

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you. My attention was directed, Chief, to the U.S. News & World Report which had an interview with you concerning the crime situation in the Nation's Capital and I think we would like to examine you further on that at such time as we get into the hearings on the so-called *Mallory* decision. However, I think that it is proper that I ask you a question today on your answer contained on page 95 of the U.S. News & World Report, which magazine bears the date of October 21, 1963, where the question was asked of you:

Have court decisions on insanity hurt law enforcement?

This was the question asked of you and this is your answer:

We think they did at first but after they got the law amended so that anyone pleading insanity would be committed and then brought back for trial if they recovered, the number of cases dropped off. I don't think it is a real big problem now.

Now, does that statement in the U.S. News & World Report correctly reflect your views on the present handling of the sanity cases in the District of Columbia?

Chief MURRAY. Yes, sir, it does, plus the fact that there was a change about a year ago in the *McDonald* decision, and in talking to Mr. Acheson, he says that has modified the *Durham* decision a good deal.

The CHAIRMAN. The answer attributed to you says, "after they got the law amended." I assume you meant by that, after the law was modified?

Chief MURRAY. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. By the decision in the *McDonald* case?

Chief MURRAY. Yes, sir, that is what I meant.

The CHAIRMAN. I am told that that was what was meant. Now, in view of what you have said in the U.S. News & World Report, would it be your judgment that there is or is not a need for a statutory provision such as is contained in title II of the House bill now before us?

Chief MURRAY. No, sir, I am willing to go along with Mr. Acheson, that the present court decisions did not make it too difficult as when the *Durham* case was handed down.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. I am limiting myself entirely to the Durham problem, that is title II. But what you have said here is, "I don't think it is a real big problem now." That is the way you feel?

Chief MURRAY. That is correct, yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. On questions dealing with insanity, that the decisions in the District of Columbia do not hurt law enforcement?

Chief MURRAY. No, sir, not like they did when the *Durham* decision first came out.

The CHAIRMAN. I understand that the *Durham* decision was modified by the *McDonald* decision. Now, in the light of the *McDonald* decision I understand you to be saying that you do not think that the decisions on insanity pose any big problem as far as you are concerned, as a police officer, is that correct?

Chief MURRAY. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Chief. I have no further questions. We will be looking forward to seeing you back here again next week.

Chief MURRAY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Our next witness is David C. Acheson, U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.