

Q. Do you think that the Republicans may have reflected on your views?

A. Now wait a minute, did you say Republicans or delegates?

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A. I don't even know how many Republicans there are in the Convention, and I'm not even interested in knowing, because as you just pointed out it is a nonpartisan situation. I haven't talked to Republicans, Democrats, independents, or anybody else on these subjects, and I don't intend to.

Q. Governor, both the Attorney General and the Comptroller are of the opinion that the committee's recommendation will be reversed or ignored when it gets to the floor of the full convention. Do you think so?

A. I haven't got any way to make a judgment on it. I have no idea what the committee's thinking is on these subjects, having not discussed them with any member of the convention.

Q. Governor, General Gelston said his neck is way out in connection with the permission he says you gave him to order out the guard during the outbreak in Cambridge.

A. Yes, and you know I was completely confused when I read the report of that particular statement by the General. I called him that evening, and I said, "My understanding, General, was that you would like to have this flexibility and authority." And he said, "By all means, it is good for me to have it." I think if you check with him, you'll find the authority he has is limited only to the very unusual circumstances where no one could reach me. I'm not trying to force my responsibility on the General. But I do think that if a crisis should arise, and for some reason I cannot be contacted and it's a matter where the exercise of a judgment within hours is important to the welfare of the State, it would be rather ridiculous for me to shackle the National Guard commander. After all, in the final analysis, I'm going to be heavily persuaded by his opinion of the situation, anyhow.

Q. Governor, in regard to this matter of calling out the National Guard, there are fires and things done at night-time. Do you feel a curfew would help because of the many children that are involved in minor incidents?

A. I had no idea until you raised this question that this was a prevalent thing. I knew there were isolated incidents of minor fires having been set. Whether the matter has reached the degree of seriousness