- A. Meetings are being held with Commissioner Pomerleau and state National Guard officials to evolve the most effective means of riot control so that the preservation of the peace anywhere in the State may be maintained.
- Q. In this connection have you consulted with Federal authorities?
- A. I haven't personally, but my representatives have been in touch with Federal authorities.
- Q. Governor, if I can go back to Rap Brown for a minute, was your description and your characterization of him yesterday a visceral reaction or was that a strategy of yours to clamp the lid on right away before any further trouble developed?
- A. When I said that he should be locked up and they should throw away the key, that was entirely a visceral reaction. Obviously, I think anybody who's accused of a crime is entitled to the full protection of the law, a fair trial and a fair punishment.
- Q. Governor, do you see any serious conflict between the policy between the National Guard and the police of Cambridge?
- A. I'm not satisfied that the communication, the liaison, is as good as I would like to see it. Attorney General Burch is on his way to Cambridge right now, I suppose he's reached there by now, to confer with General Gelston, Colonel Lally and local authorities about the situation.
- Q. Governor, are Maryland officials already on their way over to Alexandria to bring Brown in, or what is the step now that he has been arraigned on Federal warrant?
- A. I think he's in the custody now of Federal officials, from what I was told. I'm not in possession of any exact information on that.
- Q. Governor, Dr. Ware and others of your administration have been working in the Cambridge area for weeks to try and head off any uprising or disturbance. Do you know what more you could have done to prevent this?
- A. You know this is a subject that really gives me a lot of concern. The fact that Cambridge, the area that we were working hardest in, was the area that exploded. The fact that Detroit, which has the reputation of being one of the most progressive enlightened cities in the area of race relations in the entire country, is presently a city in chaos and under siege. It indicates to me that the perpetrators of this law-lessness and these uprisings are not really interested in civil rights, but that these are people who are interested only in formenting de-