

duty on that night. We went to an alert after Dr. King's death. As Chief Layton described, by about 1:00 o'clock Friday morning we had 2500—in the very early hours of Friday morning, we had close to 2500 officers on duty, which is the kind of response, Congressman, that presents a very different situation.

It gives us perhaps four or five times as many officers on the street as we would normally have.

CIVIL DISTURBANCE UNIT

Mr. HARSHA. Regarding the Civil Disturbance Unit of 280 men—why weren't they called to duty before 1:00 o'clock on Friday? Surely, you had forewarning.

Mr. MURPHY. The Civil Disturbance Unit, the nucleus of the Civil Disturbance Unit, is the Special Operations Division. The Special Operations Division was on duty Thursday evening, sir. If I may explain that, Congressman, the members of the Civil Disturbance Unit are officers assigned to our Special Operations Division, plus officers assigned in precincts all over the city.

In the event of an emergency, these officers who have had the special training are drawn from their precincts to supplement our Special Operations Division under Chief Pyles, and they constitute the Civil Disturbance Unit.

Mr. HARSHA. Why were they not called before 1:00 o'clock Friday morning?

Mr. MURPHY. At 10:12 p.m., April 4th, all Civil Disturbance Unit officers were on duty at 10:00, according to the report I have.

Mr. HARSHA. Well, the report I have here was they were called to duty at 12:55 or 12:50 a.m., Friday, several hours after the rioting began. Maybe I have the wrong information.

Mr. MURPHY. Well, I will be happy to clarify that for you, Congressman. Maybe Chief Wilson or Chief Layton could explain that. But the report I have before me indicates that all CDU officers were on duty, were assembled, which means that those CDU officers—we would have those officers on duty with all of the various sections of the Department, all those, on duty at precincts throughout the city at that time—at that time, they had been assembled.

Mr. HARSHA. Why wasn't everybody in that unit assembled?

Mr. MURPHY. At the same time, we were calling back platoons, Congressman, and as they would come back, then they would be assembled.

NATIONAL GUARD

Mr. HARSHA. I got the impression from your colloquy with Mr. Sisk that after you went to the Pentagon at 3:00 a.m., Friday morning, to see about calling out the National Guard, that things were pretty well under control at that time?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir. The Police Department had control over 14th Street, which was the principal street on which the trouble had occurred.

Mr. HARSHA. Then, what was the point in calling the National Guard?

Mr. MURPHY. We were concerned about the next evening. The second night flaring up, experienced by some cities. My own experience in