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 MAYOR'S OFFICE

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Mr. Mayor:

Nov. 14, 1957

Mr. Al Parmentier, 6161 Radnor

called this morning to protest Commissioner Piggins' ~~xx~~ disgraceful action in upholding that type of action on the part of the police officers. It makes a citizen boil to think such things can take place here with impunity.

Just a citizen who has been following the matter in the press.

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Dear Sir:

I have never before
written a government official
but feel I must write you today.

Words can't express the
shock and indignation I felt
today when I read a news item
telling that Mr. Piggins had
cleared the four policemen in
the McClellan station brutality
case.

I have discussed this
case in the past few days
with several friends who are

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good average citizens like I am and, of course, have never been arrested. Our opinions seem to be the same. We feel that a police commissioner who protects policemen who use that sort of tactics is doing a great disservice to himself, the good policemen, and the city. We have a good police department but would have a much better one if the police trial board was composed of citizens instead of fellow police

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officers. After all the department belongs to the taxpayers who pay many millions of dollars per year to maintain it.

I hope the next Commissioner will encourage a little tact and courtesy among the policemen.

Yours truly,
W. A. Carrell

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YOR'S OFFICE

November 13, 1957

Memorandum

TO; Mayor Miriani

FROM: Norm Hill

Several telephone calls this afternoon from people protesting Commissioner Piggin's alleged "whitewash" in the Paul Donovan case.

Mr. and Mrs. David Blaney, 640 Parkview drive, and

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oliphant, 9303 East Jefferson avenue, asked me to inform you that they vigorously protest the exoneration of the police officers and vouch for the character and reputation of Donovan and his wife.

They feel that this affair "demands further investigation by the Mayor".

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IT WAS EXPECTED

The head lines said the Police Department's investigation of brutality charges by the ex-GI Donovan against three big burly Detroit policeman were without grounds. What else did anyone expect? Did anyone imagine the police would investigate and find themselves guilty of brutality.

That would be like expecting a fox to find himself guilty of robbing a chicken coop.

It might not be a bad idea for everyone in the name of humanity to write a letter to Mayor Miriani protesting this Police Departments WHITEWASH of its action. The Mayor has the authority to do something about it

Does a citizen have any protection against police brutality??? If not?? Why not?? and if not, something should be done to give a citizen such protection.