

ask you this question. Supposing Chief Layton disapproved of some activity of a captain or an inspector under him. Would he not be the boss to supervise and correct the activities of his subordinates?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, he would.

Mr. JACOBS. Just as, in fact, you are the boss of the police department under our government here in Washington, and Chief Layton is, in fact, your subordinate, is that not correct?

Mr. MURPHY. That is correct, Congressman.

Mr. JACOBS. And you, as I understand it, are Commissioner Washington's subordinate.

Mr. MURPHY. That is right.

Mr. JACOBS. That is what is known as chain of command. Now, in Rochester, New York, the ultimate boss then is the people, the citizens of that community, right?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir.

Mr. JACOBS. Now, as far as the Congress is concerned and the Legislative authority of the Federal Government is concerned, the boss of the police department of Washington, D.C. by definition, is any American who does not live here, is that not right?

Mr. MURPHY. In a sense.

Mr. JACOBS. That is about it, is it not? So really we are just talking about normal chain of command. The Congress and the President, the Executive, are the boss of this community until home rule should be realized. Mayor Washington or Commissioner Washington is the next in command, and he has responsibility for the government, all functions of government. And then like the President's Cabinet, as to the idea of defense, which is essentially what the police department is, fire, civil defense, and the police, you are the boss of them subject to the chain of command of the Commissioner, is that correct?

Mr. MURPHY. That is correct.

Mr. JACOBS. All right. I just want to say one final thing. Speaking as a former police officer myself, I admire you, sir, and I congratulate you on the job you have done in this community. I think you are one of the best things that has happened to this police department in ten years. (Applause).

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Steiger.

Mr. STEIGER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Murphy, is it illegal under the existing statutes for people to camp on public grounds within the District?

Mr. MURPHY. I am not familiar with that statute, Congressman.

Mr. STEIGER. It has been suggested that the demonstration is to be met with a flexible response in regard to the enforcement of the statute. Recognizing the pressures that you will undoubtedly be under to permit the camping, have you considered and/or discussed with Commissioner Washington and Chief Layton what action you will take with regard to that?

Mr. MURPHY. I will enforce every statute to the best of the ability of the police department, Congressman.

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Mr. MURPHY. I thoroughly agree with the statement of Chief Layton reported in the press yesterday that the police department in dealing with these difficult, large, complex problems must be flexible.