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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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JEFFREY BARHAM, et al., :
 Plaintiffs, : Civil Action Number
 vs. : 02-2283

CHARLES RAMSEY, et al., :
 Defendants. :

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RAYMING CHANG, et al., :
 Plaintiffs, : Civil Action Number
 vs. : 02-2010

CHARLES H. RAMSEY, et al., :
 Defendants. :

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VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF
CHARLES H. RAMSEY, VOL. I

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1 CHIEF RAMSEY: Excuse me, ma'am. I think
2 there's a need for me to just get one thing clear.
3 I'm not generally in charge of the department; I am
4 in charge of the department. And I would appreciate
5 it, ma'am --

6 MS. CHEH: Did you give approval to make
7 the arrests?

8 CHIEF RAMSEY: Excuse me, Professor --

9 MS. CHEH: Did you give approval to make
10 the arrests?

11 CHIEF RAMSEY: You're being rude, ma'am,
12 and there's no need for that. I'm just simply
13 responding to something that you said that I thought
14 was a bit out of line.

15 I've spent a considerable amount of my
16 life getting to where I am right now, and I refuse
17 to let you or anyone else define me as a person or
18 define this department. That's why we're having
19 this discussion.

20 I told him that I thought the arrests were
21 okay, that it was nothing wrong with what he was
22 doing. Based on that at the time, I did not

1 disapprove the arrests.

2 Ultimately, the buck stops with me. He
3 made a decision; I supported that decision. And I
4 didn't have the benefit of some of the information
5 now, but based on what I saw at the time, I
6 supported his decision 100 percent.

7 MS. CHEH: So that let me phrase it the
8 way I wanted to phrase it. Did you approve of his
9 decision to arrest the persons in Pershing Park?

10 CHIEF RAMSEY: Yes.

11 MS. CHEH: Thank you.

12 (Video clip ended.)

13 MR. TUOHEY: Is there a question?

14 BY MR. MESSINEO:

15 Q Do you recognize the deponent in that
16 testimony?

17 A Yes.

18 Q That was yourself, sir?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Let me ask you here again, did you approve
21 the decision to make the mass arrest?

22 A No.