



HAROLD WASHINGTON, Mayor
FRED RICE, Superintendent of Police

19 November, 1985

Mr. Stanley R. Weinberger
Vice President, Chicago Chapter
The American Jewish Committee
55 East Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Dear Mr. Weinberger:

I am writing you in regards to your letter which was referred to me by the Superintendent of Police regarding the incident which occurred at Lincoln and Halsted on September 28, 1985.

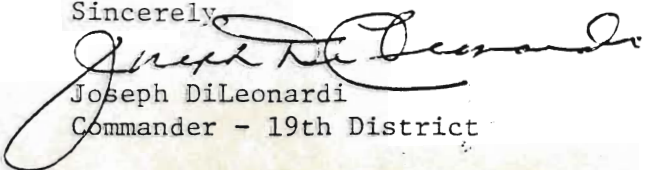
This complaint was investigated by Sergeant Joseph Nalepa, #2116, of my command. On the date in question, Sergeant Nalepa was the third police vehicle to respond to the scene. Upon his arrival he learned that the John Brown Society was holding a rally regarding racist graffiti and they were confronted by the Neo-Nazi group who were opposed to their view. The police immediately separated the two groups and the Nazis were led across the street away from the John Brown Society.

Officers observed slight injuries on both sides and when they were asked to identify the subjects who caused the injuries both sides refused to prosecute or cooperate regarding this incident. They also refused any medical assistance. After the subjects refused to sign complaints, the Nazis were ordered to leave the area and did so without further incident.

In regards to the weapon, an officer observed a Nazi remove a car jack from his vehicle to protect himself. At no time was this jack used as a weapon. The subject was ordered to dispose of the jack and it was placed into a squad car and disposed of at the 19th District. It should be noted that the police remained on the scene until all parties were dispersed and at no time did any officers actually observe any violations personally. It should also be noted that only two groups were involved in this altercation, the John Brown Society and the Neo-Nazis. The KKK was not involved in this incident.

In regards to police policy regarding rallies, the Police Department should be made aware of them prior to the date they are held so that we can make preparations for manpower arrangements. If we are notified in advance, we will assign men to them in order to prevent such incidents as that which occurred on September 28, 1985. If you have any further questions, please contact me at 744-5983.

Sincerely,


Joseph DiLeonardi
Commander - 19th District

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cc: Superintendent of Police