

15                   at two-~~two~~ On that Thursday night, the second night  
16 of the commotion, there had been a brief scuffle  
17 that I read about and heard about on Wednesday  
18 night in front of a police station. On Thursday  
19 evening I went to a little dinner party they had  
20 for Friar Daniels and for some outgoing newspaper  
21 correspondent. I stayed for maybe a half an hour  
22 and then went on home, I think. I know I wasn't  
23 there a very long time. I am sure I talked to the  
24 Attorney General during that evening. I am not  
25 sure whether I talked to Colonel Kelly or not, but

1 I know I had several telephone conversations, the  
2 gist of which was that there were one or two calls  
3 which had been made from individual policemen. I  
4 forget the names. They were not policemen in  
5 authority anyway.

6 ~~Policemen~~ Mayor Addonizio could not be located, I  
7 was told I think by Colonel Kelly or by relay from  
8 him through the Attorney General, but despite one  
9 or two calls for help from local policemen, the  
10 assurance I had up to one-thirty that morning when  
11 I finally went to bed was that the situation, while  
12 it was difficult, was being contained without any  
13 problem by the local police force.

14 ~~alarmed.~~ I then went to sleep, and I was awakened  
15 at two-twenty by a telephone call from Mayor  
16 Addonizio who was quite upset and insisted of the  
17 deployment of State Police and National Guardsmen  
18 to the maximum extent possible. He told me that a  
19 riot was out of control; that the bands of rioters  
20 were jumping from one place to another in the city;  
21 they were mobile, many of them in cars; and the  
22 destruction was very upsetting.

23 ~~over and~~ I think I was told that the police -- I  
24 am not sure whether I was told the police were  
25 firing back at rioters at that time. I then made

1 a call to Attorney General Sills. The Attorney  
2 General suggested that I not go to Newark, but he  
3 said he would activate the State Police. I am not  
4 sure, but I think I may have talked to Colonel  
5 Kelly on his call to me, and that the State  
6 Policemen would be sent up there. I called General  
7 Cantwell. After some delay I reached him at Sea  
8 Girt, and he and I had quite a discussion, he  
9 pointing out there was enormous expense involved  
10 in the deployment of National Guardsmen to a city  
11 disturbance, and he wanted to make sure that I  
12 knew what I was suggesting.

13 I said, "Well, Mayor Addonizio is very  
14 alarmed," and I think I might have used the word  
15 "panicked" and said, "I really think we must get  
16 in there and get in there quickly." I later  
17 learned that Cantwell flew up there. He got a  
18 light plane and flew up to Newark and made  
19 arrangements for the National Guard to be sent into  
20 the city.

21 I then got ahold of a couple of people  
22 on my staff and made some preparations and went  
23 over and I think I got there about four-thirty or  
24 twenty minutes to five. I am going by my notes  
25 here. I will refresh my mind a bit if you don't

1 mind.

2 The contingents of the State Police  
3 began arriving in Newark about 3 a.m. At this  
4 time widespread looting and arson were prevalent  
5 in the central ward. There were instances of  
6 gunfire and fire-bombing. This activity continued  
7 into the daylight hours of the fourteenth. About  
8 eight-thirty that morning I toured the riot area  
9 with Mayor Addonizio, Cantwell, Kelly, Spina, who  
10 was in a Ford car with his driver, several other  
11 officers, the State Police. We had arranged at  
12 that meeting at the outset of the summer that the  
13 relationship with the National Guard vis-a-vis the  
14 State Police would be that the State Police would  
15 be in control; that the State Police would be  
16 calling the directions and the National Guard would  
17 cooperate. We would make every effort to have the  
18 local police force also respond to the direction of  
19 one central director, the State Police.

20 In this examination of the riots -- I  
21 suppose you have heard this and it may be redundant,  
22 but looting was still going on. I witnessed many  
23 arrests. I didn't count them. I would assume  
24 40 or 50. I saw people being brought out of stores  
25 and shepherded into police vehicles. I didn't

1 see any police brutality of any kind. There was  
2 a humorous feeling going on, kind of a holiday  
3 atmosphere. I saw police chasing kids with  
4 bicycles and adults being arrested. By this time  
5 it was about nine-thirty or ten o'clock. Then I  
6 returned to the Roseville Armory. The State Police  
7 aid to Colonel Kelly was Major Olaff, who did an  
8 excellent job in my opinion.

9 I had a man with me all the time, John  
10 Spinelli from my staff, and several others of my  
11 staff came up. Stanley Van Ness, my counsel,  
12 knows a good deal about this if you care to  
13 question him because he was there. He was  
14 sleepless for the whole several days we were there  
15 practically. I stayed at the Roseville Armory  
16 getting reports and directing things to the extent  
17 that I thought proper.  
18 Mayor Addonizio I would say almost  
19 completely withdrew from any sharing of the  
20 direction of this situation. He was quite willing  
21 for me to undertake what I did, and that was to  
22 issue directions to the State Police and to the  
23 National Guard. So I must accept full responsibili-  
24 ty for the continuity of their conduct, including  
25 the sealing off of streets, the dimensions of

1 these fires and fire bombings which was described  
2 to me as approximately a ten-square mile area. I  
3 can't remember the streets. I inspected many of  
4 them. It looked like a pretty broad aspect.