

in our opinion bear out this conclusion. In 1962, for 200 major cities in the United States, reporting in the five major categories of criminal activities, Buffalo ranked as follows, per 100,000 inhabitants:

Fifty-two cities had fewer total offenses than Buffalo; 42 cities had fewer cases of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter; 59 had fewer cases of forcible rape; 64 had a lower incidence of robbery; 91 cities had fewer cases of aggravated assaults, and 51 had fewer cases of burglary.

Also of interest is the fact that many of the cities in the foregoing statistics are in the depressed and high unemployment areas of Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

That is in my statement, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. I am very happy to have those statistics.

I think, to tell the full story, we should know exactly what the population range is of the cities that are cited. You cited many cities that have less crime than Buffalo, but I would also be interested, and I think to round out the picture, we should know how many cities have more crime than Buffalo.

I do not know whether that is readily available, but the record is going to be kept open for a week and I think, in fairness, it should be rounded out in that manner.

You have told part of the story, but I think we should have the complete story of whatever value these statistics are, and statistics can be made to tell many, many different stories.

And I think that we should know the number of cities that go to make up this particular study, when this study was made, and what year this represents.

I think you have to take more than 1 year in any of these things if you are to give it any significance, and we have not had that in these hearings here.

I mean, the proponents will pick out a year that makes the record look the blackest for their purposes and the opponents will pick out a year that serves their purposes best.

I think, as a lawyer, you understand how people plead their cases, and there is somewhere between the highest and the lowest in these cases the complete answer and the complete facts.

Since Buffalo came into the picture yesterday I asked him at that time to furnish some statistics not directly on the point that you are making but to the point of the size of the city. I asked him how many policemen they had, and he said he did not know.

I think if you are going to make a comparison you ought to make a good rounded out comparison so we can see just how it strikes in the balance of the cities.

As I have said, the mere fact that our city compares favorably with many, many towns, of comparable size in the uprise of crime is of slight consolation. We want to make this the most perfect city in the entire world.

This is the ultimate goal and we obviously have quite a ways to go yet, but I think we should keep striving in that direction.

So I think if you can, without too much difficulty, give these additional facts I would appreciate it.

Mr. PATTERSON. Mr. Chairman, I stated this was information released in the latest uniform crime report, and these statistics are for 1962, which is available.