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Q Could you tell us what happened the next day?

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Were you involved at all? Like my men are being assaulted all

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A You mean the next night?

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Q The next night or the next day, whatever your

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recollections are as to the stage of the riot and how it

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progressed. relative to police disengagement and the police

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A The next day at about two-thirty or so I attended

1 a meeting at City Hall with Jimmy Hooper, who was also there
2 from CORE who is presently chairman of the chapter. The
3 Mayor was there and Police Director Spina was there. Jimmy
4 Hooper as a representative of CORE spoke first and stated
5 to the Mayor in the course of five or six days we have had
6 two major incidents of allegations of police abuse.

7 Q What was the other major incident?

8 A The incident on Fourteenth Street at East Orange-
9 Newark line. I think you are a liar," he says, "Well, don't

10 MR. DRISCOLL: I don't think this has been in
11 the record at all. sorry, but that is the way I

12 feel. MR. JAFFE: No. We have not heard about that.

13 THE WITNESS: It was stated the organization
14 wanted to know what was going to be done about it.

15 At this point or after this Spina spoke and he
16 said, "Well, I am aware of what happened last
17 night. We are going to have this whole thing
18 investigated. In the meantime, the two officers
19 will be assigned to administrative duty, but you
20 have got to realize my men are being assaulted all
21 over the city," and so on. involved in the incident

22 At this point I said to the Mayor that every
23 time we come to your office with a complaint
24 relative to police mistreatment and the police
25 director is here, we hear the same thing. We have

1 been hearing it for five years, and it is almost
2 like a record, that the police officer will be
3 Thursday assigned to administrative duty; the incident will
4 of tension be investigated; that my policemen are being
5 assaulted, and so on right down the line.
6 for a very short At this the police director said to me, "Mr.
7 up until Curvin, you know you are not telling the truth."
8 the meeting I said, "Are you calling me a liar, Mr. Spina?
9 New York Well, I think you are a liar." He says, "Well now,
10 that even you are getting personal and I don't like that."
11 taken place I said, "I am very sorry, but that is the way I
12 feel."
13 the riot? After this kind of thing went on for a while
14 the meeting I left the meeting, and Jimmy Hooper stayed for a
15 while later and came out and spoke to me. There
16 I rode all was absolutely no recognition of the nature of the
17 Avenue, a situation that existed in the community. What had
18 what was happened the previous night was described as an
19 Clinton Av isolated incident, and policemen on the Newark
20 the situation Police Department have told me that even the two
21 police officers who were involved in the incident
22 Springfield were never assigned to administrative duty, and
23 Eighteenth that they have been carrying out their duties in
24 Springfield the same way in the same assignments ever since
25 and the police the incident occurred.