

Mr. ADAMS. At what point do you meet the people from the Department of the Interior? Where do you have the split? Do they watch over the sidewalks, and you take from the fence inside?

Chief LANIER. Yes, sir.

Mr. ADAMS. I take it it is your position, as expressed here, that you feel your operation should continue as it is?

Chief LANIER. It should, yes, sir.

Mr. ADAMS. How many men do you have?

Chief LANIER. On board at the moment we have 213 officers. Appropriated strength is 250.

Mr. ADAMS. Are you having a problem recruiting or is that a normal turnover gap that you simply always have because people move in and out?

Chief LANIER. Limitation by Congress under this recent Act.

Mr. ADAMS. The question I am asking is this: We have had recruitment problems in the District. I want to know whether recruitment problems exist for the White House Police or whether this is because of the statutory limitation or turnover.

Chief LANIER. At one time we did have because basically most of our men come from the Metropolitan Police. They had a problem and in turn we had one.

We have the availability of men, but we are restricted by Executive and Congressional Acts.

Mr. ADAMS. You have not had a recruitment problem?

Chief LANIER. No.

Mr. BROYHILL. I cannot speak for all the co-sponsors of the legislation, but I would offer the observation that their feeling about this legislation is much the same as most of us have. We draft legislation and introduce it with a certain objective, in order to solve different problems. None of us feels we have all the answers.

Originally, the basic idea was to consolidate the separate police departments.

Some of the supporters of the legislation suggested bringing into the bill the jurisdiction of the Airport Police, which overlaps to some extent with the Park Police. Some suggested that the police guards up here at the Supreme Court be brought under the legislation. That would draw objections from other members, but my point is that there is a lot of give and take when we try to bring about solutions to problems.

I say that because as a sponsor, I am willing to work out some adjustment or correction or change so far as the White House Police are concerned.

I have talked with the Under Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Barr, about this and also with some members of the White House Police force. I recognize that there is a close coordination with the Secret Service in the protection of the life of the President.

I also bear in mind that until recently, Major, all of your recruits had to come from the Metropolitan Police Department. Is that correct?

Chief LANIER. Metropolitan or the U.S. Park Police.

Mr. HUMPHSTONE. That is by statute.

Mr. BROYHILL. Do you have that same limitation now?

Chief LANIER. Yes, by statute.