

(Rap Brown Return)

Q. Governor, Rap Brown is in Cambridge today. Have you taken any special precautionary steps to alert the State Police in the area?

A. No, the Attorney General's office has been in contact on a daily basis with the situation and they have kept me advised that the situation is under full control and everything's moving along satisfactorily.

Q. Do you think Mr. Brown will get a fair trial in Cambridge?

A. I have no way to know the answer to that question, but I do notice that certain people charged with law enforcement responsibilities in Cambridge think that he can and that might be enough to convince most people that he can't.

Q. Governor, along those same lines. A story in yesterday's paper said that his defense attorneys have requested a change of venue — possibly to Baltimore. In light of the disturbances last week, don't you think or do you think it would be a dangerous situation?

A. Well, I don't want to get into this area simply because it's a matter for the courts and a matter for the Attorney General's office and the local State's Attorney's office to decide. It's not a matter of executive decision and I think I'd be stepping out of line to attempt to pass judgments on these questions.

(Attorney General Legal Fees)

Q. Governor, there have been a number of reports lately that Attorney General Burch dispenses State legal work to members of his own party, which is not your party, of course. Do you approve of this kind of procedure using public funds to pay your political figures for legal work?

A. Well, in the first place I'm not sure that you can come to that conclusion as glibly as you just have. I don't see anything to criticize in what I have read that has taken place so far. I think as long as the fees paid are fair — as long as the attorneys are competent — I find nothing to criticize about the Attorney General's actions.

(Political Reaction to Baltimore Statement)

Q. Governor, a Washington newspaper has suggested that your remarks to the civil rights leaders did you some political good. Would you respond to that?

A. No, I would not care to make an analysis of that because I think — in the first place I don't think anybody can make that judgment