

As Governor of this State, I cannot and will not tolerate riot-induced felonies which verge on anarchy, nor will I allow the individuals who maliciously inspire such action to slip away unchallenged. I have directed the authorities to seek out H. Rap Brown and bring him to justice. Such a person cannot be permitted to enter a State with the intention to destroy and then sneak away leaving these poor people with the results of his evil scheme.

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### NEWS CONFERENCE

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Q. Governor Agnew, how long will the National Guard stay in Cambridge?

A. I can't tell you the answer to that right now, it depends on the situation and how it develops. Certainly, the National Guard will stay in Cambridge until the condition of serenity is restored.

Q. Governor, what assurances do you have, if any, from the Negro leaders and the Negro community to keep the peace in Cambridge?

A. I have people on the scene in Cambridge including Colonel Lally, Dr. Ware and others who are in constant contact with the community in Cambridge, and every effort is being made to restore the peace and tranquility of the area. I can't really tell you whether we can contact everyone and assure ourselves completely that we are going to be able to do this.

Q. You have been criticized severely by CORE leaders for your attack on Rap Brown. What is your reply?

A. Well, I just finished listening to the Rap Brown tape recording for the first time and it simply reinforced my conviction that what Rap Brown did was entirely reprehensible, criminal, and not in the service of either the Negro or the white community. I think that the criticisms that I made of him were justified and we're going to see that he is prosecuted as we would any other person who's engaged in acts that are against the welfare of the community.

Q. What plans may you have worked out with the City of Baltimore to cope with the riot emergency in this city?