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8. Before summarizing our comments I would like to say this with regard to the Chief of Police. We believe that Chief Layton has done and is doing an excellent job for the community. We are aghast at the attacks against him and can only ascribe it to groups bent on destroying our Police Department to create anarchy in the District. Our reaction to the appointment last fall of a Director of Public Safety was that it was a move to downgrade the Police Department and the initial actions of Mr. Murphy when appointed to that position tended to confirm this opinion. We do not say that this is the reason but it is a fact that the worst outbreak of lawlessness in the history of Washington occurred under the new City Government and the Director of Public Safety. We recommend that all members of the District of Columbia Government and of the D.C. Council support our Chief of Police whoever he may be. He is currently Mr. Layton who we believe is doing a good job under difficult conditions and who we are proud to support.

Now, to summarize our comments:

1. We commend the Committee for its report on Community Relations with most of whose recommendations we heartily agree.
2. We urge that the Committee and the Council consider in their policies and actions the importance of finding ways to develop respect for the law in those segments of our citizenry where it is now lacking, while taking, in parallel, actions to improve police procedures.
3. We urge the Council to continue to reject radical proposals which would result in undue influence of local citizen groups over the police.
4. We recommend that standards for police recruiting not be relaxed.
5. We support the Police Cadet Program and its currently planned enlargement.
6. We endorse the review of the Police Advisory mechanism and its consideration by the Council after a public hearing.
7. We oppose at this time proposals to transfer the Metropolitan Police from D.C. Government to Congressional control.
8. We support Chief Layton and call upon the Council to do the same without equivocation.

Mr. BRADY. We covered this question of this particular legislation regarding the establishment of a Commissioner appointed by Congress, and I would like to read in a part from our report.

I might say that the District Council has not as yet adopted the report of their Public Safety Committee. They are holding hearings on it and I think probably they will take some action, but not accept it in toto.

Mr. BRADY (reading). "With regard to the pending legislation in the Congress (H.R. 14430 and 14448) which propose to establish 'an independent office in the Government of the District of Columbia with the title of Commissioner of Police in the District of Columbia' with responsibility for the Metropolitan Police Force, the Park Police, the White House Police, the Capitol Police, and the National Zoological Park Police, although the Federation has not as yet taken a position on this proposal we are impressed by Deputy Mayor Fletcher's four reasons for opposing this legislation, namely, a diffusion of authority, reversal of the trend for citizen participation, waste and duplication of administrative functions, and creation of more problems in