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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

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DATE February 28, 1968

TO: **Burton I. Gordin, Executive Director**  
**cc Thomas J. Faloso, Jr., Director of Compliance**  
**William Kledsoe, Assistant Attorney General**

FROM: **Janet C. Cooper, Case Supervisor**

SUBJECT: **Relationship with Citizen Complaint Bureau**

Inspector Heffernan informed me this afternoon that he had been requested by DPOA Attorney Nussbaum, this morning, to discontinue providing officer written statements to the Civil Rights Commission. Attorney Nussbaum said that he wanted the privileges now covering officer interviews to be extended to written statements.

Inspector Heffernan said Attorney Nussbaum commented that he wished he could get the Civil Rights Commission to trust him as much as he trusts them; that he had been working hard with the Deputy Attorney General to reach an agreement, but had been rebuffed and the Commission had apparently stiffened its resistance and for this reason he was extending the privilege of confidentiality to the written statements. Attorney Nussbaum also commented that he wanted to get copies of the Civil Rights Commission's witness interviews which the Civil Rights Commission privileges at present.

Inspector Heffernan further stated that they are at the present time providing some witness information to Attorney Nussbaum, but the decision is made on an individual basis and different information may be provided in different cases.

Inspector Heffernan also stated that he had been instructed by Deputy Superintendent Gentry this afternoon that Citizen Complaint interviews of officers were to be conducted during the officer's working time and at the precinct where the officer is stationed. He stated that he had arranged with the Deputy Superintendent to continue holding interviews at the Citizen Complaint Bureau's Headquarters, but that they would have to be held on the officer's work time.

Inspector Heffernan stated that the department anticipated an attack of "Blue Flu" as a result of the fact-finding report and the response of the Mayor denying that money is available to give the recommended raises.

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