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Mr. Watson: X

I talked to Lem -- said these people are en route here -- he does not know at this time exactly when they will be here or exactly when they will make the request. Will call you asap with this information.

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1:09 p.m.

10:00 a.m. 4  
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June 8, 1967

Thursday - 12:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MARVIN WATSON

Reference is made to previous memorandums concerning the demonstrations in Lafayette Park this date.

The latest estimate of the total number of participants of Jewish organizations in the Lafayette Park demonstration is approximately 30,000. They have chartered over 400 buses from the New York area alone, along with other buses which will be coming from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New Jersey.

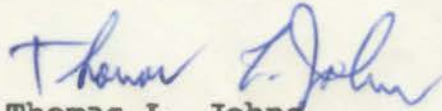
Information regarding the number of Arab participants who will picket in front of the White House is very vague, however, the leader of the Arabs, Mohammed Mehdi, has stated he will have 300 to 500 Arabs.

The following security steps have been implemented; there will be a steel cable on posts strung on the north and south side of Pennsylvania Avenue. There will be a snow-fence along the sidewalk on the south side of Lafayette Park; the Metropolitan Police will have a line of uniformed officers on the north sidewalk of Pennsylvania Avenue between the snow-fence and the steel cable. The Park Police augmented by Metropolitan Police will have uniformed officers completely surrounding the Arabs picketing in front of the White House. In addition, police authorities will place approximately 20 buses from the Mall, which is the parking area for all buses, and will park these buses bumper to bumper on the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue adjacent to Lafayette Park.

Metropolitan Police will have approximately 170 officers available in the immediate area, and they will be put into position as needed. Park Police will have approximately 100 officers in the area at all times.

There will be a State Department Arabic translator at the Northwest Gate for use by Police officials or any member of the White House staff if a petition is presented and accepted.

If there are any changes or additional information, you will be immediately advised by this Service.

  
Thomas L. Johns  
SAIC - PPD

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