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4 MEMORANDUM TO THE HONORABLE WALTER N. TOBRINER
4 President, Board of Commissioners
/ of the District of Columbia

4 Re: Operational control of Metropolitan
/ Police Department in the event of use
/ of Federal troops to suppress civil
/ disorder.

*out by
messenger
8/10/67*

In accordance with our conversation of yesterday on this subject, I enclose copies of memoranda dated August 6 and August 9 by the Deputy General Counsel of the Department of the Army. I agree fully with his legal analysis that in the event Federal troops are called it would be proper for you to vest operational control, as that term is explained in these memoranda, over the Metropolitan Police in the military commander. You may wish to discuss the matter with the Corporation Counsel, of course, and either Mr. Jordan or I would be glad to exchange views with him on the legality of this proposed action.

The revised form letter containing the sentence dealing with this subject meanwhile is being circulated to the persons concerned with the planning for this contingency.

4 Martin F. Richman
/ Acting Assistant Attorney General
/ Office of Legal Counsel

4cc: Mr. Pollak
4 Mr. Jordan