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Capital Traffic Jammed As Police Curb Looting

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WASHINGTON, April 5— Washington traffic was at a standstill early this afternoon at many downtown intersections as the police concentrated on areas of disorder and looting elsewhere while Federal employes, dismissed early, tried to drive home.

At a number of intersections, however, civilian volunteers took over as traffic directors, broke jams and sped the flow of drivers headed home.

The volunteers included Paul Levy, a 25-year-old law student at Georgetown University, and Edward Huffcut, 28, employed at a nearby office of the Matson Navigation Company.

Although both said they had had no previous experience in traffic directing, they managed to break numerous jams and keep traffic moving fairly smoothly.