CITY OF SACRAMENTO

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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JOHN P. KEARNS
CHIEF OF POLICE

July 31, 1980
Ref: 7-81

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

AUG 5 1980

SUBJECT: Police Activity at City Hall on 7/15/80

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SUMMARY:

This is a report to the City Council describing the activity of members of the Sacramento Police Department at a demonstration at City Hall on 7-15-80 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

I understand that participants have complained that members of the Police Department were taking pictures of people involved in the demonstration.

The Police Department had several officers at City Hall during this event. These officers were in plain clothes and were present only as observers. None of these officers had a camera and they saw no pictures taken by any members of this Department.

The officers in plain clothes were assigned to observe the demonstration, as is our normal procedure for any sort of demonstration held at City Hall. Their function is to observe and report any problems that might need immediate attention. The safety of everyone has to be preserved and these officers are to report any disturbances or threats of danger to the demonstrators or to anyone else in the vicinity. We did not change any of our procedures for this rally and the presence of the assigned officers was normal for this sort of activity.

Investigation of the statement that pictures were taken of the demonstrators revealed that pictures were taken by a District Attorney's investigator. The investigator properly identified himself to the officers on the paddy wagon and asked to take the pictures from the vicinity of the vehicle. The reason for the picture taking is unknown to this Department.
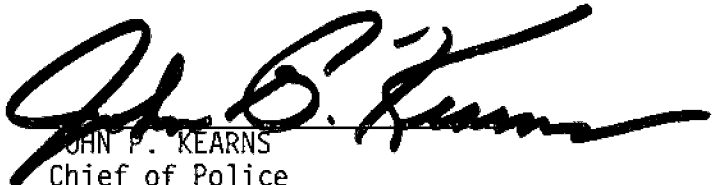
FINANCIAL DATA

None

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

(1) Those having received complaints of Police picture taking advise the complainants of the denial of the Sacramento Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. KEARNS
Chief of Police

APPROVED:

WALTER J. SLIPE
City Manager

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August 5, 1980

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JUL 21 1980

JOHN P. KEARNS
CHIEF OF POLICE

July 17, 1980
Ref: 7-47

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Police Activity at City Hall on 7/15/80.

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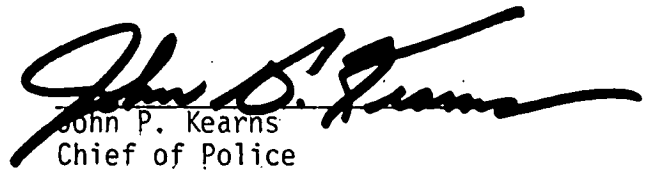
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FINANCIAL DATA

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      Sacramento Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Kearns
Chief of Police

APPROVED:

Walter J. Slipe, City Manager

July 15, 1980

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