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JAMES B. CONLISK JR. SUPERINTENDENT

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The following statement was issued to the news media today by Superintendent James B. Conlisk, Jr.:

I have studied the report entitled "Rights in Conflict" and disagree with the conclusions expressed in the summary by Mr. Daniel Walker

I reject Mr. Walker's conclusion that the police were the rioters of convention week. To speak of "a police riot" is to distort the history of those days in August. The world knows who the rioters were.

My disagreement with Mr. Walker should not be interpreted as condoning any misconduct by any police officer. In instances where there has been sufficient evidence of improper conduct there has been disciplinary action. Nine officers have been suspended. A tenth officer who was recommended for suspension by the Internal Inspections Division has resigned. Four officers have been recommended for discharge. Investigations of other complaints against police officers are still in progress.

If Mr. Walker, after his investigation, has any additional evidence against specific police officers he has the responsibility to produce it.

My position on the events of convention week has been and continues to be that the policies followed by the City of Chicago and the Police Department were correct ones for dealing with law violators.

Mr. Walker has stated his opinion. I call upon Chicagoans to read the entire 345 page report and then form their own opinions. I am confident that the overwhelming majority of Chicagoans will agree with me that the police performed well in a most difficult period in our city's history.

  
Superintendent of Police