

law and I'm against any control. Now, I appointed General Reckord not on the basis of his directorship in the NRA, but on the basis of *the fact that he has done a tremendous amount of study in this area — on the basis that he is for the kind of law that I have just mentioned with the exception that I haven't discussed with him the ban on private sales.* I think he's probably totally in favor of the trafficking between states and by mail order. He and I share a common antipathy to trying to regulate rifles and shotguns. I don't see that the cost of this could possibly be borne. If it costs a tremendous amount of money to regulate the transfer of a \$2,000 or \$3,000 automobile, think of what it's going to cost to regulate and register rifles, shotguns and handguns. And as I indicated previously, it doesn't mean anything, it doesn't do the job. The real point that we're trying to get at is to find out *why* people are turning to violence, not the *methods* that they are using to turn to it.

(Bowie State Sewage Problem)

Q. Governor, do you have any comments on the story in an afternoon newspaper that said your office deliberately attempted to suppress information about the sewage problem at Bowie State?

A. Well, I think you've got to look at the word "suppress." If by attempting to suppress you mean that we didn't advertise it, I guess we're guilty. Mr. Mester made this problem known to me a couple of months ago. We began immediately to attempt to solve it as quickly as we can. I'll admit that we didn't come out and announce it. We have enough trouble without looking for trouble. But as far as *trying to suppress it or deliberately indicating that the trouble didn't exist, upon inquiry, I'd have to plead innocent to that.*

(Agnew Views and National Candidates)

Q. Governor, have you discussed your views on such things as Resurrection City with Mr. Nixon, Governor Rockefeller or Governor Reagan? If you have, did they react favorably to them?

A. No, I haven't discussed those views with any of the candidates.

Q. How about civil disorders?

A. Well, I think they are all aware of what my views are on civil disorders. But this is such a crucial and critical element of their campaigns that they've each made rather definitive statements in that regard.

Q. Do you feel that this civil disorder problem is the leading domestic issue?

A. I certainly do. I think it is by far the leading domestic issue.