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January 13, 1965

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Honorable Jerome P. Cavanagh
Mayor, City of Detroit
City-County Building
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mayor Cavanagh:

On 5 January, WJBK published an editorial concerning a Civilian Police Board and added Civilian Deputy Police Commissioners which I read on 12 January. This was then presented to a group of outstanding young men of Detroit who are members of the Junior Executives of the Economic Club of Detroit and the Junior Board of Commerce at our meeting on 12 January. They concurred with me and agreed to have their signatures appended hereto as endorsers of my comments.

We all are in complete accord with your decision to support your policemen and your splendid new police commissioner and his staff. It would be an horrendous error for Detroit to comply with the demands of the minority group insisting on outside civilian interference in your police department affairs.

Using Philadelphia as an example, Detroit would make a serious mistake if you, or we, adopted the proposals of the minority group or changed Detroit's charter.

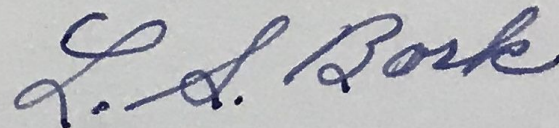
The prior error of requiring that police overlook disorderliness, crimes, uncontrolled juvenile delinquency, etc. on the part of one minority group by the preceding police commissioner (who is a fine man and a friend) was most disruptive of the police efficiency and resulted in our losing too many outstanding policemen in 1962. Your new police commissioner has earned and merits our and your unqualified support in every way to carry on, "as is today," without disrupting his department in any way.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

We support you and we support Ray Girardin. If desired, I will obtain and append the signatures of 2,000 of the finest citizens of Detroit who agree with our remarks above and who oppose the minority group's demands, and who, with us, will stand up and be counted with you in your present complete support of your police commissioner and his actions. Please continue that support and resist any unreasonable demands by any minority group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. S. Bork". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

L. S. Bork

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