

be satisfied with what happened on that day and the whole thing, but I am not.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Chairman, would the gentleman yield? Will you specify which member of the Committee is satisfied with these riots?

Mr. DOWDY. I said maybe, I don't know.

Mr. JACOBS. I know of no member of this Committee that is satisfied.

Mr. DOWDY. Well, I am not.

Mr. ADAMS. And neither am I.

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Mr. DOWDY. There is one other thing. You said that you disagree with the action taken by the Miami Police Chief in ordering them to get tough down there. You don't know what the results of it were.

Mr. MURPHY. I am not sure, Congressman, that I said that, that I disagreed with "get tough." I think I said that I disagree with some of the policies that I have heard reported in the press.

Mr. DOWDY. The Chief there said, when the looting starts, he wanted the shooting to start. How do you feel about that—when looting starts, the shooting starts?

Mr. MURPHY. Well, I think I come back again to the policy of lawful use of force, especially deadly force. I think it is awfully difficult to attempt to simplify that extremely difficult situation that every police officer dreads having to use extreme and deadly force.

Mr. DOWDY. Certainly, we all regret it. It becomes necessary that we are going to have to have some force used to enforce the law. People have a right of self defense, to protect their lives and their property.

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir.

Mr. DOWDY. Now, the Government supposedly has assumed that duty, and having assumed that duty, don't you think that the officers should pursue it and protect people and their lives and their property?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir. Defending property or defending lives is something I think policemen are all in agreement on. There are some extremely difficult problems about fleeing, especially juveniles or women, and depending upon the value of the property and the number of innocent bystanders who may be in the vicinity; police weapons can travel—the bullets from a police revolver can travel a terrible distance.

I recall when I was in New York City a few years ago, a police officer had the misfortune at firing a shot at 34th Street and Seventh Avenue, and an innocent bystander was killed. So, realizing the difficulty and the inaccuracy of the police weapons, Congressman, police officers exercise that judgment most judiciously.

Unfortunately, we just don't have other means. We look forward to the day when we will have nonlethal weapons, and we will be able to bring people down without killing them. Unfortunately, we don't have them yet.

Mr. DOWDY. Now this police chief down there said that he was taking these actions in behalf of the law-abiding majority of Miami's Negro citizens, where they were having a tremendous upsurge in crime. The figures are in on the result of that first five months of that "get tough" policy that they had down there; and they show that crimes in that predominantly Negro neighborhood are down nearly two-thirds after he announced a "get tough" policy.