

Mr. MURPHY. Well, sir—

Mr. DOWDY. The law-abiding Negroes and white folks both appreciated his policy. Now, I understand that the Democratic Committee that decides where the nominating conventions are going to be—since they have settled things down in Miami—are thinking about reconsidering Chicago and carrying the Democratic Nominating Convention to Miami because they have got officials down there with courage enough to keep the peace.

Mr. MURPHY. Well, sir, I would only say that the reporting of crime is not an accurate science, and until those figures on reduction of crime are carefully reviewed, I would say we would have to withhold judgment on that. I certainly am for any policy, sir, and we are open to any suggestion about any method that will help us with the difficult problem we face.

Mr. DOWDY. The statistics are not accurate? Are you saying that your statistics are not accurate either?

Mr. MURPHY. They are not totally—as accurate as we can make them—but crime reporting is far from a science. Much of what we read about crime increases has to be understood in the context of the reporter system. As the National Crime Commission pointed out, there is a great weakness in this area. Here in the District, we are going to do something about it.

Mr. DOWDY. I think we are getting away from the question. I have just one other thing I would like to know.

I think, of course, we should find out from some of these officers on the streets what their orders were and if what you say is true, that they were not ordered not to arrest anybody, then, there are a lot of policemen that ought to be put off the force for not having done their duty that night.

Mr. MURPHY. I heard Chief Layton say on Saturday, sir, that if we have the evidence against any police officer who failed in his duty, he will be disciplined.

Mr. DOWDY. I know, but if he disobeyed orders and arrested somebody that he had orders not to arrest, it would be a different situation.

Mr. MURPHY. Any official who issued such an order would, himself, have been in violation and he would be held to account, sir.

Mr. DOWDY. Does that include you?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir.

Mr. DOWDY. All right. I just want to be sure.

Mr. BROYHILL. I realize I am sitting out of line here, but I would appreciate it, Mr. Chairman, if I could ask a question at this time.

Mr. Murphy, I appreciate your sincerity in doing all you can to restore law and order in Washington, even though I may disagree with some of your methods. How many actual deaths occurred as a result of the civil disorders we had in the month of April?

Mr. MURPHY. I believe nine of them were attributable to the disorders, sir.

Mr. BROYHILL. You don't include the deaths that have occurred since the riots, such as the murder of a storekeeper that occurred yesterday? This morning's paper called attention to the fact that this is the fourth such slaying or murder within the last 15 days. You don't consider that as a result of the upheaval that is existing here in Washington?

Mr. MURPHY. Sir, the three deaths in the city and the one in Prince Georges County within the past two weeks may, in some sense, be