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I gather Ginzberg, Califano, Graham & Co. are going to get their extra thousand cops. As I have had more than one occasion to point out, Republicans do what Democrats dare not.

I certainly have no objection. I don't know what else one would do. But I do wish to make one thing perfectly clear. If there were any other area of high, public Presidential commitment in which we had failed as badly as we have done in the matter of crime in the District of Columbia, you would be looking around for someone to fire.

I do not know that there was any alternative to failure. I am not even sure but that we prevented things getting worse. But I am sure that there is nobody in this government who to my knowledge has directed toward this problem the minimum intellectual competence associated with problem solving.

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