Attachment #2

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Council Member Joe Biernat
PUBLIC SAFETY AND REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Room 307, City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

RE: POLICE STAFFING PLAN FOR THE 1997 AQUATENNIAL BLOCK PARTY FOLLOW UP TO COUNCIL DIRECTION OF MAY 29, 1996

Dear Council Member Biernat,

The Minneapolis Police Department is now actively planning for the 1997 Aquatennial Block Party. This event required the assignment of 129 on duty police officers in 1996. In discussion before PSRS last year the Committee directed me to offer an alternative plan that would reduce the on duty commitment of officers to this event.

The Mayor's Office, officials of the Downtown Council, Deputy Chief Jones, Inspector Lubinski, and I have met to discuss this matter. We concur that the Aquatennial Block Party is a unique civic event associated with the City of Minneapolis. We believed that fact and the size to which the event has grown make it impractical to be handled as an exclusive off duty assignment. We have, however, identified a class of assignment that we do not feel is appropriate work for on duty Minneapolis Police Officers. The downtown Council has agreed to hire off duty officers to attend to the security of the ticket booths and transport of cash receipts. This will reduce our on duty staffing by 18 officers.

RECOMMENDATION:

Request that the City Council endorse as an alternative staffing plan for the Block Party that reduces the approximately 129 officers by 18, thereby reducing the on duty commitment of personnel to 111.

Respectfully Submitted,

D/C Wm Jones for D/C Hestness

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