

Mr. MURPHY. I am sorry, Mr. Congressman, but I wouldn't know how to estimate how many troops would be required for that.

Mr. ABERNETHY. You are against discrimination. You would protect John Doe over on 14th Street just as quickly and readily as you would Capitol Hill and the White House?

Mr. MURPHY. I would like, sir, to be able to protect all citizens, but the White House and the Congress are special places.

Mr. ABERNETHY. I don't know that they are any more special than anybody else. When you were speaking of the papers a while ago, some of the things I read in the papers, I have my doubts about that.

That is all.

Mr. FRASER. Mr. Chairman, I notice that there are a number of members here, and the time has been going. I wonder if we might, from now on, be able to have the five-minute ruling for us?

The CHAIRMAN. All right. I would like to ask Mr. Murphy: what are the policemen doing about all these telephone calls which people who are in business in the District of Columbia have been receiving, telling them that they will be next on the list to be burned out? Are you doing anything to stop this harrassment?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, Mr. Chairman. We have taken several special steps. During the disorder, we established an arson squad in the Department, and that has been working specifically on this problem. Chief Layton has increased the use of patrol manpower by approximately 20 percent and the precinct captains have been directed to give very special attention to this problem.

We have been meeting with many of the businessmen. We have communicated through some of the groups of businessmen and otherwise, including the press, the fact that calls, even to our Headquarters or directly to the precinct captains, will be responded to promptly, Mr. Chairman. We have been doing that.

The CHAIRMAN. Don't you think it would be much better to have these policemen guarding some of these establishments where real threats are being made rather than handing out parking tickets? I understand there were several hundred thousand parking tickets given out during the riot. That takes an awful lot of time. These boys ought to be protecting the people's establishments, it seems to me.

Mr. MURPHY. I know Chief Layton has stepped up the patrol activity and surveillance activity at specific locations, Mr. Chairman. Maybe Chief Layton could respond to that.

The CHAIRMAN. The only other question I want to ask at this time is: I wonder why you were so late to call on the White House, or whoever you called on, for assistance. The troops didn't arrive until late Friday. Wasn't that after the city burned up, before you called on the Army for assistance?

Mr. MURPHY. No, sir. No, sir; I went to the Pentagon at 3:00 o'clock Friday morning and attended a lengthy conference with high-level officials of the Defense Department and the Department of Army. I went again to the Pentagon shortly after noon on Friday.

The response that we received from the Federal Government was as complete as I know that it could be. Unfortunately, there just is a very large problem involved in the movement of troops. We were in very close communication with the Department of Defense officials throughout the problem; and I found them to be responsive to every bit of information we gave them about how the situation was.