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RE: Legal Representation during
Recent Civil Disturbance

Dear Mr. Fansen:

I am writing to you with respect to a request from Senator Margaret C. Schweinhaut, a member of the Judicial Proceedings Committee of our State Senate, in reference to obtaining information regarding the system of legal representation used to cope with the great number of cases generated by the recent civil disturbance in Baltimore City. If you could find an opportunity in your busy schedule to briefly answer the following questions, the Senator would be most appreciative.

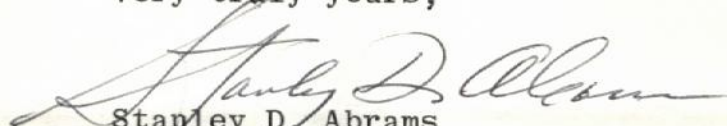
1. What system was used or implemented to furnish counsel to the large number of persons arrested in the recent civil disturbance?
2. Did this system entail any emergency measures to cope with the increased caseload?
3. Was the system used or implemented adequate, in your opinion, to meet these circumstances?
4. Do you have any specific suggestions for improvement should this type of occurrence arise again?
5. Do you have any recommendations as to additional legislation needed to cope with this type of disturbance?

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Your answers to and general comments on the above questions will be of assistance to Senator Schweinhaut in contemplating legislation to assist the Bench and Bar throughout the State of Maryland in coping with the problem of adequate representation during any future similar disturbance.

Very truly yours,


Stanley D. Abrams
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