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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: Possible Ad Hoc Recommendation Calling for
Special Training Course for Local Law
Enforcement Officials

1. This memorandum is designed to serve as a basis for
discussion of a possible ad hoc recommendation by the
Commission, calling upon the President to instruct the
Department of Justice to establish and conduct this
winter a training program for local law enforcement
officials in riot prevention and control.

2. The background to the proposed recommendation is as
follows. Over the past seven weeks, the staff and I have
had several discussions with the F.B.I., the Department
of Justice and others with respect to possible methods
by which the riot control and riot prevention techniques
of local police forces can be upgraded. One of those
with whom we discussed the question, Patrick Murphy,
the Assistant Director of the Department of Justice
Office of Law Enforcement Assistance, has submitted a
memorandum suggesting as a possible approach the
establishment of a training course in Washington for
law enforcement officials of the Nation's 100 largest
cities or, alternately, of all cities with population
of over 100,000.

3. Murphy's proposal envisions a two day conference
for mayors, a one week course for police chiefs, and
a two to four week course for other key police
personnel -- chiefs of operations, directors of
planning, directors of training, and directors of
community relations. The course would include such

subjects as community relations, detection systems, riot control tactics, rapid mobilization, command and control systems, intelligence systems, communications systems, decision making during riots, advance planning, and joint operations with neighboring police, the state police, the National Guard and the Army.

4. The cost of the program is estimated by Mr. Murphy to be roughly $500,000.

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