City of Detroit

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

JEROME P. CAVANAGH

Mayor

November 26, 1968

TO:

Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh

FROM:

Curtis E. Rodgers, Assistant to the Mayor

SUBJECT:

Ad Hoc Action Group - Citizen of Detroit Demonstration

Shiela Murphy, chairman of the Ad Hoc Action Group - Citizen of Detroit called to indicate:

1. Demonstration at Police Headquarters

A funeral ceremony is to be held on November 26 at 12:00, at 1300 Beaubien. The Ad Hoc Group is to march around Police Headquarters with a casket containing a shredded blue curtain, six sawed in half billy clubs and a copy of a manifesto to be presented Commissioner Spreen and Mayor Cavanagh.

2. Demonstration at Mayor's Office

At approximately 12:45 the Group is to march to the City-County Building and bring the casket to the Mayor's Office and leave it. Miss Murphy was informed that there was probably an ordinance prohibiting the transfer of an object such as a casket on a public elevator. She replied that they probably would not be able to bring it inside in which case they would leave it outside of the building where they would duplicate the ceremony held earlier at the Police Department.

3. Demands of the Group

- a) That the scheduled Commissioner's hearing for Kursteiner be public as a show of good faith.
- b) That Lt. Gerlach be trial boarded because of his complicity in the Cobo Hall I incident.
- Poor Peoples March because of his inability to react appropriately.

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d) That Inspector Sylvester be disciplined of whom it is said a photo exists showing him standing passively by while Kursteiner beats a citizen during the first Cobo incident.

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