

You stated if I understood you correctly that the fourth suggested safeguard of having a responsible witness other than a law enforcement officer observing the questioning or a verbatim transcript or a recording of the interrogation, would not be objectionable to you.

Mr. MURRAY. I have no objection to that.

The CHAIRMAN. You have none to that. Then it boils down to your objecting to the maximum 6 hours of elapsed time, and the opportunity of notifying a friend, is that correct? Those would be your two objections to the suggestions made by the Department of Justice for building safeguards into the bill which is now before us for consideration.

Mr. MURRAY. Yes, sir. I think that if it is left without unnecessary delay, in other words, the trial judge can determine whether there was any unnecessary delay. Sometimes I think a case would be prepared in 2 or 3 hours. Sometimes it may take as much as 6 hours.

The CHAIRMAN. Might I ask you just a few more questions, Chief.

Mr. MURRAY. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. I will hurry along on these. These questions are prompted by testimony that we have had from some other witnesses, and I think in fairness to the record that you should be given the opportunity of making any statement you want on them.

On October 23, certain witnesses indicated generally that some segments of the population of the United States viewed the police with disrespect and, an evil force. This was said rather emphatically by the chief of police of Cincinnati, the sheriff from California, from San Jose, I believe, San Joaquin County, and also from the superintendent of police, Chicago, Ill.

Now what is your view on this matter? Does the Metropolitan Police Department have the respect of the citizens of the District of Columbia?

Mr. MURRAY. I think, Senator, that there has been an effort in some quarters to create disrespect for law enforcement perhaps nationwide over the years. I think that locally the Department is held in a little higher regard now than it has been.

The CHAIRMAN. I would hope that that is a correct statement.

Mr. MURRAY. I think it is, yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. I think the Department is held in very high regard by the citizens of this community. At least this is my personal opinion.

Mr. MURRAY. I think it is held in a higher regard than it has been for some time.

The CHAIRMAN. I am glad to hear that. I certainly hope that is correct.

Now at least two or more witnesses who testified at our October 23 hearing stated it was wrong for persons to allege that Washington, D.C., is soft on crime. In support of their view they provided statistics that showed first that an accused convicted of felony in the District receives in the District on the average 41.5 months imprisonment which is greater than any State jurisdiction except one or two, and that the *Mallory* decision while causing much adverse comment in the District has caused comparatively few reversals and acquittals of defendants in the District. Would you care to comment on that particular statement?