

confidence in his ability. But I would want to be aware and to respond to the scene of such an incident if I feel it appropriate.

When the incident you have made reference to occurred, I was unaware of it, received an inquiry concerning it, and I mistakenly stated that such an incident could not have occurred since I was not aware of it so many hours later. When I did become aware that there had been such an incident, I responded to the precinct where the investigation was under way. And Chief Layton and I have discussed that since, and I think we have completely clarified it. And he understands now that I would like to be made aware of a major incident of that nature immediately and certainly just want to know about what it is and what is going on. And if I feel I should become involved, I would. But it is my expectation that I would be completely satisfied with the handling of these incidents by Chief Layton.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, I am certain you agree that matters of this nature should be planned and you and Chief Layton should have an agreement as to who will contact who—

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN (continuing). On occasions of that type and not try to do it through the news media.

Mr. MURPHY. I agree, sir. I agree, sir. Unfortunately, some things do come to the attention of the press that I cannot control and Chief Layton cannot control, and sometimes an erroneous impression occurs. But Chief Layton and I have a complete understanding about how we want to handle these matters, and certainly those things that should be handled internally will be handled internally. That is our understanding, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, there is no objection to the press having news and publicizing it, but I think before the press has it, you and Chief Layton should have an understanding as to what to expect of each other.

Mr. MURPHY. Yes sir; I agree with that.

The CHAIRMAN. And if it is not carried out, then the press should grumble a little.

Mr. Nelsen.

Mr. NELSEN. I have no questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Dawson.

Mr. DAWSON. No questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Whitener.

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Murphy, I was somewhat interested to read in the press some time ago a statement that you allegedly made with reference to the incident which you have mentioned. I wonder if you would say that you were accurately quoted at that time.

Mr. MURPHY. I am sorry, Mr. Congressman.

Mr. WHITENER. You were quoted in the Washington Post on Sunday, February 4, 1968, as saying, "I am going to ask some hard questions, and I am going to expect some hard answers. If I am not satisfied with the answers, I am going to take whatever action I think is necessary." The story goes on, "Asked what this might include, he said, 'Whatever I feel is appropriate, including reassignment'. He would not elaborate. He did say, 'The higher a man's rank, the greater his responsibility.'"

What do you mean by "hard answers" and "hard questions"?