

Mr. HUGHES. We did not consult with them, Mr. Edwards. The Attorney General commented on this point earlier. I think the only thing I could add to his comments is to point out that the Commissions which considered this, both the Hoover Commission and the Prettyman Commission, had the benefit of extensive contact with Federal, State, and local bodies in the course of preparing their recommendations.

I don't have in mind the specifics of that. But there was a great deal of consultation with local bodies in general. What the extent of this may have been, I don't know.

Mr. EDWARDS. Excuse me. Did you say the Hoover Commission and Prettyman Commission—

Mr. HUGHES. Yes, did consult extensively with other than Federal interests in arriving at their recommendations.

Mr. EDWARDS. Of course, the Hoover Commission was in 1949, as I recall, and the Prettyman Commission was in 1963.

Mr. HUGHES. That is correct.

Mr. EDWARDS. So you are not suggesting that anything has transpired since 1963 insofar as communication with the State and local agencies?

Mr. HUGHES. I have nothing to add to what the Attorney General commented.

Mr. EDWARDS. I noticed that the President's memorandum, dated November 11, 1966, to, in effect, all department heads, stated and I am quoting:

To the fullest extent practicable, I want you to take steps to afford representatives of the chief executives of state and local governments the opportunity to advise and consult in the development and execution of programs which directly affect the conduct of state and local affairs.

As far as you know, that has not been done in the recent past in connection with this proposal?

Mr. HUGHES. I think the Attorney General described the nature of his continuous involvement with State and local law enforcement officials. The consultation, the contact, and the soundings taken would have been in that sort of context, rather than in any formal communication between the Bureau of the Budget, for instance, and these agencies.

Mr. EDWARDS. I gather from what he said that those contacts would have been informal occasional visits by chiefs of police of major cities, and this sort of thing.

Mr. HUGHES. Certainly informal. But my impression was quite frequent.

Mr. EDWARDS. What are the salary ranges for the FBI agents, narcotics agents, and BDAC agents?

Mr. HUGHES. I don't know, I guess, is the shortest and most direct answer, Mr. Edwards. They are all covered within the classified service, with some special provisions that relate to law enforcement officials. To that extent, they are generally classified and paid on a comparable basis.

But I am not familiar with any detail with the schedules or the grade levels and so on.

Mr. EDWARDS. Would it surprise you if I told you the FBI agents make considerably more than the narcotics agents and BDAC agents?