. Dowdy. This is the one area of the bill where I have no questions because of the peculiar responsibilities of your group.

Mr. Adams?

Mr. ADAMS. To what degree do you coordinate the operations in and out of the White House with the rest of your network? I think your key point here is the fact that in this particular area you need to have control of the White House where the President starts his trips.

Mr. HUMPHSTONE. One is the control of the physical admission of the people to these specific 18 acres. It is a clearly defined area with a fence around it. Our jurisdiction is inside the fence.

There are two aspects—one is the control of people who either as part of the tourists are moving through the museum tour, if you might call it that, and people who might try and jump the fence, people who might try and break in through the gate, and controlling those people, those who have permission and those who do not. The other is working through the intelligence network of the Secret Service, as you all receive mail from time to time from mentally disturbed and deranged persons who have some desire to express indignation with various circumstances surrounding them, so too the President receives such mail. We get information daily from various parts of the country, people who have announced a declared intent to come and kill one or another person either now in the White House, formerly in the White House, or perhaps will be in the White House.

That information has to be relayed immediately to the Secret Service and White House Police.

Mr. ADAMS. Chief Lanier, the men who are physically at the gates of the White House, are those part of your force?

Chief LANIER. Yes.