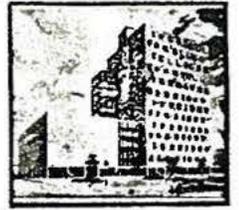




CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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JAMES B. CONLISK JR. SUPERINTENDENT

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Our Department has been the target of severe criticism. Some of the criticisms have been valid and some not valid. You and I know that, while we strive toward perfection, we do have deficiencies and only we can correct them.

Most recently, since the inauguration of the unit of the Department known as C-5, there has been a great deal of controversy about the unit, about the aims and goals of the unit, about the tactics employed by the unit, about the loyalties of the membership of the unit, and about the over-all good of the unit to the Chicago Police Department.

Some members of this Department have, by half-truths and outright lies, provided fodder for negative news reports which reflect to the discredit of the Chicago Police Department and some other members follow without question.

It is therefore imperative that I reiterate what C-5 is and how important the unit is to the Department.

C-5 is a group of police officers who are dedicated to combating Organized Crime and the corruption which is its natural result. It is an arm of the Department. It is a part of the Chicago Police Department team.

It is as simple as that.

There is not now, nor has there ever been, any intention or any movement in the direction of entrapping, enticing, or "setting up" any policemen.

All of us who are concerned about how we are viewed by our fellow-citizens, who are concerned with the welfare of our families, who are concerned with being a part of an enviable organization, who are anxious to clean our own organization, who are jealous of the gains which we have made and want us, the Chicago Police Department, to continue to progress and lead all the rest, must assess our weaknesses, eliminate them and the people who are causing them and truly become the finest police department in the nation.

I call on all of you to join in to do the job. That job can only be done by positive, realistic hard work and dedication, not by dividing through rumor, gossip and criticism.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James B. Conlisk Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Superintendent of Police