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This research is aimed at studying the problems and obstacles of the investigation process of the examining officers at the Metropolitan Police Bureau, which effects the accused. The method used in the study is both descriptive and analytical by using document research, questionnaires, and deeply interviewing method.

The study finds out that the following problems and obstacles effect negatively on the delay of the investigation process. In addition, it also effects rights and liberties of the accused directly. These obstacles are as follows:

- 1. Problems and obstacles in the investigation process result from insufficient supply of examining operation and other activities concerning the examination process. In addition, The examination process lacks efficiency, for the examining officers lack sufficient knowledge, competence and budget from The Police Department.
- 2. Problems and obstacles result from the people who lack sufficient understanding of rights and liberties as well as the rules and regulations concerned.

To enhance the rights and liberties of the accused, it is necessary to remedy the above-mentioned problems and obstacles in the process of examination and investigation, in accordance with the constitution which signifies the rights and liberties of the people.

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