

Mr. SISK. And two stenographers?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir.

Mr. SISK. Do you contemplate any additional people on your own staff?

Mr. MURPHY. No, sir.

Mr. SISK. Let me say this, Mr. Murphy, with reference to some of the questions that have been asked. Of course, my concern is—and I do not like to use hearsay, but in spite of some reassurances this morning, I am concerned about—the morale of the police department, and maybe the information I am getting is not correct. But a two-headed situation does not usually work out very well. We know this from experience, and I am sure from your many years of experience that you know that.

In the final analysis, is Chief Layton going to run the police department? Is he actually the head of the police department? Does he control the police department so far as its operations in the city of Washington?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir; he does.

Mr. SISK. Well, now, you mentioned the fact about giving directions or being called out to particular places or giving orders, issuing orders.

It seems to me that this could lead to some problems, could it not, if these men are working under Chief Layton and they are responsible to him and he is their final authority? I just can't see how you will successfully operate and particularly maintain much morale if you tend to go over his head or around him at any time in issuing orders. It would seem to me that your only contact with the police department should be with the Chief. I just do not quite see how you are going to go directly to the men or to handle promotions, elevate individuals within the department, separate and apart from the Chief, and still say that the Chief is operating the police department. This, to me, is the whole guts of some of the problems we are confronted with here, Mr. Murphy.

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir. I do not see that I have done that. I have conferred with Chief Layton on promotions and intend to confer with Chief Layton on policy, and I intend that Chief Layton will run the police department, and that he will run it to my satisfaction. I am responsible for the police department, Congressman, as I understand it. I think it will be a challenge to my leadership to improve morale, if it needs improving. And I hope in all modesty that I will have some success in improving morale where it needs to be improved. I hope that I can provide good leadership to our Fire Department and our Office of Civil Defense as well as to our Police Department.

To be very honest with you, sir, I do not see a conflict in the kind of relationship which now exists.

Mr. SISK. Well, Mr. Chairman, I see my five minutes are up.

The CHAIRMAN. Go ahead.

Mr. SISK. Just let me conclude, Mr. Murphy, by saying I am very happy we have had the opportunity to have you here this morning to discuss what I think are some very serious problems. I am sure you are aware of the constitutional responsibility of the Congress with respect to the District of Columbia. And as far as I am concerned when I voted for the re-organization I did not vote to give up any of the constitutional authority which we have.