

1 Mr. Martineau, I am wondering if you would care to explain
2 to the Commission why, in fact, fourteen years was chosen
3 because it seems to me you can fit it in the framework
4 of other Constitutions, you might have picked a shorter
5 time. As I recall it, when I was on Mr. Melvin's Com-
6 mittee, we were talking about a shorter term. I am won-
7 dering what the answer to all this is.

8 MR. MARTINEAU: The answer to it is the
9 appointment of new Members to the Committee, I guess. There
10 was a 3 to 2 vote on the Committee. Three Members of the
11 Committee voted for the fourteen-year term, and two Mem-
12 bers voted for a shorter term. We had a great deal of
13 argument and debate about this, and apparently the Members
14 who voted for the fourteen-year term were convinced of
15 the argument that to lessen the term would be somehow
16 reducing the security of the judge and the dignity of the
17 office and for many other reasons. But as I say, it was
18 a 3 to 2 vote, and that is it.

19 MR. CASE: I had a 3 to 2 vote on my Committee.

20 MR. BROOKS: One comment. I thought it was
21 interesting that Judge Dixon mentioned to the Committee