

TO: Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh

FROM: Maurice Kelman

RE: Cobo Hall complaints against police (Wallace Rally, October 29, 1968)

DATE: November 15, 1968

*Police
- Cobo #2*

Date Complaint Received

Complainant

Nature of Complaint

November 1

Robert Gittleman, Atty.
2400 David Stott Bldg.
Detroit, Michigan

(1) Was clubbed on the back of the head by one officer, and while on ground was beaten, kicked, stomped, stepped on and clubbed by six others.

(2) Brother-in-law, Sol Mendelson, was also clubbed.

(3) Has learned of others similarly attacked (will make their identities known to us).

Note: Gittleman is a former student of mine. I ran into him recently and he indicated that his assailants were badgeless TMU officers, and he would have no difficulty recognizing the first assailant.

November 6

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Krause
24541 Manistee
Oak Park, Michigan

Son (college student) was clubbed from behind and beaten while on the ground. Required 15 stitches to close gash on head. Probably unable to identify attacking officers.

November 7

M. C. VanderBrug
Vancraft Mfg., Inc.
636 Lycaste
Detroit, Michigan

Was not himself attacked but witnessed the following:

(1) Clubbing of a middle-aged woman across the back.

(2) Wild police charge into crowd and unnecessary clubbing of persons.

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November 7 (continued)	M. C. VanderBrug (continued)	(3) Saw friend (name not disclosed) clubbed from behind and knocked unconscious. Three large welts were later visible across his back and neck.
November 8	Samuel D'Angelo co-owner Merit Book Center 14321 Harper Detroit, Michigan	Son, Edward, (owner of Michigan Photo Supply Company) was chased by police on to the Pontchartrain patio, was pushed off ledge by one officer, and fell to sidewalk 15 ft. below. Broke leg and shattered kneecap. Was beaten by another officer as he layed on the ground. Now in hospital recovering from a 5 hour knee operation on October 31.
October 30 (telephone call)	Gerald Sixbey 6392 Island Lake Dr. Brighton, Michigan (Chairman of Livingston County Dems)	Daughter, Kathleen, (age 16) was clubbed on back by officer who said she was not moving fast enough.

Thus far, the only response from our office has been a letter to ACLU promising a meeting and indicating that Commissioner Spreen has been advised of complaints and will investigate. Letters to Sixbey and Gittleman awaiting your signature.

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