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This message is a sincere expression of my pride in those police officers who responded to a need for temporary sergeants during a period when our Department was experiencing a crucial shortage of supervisory personnel. Litigation was underway to determine a procedure acceptable to the court for promotional eligibility, and the administration of our Department at the first level was under strength. Our call for help was answered by many police officers who unselfishly volunteered to serve temporarily as sergeants in an effort to alleviate the situation.

Without exception, the applicants were highly qualified for such duty, so highly qualified that the final selection of 176 individuals from the overwhelming number of applicants was extremely difficult.

The selected finalists were appointed temporary sergeants; their dedicated efforts and performance of duty as interim supervisors restored field supervision to its desired level of professionalism. The devotion to duty displayed by each and every temporary sergeant who served in a position which offered no real permanency was a matter of deep personal pride to me, pride in those members and pride that our Department consists of persons of such high caliber. Every member of the Chicago Police Department is indebted to these fine officers who rose to the occasion when asked and helped to achieve a crime reduction of 12 per cent over the past two years.

It is with regret that I must announce that on 1 July 1977 the remaining members of that dedicated group currently serving as temporary sergeants will revert to their permanent career service position held prior to their temporary appointment. I am certain that these extremely well qualified members who so effectively demonstrated their supervisory expertise will prove their ability when competing in future examinations for permanent promotion and will once again be serving in positions commensurate with their outstanding capabilities.

I have notified the Pension Board of the reversion of the temporary sergeants to their career service positions in order that the Pension Board may anticipate applications for refunds based on adjusted pension contributions.

My appreciation is extended to each of you who served in the position of temporary sergeant. The Department is proud of your achievements during this critical period of time in our Department's history. Thank you!

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