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The Free D.C. Movement will have no official representative participating in the White House Conference, "...To Fulfill These Rights."

We reject and totally condemn the idea of government by conference. The need is not to seek new ideas but to take forthright action. We view nearly all of the recommendations set forth by the President and his Council as needless repetitions. This needless repetition is only one indication of the "Neveristic" approach to fulfill these rights.

The "Neveristic" approach of the Conference was again substantiated when Free D.C. attempted to introduce a meaningful and pertinent issue affecting the lives of all citizens in Washington for Conference proposals. In an effort to fulfill the voting rights of Washington residents the Free D.C. Movement, on May 24, 1966, sent the following telegram to the President and Planners of the White House Conference:

We of the Free D.C. Movement can not understand how the White House Conference "...To Fulfill These Rights", can be conducted in a city in which 900,000 citizens are without the right to vote. We demand that a fifth panel be added to this conference to discuss, devise strategy and involve the Nation in the passage of the "Free D.C. Voting Rights Act of 1966". The Civil Rights Bill of 1964 and the Voting Rights Bill of 1965 are the law of the land, yet 900,000 citizens of the capital of the free world are deprived of the basic American right to govern themselves.

We do not understand how this conference can conduct a panel on Education in a voteless city which is provided less money for its school children than any other state in the Union. We do not understand how this conference can discuss the Administration of Justice in a city

"One Man, One Vote"