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DR. WACHTER: We will hear from Richard 1 Anliot first. And perhaps, Tino, you would like to make some comments before we begin. 3

MR. CALABIA: Just to mention that there are two states which are implementing such laws at the moment, Maryland, which began in the early 80's, and, of course, this state began in January. A number of other states have passed legislation calling for the collection of such data, including nearby Connecticut, where they are studying how to do it and will be commencing, I think, in July of next year.

Let me also mention, of course, that Dick Anliot and his associate, Robert Clough, are old friends to this committee and to our agency and have helped us in the past. They've come together to divide up the task of looking at what has been done here in the state that they've been involved And I'll leave it to Dick to start. with.

MR. ANLIOT: We appreciate the opportunity to come back and kind of share our experience and problems with this advisory committee as we last did on June 20th, 1985. it's been just basically two years ago that we shared with you. We realize your time is a little shorter for this total portion of your meeting than originally planned, so I'll say right out front that we won't take more than fifteen minutes in terms of what we're going to share with you and then we will take whatever additional time you wish for questions.

We brought particular items that I'll be referring to all together in kind of a sequence in which we'll be talking about them, so that may be helpful. Just for the record, could I first indicate by way of agency identity, both Mr. Clough and myself, our salaries are paid by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and we are respectively Director of Education and Community Services, and Mr. Clough is Assistant to the Director in that same division.

As a part of our duties we, in effect, provide the primary staffing of, in Pennsylvania, the Interagency Task Force on Civil Tension. That task force doesn't pay us anything, just so you're clear as to who we are.

Let me attempt to try to summarize the basic sort of things we've been at in the past

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couple years. Mr. Clough, in particular, will be
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   talking about a major activity of himself and our
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Overall, let me say that in the past two years, the Interagency Task Force has expanded in terms of having added some additional State of Pennsylvania -- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania agencies, namely, the State System of Higher Education which runs the fourteen state universities in the Commonwealth. And our agencies represented the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations and, in particular, the Philadelphia Police Department by way of their conflict prevention and resolution team, Lt.

So that we think our participation of agencies now is quite comprehensive. It's still

primarily Commonwealth of Pennsylvania agencies, but also includes resource agencies represented in this room. Anti-Defamation League. B'nai B'rith is represented on the task force, the Community Relations Service, U.S. Department of Justice is similarly represented.

Let me say that particular kinds of cooperation that we have been getting from these participating agencies includes the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs which is now, in effect, underwriting some of the expenses of the task of the training of law enforcement officials and committing itself to paying the cost of some of our training materials.

The legislation that we are working with in Pennsylvania is there is one dimension which has not been passed into law yet but has been passed, in effect, by the Pennsylvania Senate this past June and that is to amend the Institutional Vandalism Law in Pennsylvania. Basically, you have a copy of that in the materials which are before you.

In effect, the problem was that that law said that there had to be at least \$5,000 worth of

damage against places, public places, particularly cemeteries, particularly religious institutions, community centers, in order to raise the level of the crime of damaging those kinds of institutions. But the amendment which is now before the Pennsylvania House would, in effect, remove that limit when we're talking about damage to venerated objects, namely, a public monument or structure or place of worship or burial. It is with respect to those kinds of institutions one would not have to have over \$5,000.

MR. MILGRAM: Is that for institutions?

MR. ANLIOT: Yes, place of worship or
burial. So that is what the House is apt to act
on this fall. You have a copy of that. It is
Senate Bill No. 235 in your packet. House Bill
1337, this is the law that took effect this past
January about which representatives in the State
Police will be answering your specific questions.
And this is the one that most nearly parallels the
one that's been proposed at the federal level,
namely, requiring police departments to report
instances, and the language in our particular law
in Pennsylvania is crimes and incidents related to

the race, color, religion or national origin of individuals or groups. That's the requirement of reporting monthly to the State Police and, in effect, it's the Uniform Crime Report.

Let me indicate an area of concern that the task force has been getting into more and more, and that is the relationships between the black communities in the state and the Asian communities. Perhaps most clearly here in Philadelphia, this is the problem of, in effect, attitudes within the black community where Asians have successfully started up businesses and have been successful in those businesses within the black community. And there is, pretty obviously, some pretty strong stereotyping between both racial groups and about which -- the task force, by the way, is taking a look at the whole pattern and reasons for that pattern -- of applications for assistance to start up business ventures, for example, applications to the Federal Small Business Administration, applications to, in Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Corporation.

We already have pulled together such

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Force meeting this Thursday we will be having
representatives from those two agencies come and
help the agencies on the task force understand
what are the criteria and procedure of getting
such guaranteed loans and such grants so that we
can, in effect, play our individual agency roles
in trying to create better understanding between
the two groups as to the truth of some of the
stereotypes about this.

Let me just quickly recite, I would say, what has been a main activity of the task force, which has been to educate the various sectors, shall we say, of the public. That is absolutely essential if you're going to have an ethnic intimidation/institutional vandalism law that is active and meaningful. One dimension of that has been to publicize the task force and the Ethnic Intimidation Act to the public.

You have in your packet a joint news release at a particular point in time from the office of the attorney general and in which quotes from the Pennsylvania State Police, quotes from

the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission are a part. Very specifically, we have targeted the potential victim groups of ethnic intimidation to the extent of having not only published the basic flyer about the ethnic intimidation/institutional vandalism laws in English, but also in Hispanic, in Laotian, in Hmong, Cambodian and Vietnamese languages, and distributed those, made those available with order blanks to some forty four agencies that work with those constituencies.

A second area of major focus has been on police departments. Mr. Clough is a former policeman which uniquely qualifies him for this kind of promotion work and, of course, on the task force is the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police

Association which has been very cooperative in, particularly, starting right out with articles in their Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association bulletin, not only about the ethnic intimidation law, but about the availability of that training.

A copy of that particular article is before you.

Another focus has been, within police training, has been in the training of the State Police. And there is in law ever since September

29, 1986, House bill 1553, which is in your materials, which requires that the training of State Police include identifying responding to ethnic tension situations and complaints of violation of the ethnic intimidation/institutional vandalism laws.

A second target has been those involved -- Mr. Clough will be talking in detail about local law enforcement officials and the training of them -- but has been about the other levels of law enforcement here, the District Attorneys of the state. And so as of April, 1986, president of the State District Attorneys Association sent to every District Attorney in the state, in effect, a memorandum which summarized the law, urged vigorous and consistent prosecution by District Attorneys, and offered the opportunity for staff briefing at District Attorneys meetings about that law.

District Justices is another level that we have targeted. And their regular publication which you have a copy of the actual -- you have a copy, by the way, of the memorandum to the District Attorneys Association in your packet.

And you also have an article which we prepared for the Journal of the District Justices of the state.

And that went out to some twelve hundred district justices in Pennsylvania.

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Another level, another target, of our activity has been -- let me say as a practical day-by-day matter -- has been that when ethnic intimidation incidents happen, has been contact with police departments and even sometimes contact with district justices to insure that they understand the ethnic intimidation law, so that in the process of dealing with a complaint about that tension situation, they know there is that law and, in hopes that if there has been ethnic intimidation violation, that that's actually a part of the charge, because if it doesn't, you know, translate into an actual charge by the victim either to the local police department or to the district justice level, it's not going to be handled with that opportunity for almost a double possible punishment for the underlying offenses.

One area that we're on the brink of doing something more about is the education of school administrators, because many of the

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   incidents of ethnic intimidation violation are on
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   administrators to deal with those situations. And
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individuals happen in a school building shouldn't, we believe, insulate that situation from tough law enforcement, because it's been our experience that that kind of consistent, tough legal response to ethnic intimidation instances is one of the best deterrents against that sort of

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thing happening again.

I think basically that would be my summary of the sort of things that we have targeted, the sort of things we've tried to do education-wise in order to make that ethnic intimidation a serious offense, considered serious at all levels of law enforcement.

where there was a cross burning on the lawn of a black family across the river from Harrisburg where, in the final analysis, the victim urged the Court not to sentence the individuals to any jail terms. The Court insisted on handing down jail terms to these individuals which is, I think, indicative of the greater sensitivity on the part of the final adjudication in court, in the seriousness of these incidents and their potential for serious disruption and increasing impatience in Pennsylvania with that sort of -- with those sort of actions. And I think maybe you had a question.

MR. MILGRAM: Just one question, very brief. Does the ethnic intimidation law include minorities, such as handicapped of all kinds?

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MR. ANLIOT: No, it does not.

MR. MILGRAM: In other words, you can participate in intimidation of minorities such as women, children, handicapped.

MR. ANLIOT: No. The essence in

Pennsylvania of ethnic intimidation violation is

that there has to be -- one of the underlying

offenses -- and this, by the way, is in your

packet, this pink group of materials -- there has

to be a specific underlying offense that's already

in the Pennsylvania Criminal Code and the motive

for that offense has to be hatred because of one's

race religion or --

MR. MILGRAM: I was going to suggest that a description for the rights of minorities of any kind, and certain minorities aren't clearly identified in our society, like children, alcoholics, diabetics who have special problems, hypoglycemics, others whose reaction to specific situations is different.

And to give you an idea of the kind of intimidation that occurs, I participated in a session honoring the Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and found there was no

water to drink by people except hard liquor or maybe wine. And all efforts to get the hotel to have children and diabetics or hypoglycemics, like myself, or others who are tea totalers to have a liquid they could eat along with refreshments at this situation went to no avail, until I finally walked out after imploring the former president of the American Bar Association how serious I thought this violation of the rights of people and especially children and alcoholics and others was to have a reception with hundreds and hundreds of key leaders in the state, and minorities, including children, having no liquid that it can reasonably drink.

MR. ANLIOT: By the way, in Pennsylvania, we also have -- Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and those laws do protect not only with respect to race, religion, nationality, handicapped, but age, sex, so that would be --

MR. MILGRAM: Would that be -- running a public situation like this without any beverages like water, or that only alcoholic beverages served at a public function, would that violate the rights of minorities?

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              MR. ANLIOT: Might well be in terms,
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              MR. CLOUGH: In a situation like that,
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              MR. MILGRAM: I pleaded with them to get
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   participants there was -- had a long career in
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   public service and yet was also a well-known
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              MR. CLOUGH: Presumably he was there and
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    it was a tragedy that there were only alcoholic
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              MS. SHAPIRO: What's the name of this
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              MR. MILGRAM: I think it was the
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Belleview Stratford, and the former president of

the American Bar Association, Bernie Segal, will

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bear me out that I raised the issue with him
before I walked out in disgust because I myself
could not drink alcohol and don't want to because
I am hypoglycemic and also believe alcohol is a
dangerous drug.

MR. FISHER: Was this in Philadelphia?

DR. WACHTER: The Belleview Stratford,
before it closed.

MR. MILGRAM: It's Chief Justice Nix, shortly after he was elevated to the head of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, in his honor.

MR. ANLIOT: Were there any particular questions?

MS. SHAPIRO: I had one brief question, if I might. I'm sorry. I'd like to know what's happened in the year since this public education and information effort began, district attorneys and police, et cetera. Has it made a difference? Has enforcement really taken place and has there been an impact?

MR. ANLIOT: I think the first quick answer to that is if you watch the newspapers in terms of these incidents and you note the charges that they list, much more frequently those charges

are including ethnic intimidation. That's for sure. And translated into the process, it means that, in fact, there has been a significant increase in convictions for this reason.

The thing we're fighting and the reason why this education activity is continuing is still a strong tendency on the part of a police department not to include that charge, particularly if the victim doesn't insist on it, and even if the victim makes the charge, still it's a great temptation and still happens too frequently that the charge gets dropped, either at the level of the police department in writing up the charges or if it gets to another level. So that's the thing we're constantly working on.

MS. SHAPIRO: Can you just tell me what significant means, significant increase?

MR. ANLIOT: I can't give you the precise figures, though that is one of the tasks that we are about is trying to monitor. And there's some real difficulties there. But to monitor through the aid of the information which the State Police are gathering from local police departments and through checking with the court records in terms

of what's happened to these charges in terms of their action. So that's something we're in the process of.

MR. FISHER: I believe I understood you to say that one of the things you may be doing would be analyzing applications or methods of applying for aid in terms of Small Business Administration and others. I'm just curious, have you had an opportunity to analyze these kind of things and are you at a position that you have any feeling in terms of what you're finding, or did I not hear you correctly?

MR. ANLIOT: Well, yes, we have. We've gotten some figures together. They have not been released to the public. In terms of numbers of applications from -- by separate racial ethnic groups and the success rate in terms of what numbers and percentages of those applications for guaranteed loans or for grants have been approved. But we're not ready at this -- I would say at this point to issue any kind of a public statement on that.

MR. FISHER: One of the reasons I raised that is because in terms of this, I guess,

1 "conflict" between blacks and Asians and others, I believe there is a lot of misunderstanding and a 2 3 lot of bad information being circulated all around. And there are a number of blacks that 5 feel, rightly or wrongly, that there's somebody or 6 some organization that, as these people come in, 7 right away they're being targeted and they're getting special aid and special treatment which 8 9 adds to their success rate, if I may use that term 10 in terms of these businesses. And I think to the 11 extent that data can be compiled to refute these 12 allegations or actually get the truth out, it may 13 be a step in the right direction in reducing some 14 of this conflict.

MR. ANLIOT: That's precisely why we've done this and why this Thursday we will have representatives of those two agencies.

DR. WACHTER: Mr. Hickock?

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MR. HICKOCK: I had a question of the overall thrust of the ethnic intimidation statute because it seems to me we've had an interest in this group for a long time on strategies. And this would seem to epitomize what I would consider to be a new strategy in that what you're trying to

get at is an area that, up until this time, we haven't be able to study, and that is not just the fact that a building is destroyed or a cross is burned, but the motivations behind it. What we're trying to find out is the degree to which that damage is done because of racism.

And what I guess I'm kind of curious to get at is whether you feel, in your attempt to get at that problem, those individuals who enforce these laws, those individuals who are learning about how to deal with the problem have themselves undergone somewhat of a transformation in their understanding of the relations among ethnic groups.

MR. CLOUGH: I have to talk like a machine gun because we can't take all the time. But training has been a big part. Since 1984 when I got involved with this particular training period, we've done a lot of things. We've trained over fifteen hundred police officers. We have trained over seventy seven police departments. We have trained prison guards, prison officials at the request --

MR. MILGRAM: Repeat your name again.

MR. CLOUGH: My name is Robert A. Clough.

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MR. MILGRAM: You're taking the place of Charles Lee?

MR. 'CALABIA: He's accompanying.

MR. CLOUGH: At count now, seventy nine.

And it probably was more, but sometimes we give out certificates, because of the fact that we are certified, that I am a certified instructor, which means that Municipal Police Association has said that our program meets its requirements and standards of their training so that we can give certificates. And they come from the Human Relations Commission.

What we have done is we have taken that law in this pamphlet and broken it down into language that's understandable by police officers at the level of a police officer. They don't have to be attorneys. Then we have broken down the sections of the crimes code.

MR. FISHER: Do you have more of those pamphlets?

DR. WACHTER: They're not pink.

MR. CLOUGH: This is done especially for

training purposes.

MR. FISHER: What is that document called?

MR. CLOUGH: It's called Ethnic Intimidation Institutional Vandalism Laws, Training Materials for Public Safety Training. Do you have one? Okay.

MR. CALABIA: Towards the back.

MR. CLOUGH: As you see, we have taken the law -- and while you're here, you should underline malicious intention. That's ill will or hatred. So that when you read it, you'll understand how police officers have to understand exactly what the motive is, the only motive. And then on the other end, you'll see it says race, color, religion or national origin. That's extremely important because those are the only four areas -- I heard the gentleman talk about handicapped, sex, gays. That does not apply. Only what the law says applies for enforcing this law. And, lastly, there must be an underlying offense.

So if you turn to page two, you'll see, under the crimes code, the underlying offenses are only those that are listed on this page two and page three. But we do not include 3307 because

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3307 is institutional vandalism. That's the law itself and the penalty has already been imposed within the writing of that law. That's why we

don't do that.

But we've also included criminal trespass because, as you see, we don't include burglary. And a lot of policeman say why don't you include burglary. Because the law didn't say so. Only those that are designated within the law.

Then they say harrassment by communication or duress, why is that important. Hate mail and telephone threats. U.S. Justice. That's one of the reasons, and not the only reason, that they are part of our tension task force. Federal law we're dealing with. Post Office, and we're dealing with federal communications laws.

We also have maximum potentials, which means if you are convicted with a charge of ethnic intimidation, your sentence would jump one degree higher, and that would be, for instance, from a summary offense, which is ninety days, \$300 fine, to a thirty day misdemeanor, you find out on page

four, which could be one year imprisonment and \$2,500 fine. That's significant.

Last but not least, we have evaluation sheets in our program to allow them to tell us where we fall short in our programs. Now, we have programs, but we set up a program specifically for the department in which we're going to train, and as we do so, we utilize the members of our tension task force. We utilize the Chiefs of Police. We utilize our legal department, the State Police, on all of our programs.

Also we include a Hispanic person to do
Hispanic culture. We have a Southeast Asian who
does Southeast Asian culture. We have a Korean who
does Korean culture. We also have black culture
being taught by a person of the black race. We
also have Jewish culture, usually taught by ADL or
some designee that's sent to our program.

But as you see, we include all aspects, so that the police departments get at least a cosmic view of what their requirements are in enforcing this law and also something about the people that are involved.

Now, we've also extended ourselves to

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try to educate the newspapers. Every time there is a Klan rally, it was on the first page. But now on the first page it shows our training people teaching police officers the law. And also in the Bristol Times it tells about us, using pictures of our people, instead of a Klan person, to tell them that we're trying to educate the police and inviting the community to participate with the police in our training session. We are going to educational facilities.

As you see, we have gotten sophisticated and we have a program set up specifically for that institution. In this case it's Kutztown

University. We had a hundred thirty people there. Then we had one at Slippery Rock a week ago in which ADL brought in Doctor Jeffrey Ross, the national campus coordinator for Anti-Defamation

League out of New York, on our program. And he was so impressed that I've gotten calls from Ohio and from Wisconsin wanting the same kind of training that Doctor Ross said was an asset to the police and other security people who were involved.

Now, the other thing that we found is

1 that when we educate police departments, here's what we find. Darby or Upper Darby had one of the 2 3 highest rates in Delaware County for incidents. We trained them. This is a case -- I can't show it to 4 you because it's still confidential, but an arrest 5 has been made. From the beginning to the end, we 6 7 monitored this case. Included in this 8 investigation were four agencies, the Human 9 Relations Commission, the local police department, 10 the U.S. Justice and Attorney General's Office. 11 Jurisdiction to the local police department in 12 which they made the arrest by a warrant, very 13 significant. We also notified the State Police who 14 offered technical assistance. But the local 15 police have an option. If they want it, they ask 16 for it. If they don't want it, then they say no. 17 The State Police will monitor through our agency, 18 and if they do need it, provide the technical 19 assistance necessary or can take over the total investigation if asked to do so. 20 21 As you see here, Mr. Morrison will 22 testify. He called this office and gave us the fact that there was going to be a KKK rally in 23

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York last week in plenty of time for us to notify

State Police, Attorney General, U.S. Justice, our regional personnel.

By the time it happened, we had as coordinator Captain of the State Police, who is the troop commander the Chief of Police from York, and U.S. Justice Mr. Tyler were notified and available to provide technical assistance if a problem would occur.

Now Mr. Ross, his counterpart in Western Pennsylvania ADL, notified our office of a cross burning and a Klan rally that will take place this weekend in Masontown. But meanwhile, the Chief of Police in Masontown who we had trained called the office and gave us the same information and asked us what he could do to help us get the information we needed about what the rally was all about. This is what we asked for. He called us because he wanted to help us, the Chief of Police. This is rare. Meanwhile, I notified ADL who was going to coordinate this by sending someone to the rally with the State Police and U.S. Justice and our regional staff.

So, as you see, we never get involved in a situation unless we have a unified effort by all

agencies involved in our tension task force, even though Human Relations Commission has to bear the brunt. Now, any questions?

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MR. HICKOCK: The only thing I would recommend or make recommendations like that is that at the end of the first year, when you get statistics on the number of cases of ethnic intimidation and how many are tried and convicted that the word go out pretty strong on that because that's really almost an ideal way of highlighting what a lot of us consider a problem of civil rights and nobody knows about. I mean we now have statistics. We have police departments, evidence, and there's a way of really measuring the quality of the problem of civil rights at least in this dimension, ethnicity, which we haven't had up until now. Up until now, if we felt there was a . problem, we couldn't point to any concrete evidence. We didn't have a law to give it to us. And I'm sure this group would look very much forward to this kind of information.

MR. CLOUGH: We've found out that there's no one agency that can do it all. We can't but it's easier when everyone works together, and this is

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    is excellent. He can get in and do things we can't
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If you read your papers, it's not the same anymore. They do happen, but it's not because of the laxity of the law enforcement people to get involved.

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MR. MAHON: Are we making progress in the State of Pennsylvania on the whole thrust of exactly what you've been testifying to today on ethnic intimidation? Our group has met year after year and we hear the same kind of thing. And I think, by the way, you've done quite a job in

training and everything which really sounds impressive.

On the other hand, we've got a new Act which requires the reporting of incidents. On the one hand, back to what Gene is talking about, maybe the number of incidents has risen because they have to be reported. But what is your gut sense, you know, if you look at the entire state? Are we making progress on this whole front toward the goal of reducing the number of incidents of ethnic intimidation?

MR. ANLIOT: I'll speak for myself. It seems to me we are making progress. It seems to me that across the Commonwealth there is much more awareness that, I would say, it's a more serious crime to commit these offenses. It's not just juvenile pranks. The punishment is very much more serious and there's second thoughts about it, is the gut feeling about committing some of these acts for these kinds of reasons.

There is better reporting of those kinds of incidents. This is not to say that there isn't plenty of antipathy out there. But I guess the kind of progress which we feel confident about is

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MR. ANLIOT: The task force existed for many years prior to the ethnic intimidation --

MR. MAHON: That's exactly what I'm trying to get at. And I'm really glad to hear your answer. We're all hoping, obviously, for progress and I think you've contributed toward that.

DR. WACHTER: Mr. Anliot and Mr. Clough, and I speak for myself and I believe the community as a whole, thank you for being here today and for the work that you are doing. And I assume that you will be able to stay. There may be questions that come up again -- I assume that there will be -- that we would like to address to you as well. And now we would like to turn to --

MR. CLOUGH: Thank you.

DR. WACHTER: -- Mr. Charles Lee and Mr.

Dennis Eckenrode of the Bureau of Community

Services of the Pennsylvania State Police. And

may I remind the committee that the letter that we

used to invite the people who are here right now

included twelve questions. These questions are

specific to these people's new responsibilities of

the state law of 1986-129, and perhaps in your

comments or afterwards we can refer to these

questions. Thank you.

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MR. LEE: I am Charles Lee. That's
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    Dennis Eckenrode, so you know. I'm a Corporal.
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1 offhand, if you want to get into the specific 2 questions. DR. WACHTER: Very quickly, do you feel 3 it would help if they had to send form or report J 5 one way or the other to report zero --MR. LEE: Yes, so far as collecting the 6 7 data and knowing that we have all of it. No, because it's more paperwork for them and us. Only 8 9 thing we would do, I would assume what we would do with any negative reports, throw them in the trash 10 11 can as they come in. But at least we know every police department in the state -- if you go to 12 13 every police department in the state, there are 14 quite a few, somewhere around 1,300 police 15 departments in the State of Pennsylvania. 16 MR. MILGRAM: How many? MR. LEE: Fifty four incidents of ethnic 17

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MR. MILGRAM: In how many areas?

MR. LEE: I don't know.

MR. MILGRAM: Twenty two or more?

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MR. HICKOCK: When you start getting these statistics down the road, do you anticipate trying to group types of ethnic intimidation by ethnicity or by type of crime?

MR. LEE: As the form is made out, what we intend to do, and we have not analyzed any of this information because it has only been six months and only fifty four incidents -- the trend would be to get fifty four incidents. But as the report is made out, of course, you give date, time, type of incident, type of incident being whatever the other crime is, not the ethnic intimidation law or the institutional vandalism law, but whatever the other incident that was listed in that paper you have. Victim information is race, ethnicity, age, sex and religious affiliation. That's victim information. Offender information, the same. Arrest, that is yes or no, whether they're arrested, for what crime, then the weapons, if they are used, what type, injuries, if there is any, what it is, and property damage, if there is any, what type. And that's all. don't get into names, addresses, phone numbers.

MR. HICKOCK: What about the convictions?

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    and say pending. But, no, we do not have an
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              MR. LEE: Courts of record would have
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              MR. LEE: So far it's only on paper.
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            DR. WACHTER: But it will eventually be
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            MR. FISHER: Are there penalties under
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              MR. MILGRAM: Let's assume the City of
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    Philadelphia Police Department -- I'm exaggerating
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    you've gotten some from the police department.
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              MR. LEE: Yes, they have their own unit.
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              MR. MILGRAM: Let's assume you had not
    been getting any from any of the other major
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    cities of Pennsylvania. Would you do anything
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              MR. LEE: Definitely, we would make
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MR. LEE: Definitely, we would make inquiries and probably more through the Human Rights Commission, the task force. Bob Clough would be doing some of that.

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MR. CLOUGH: I would contact Community

Services. And the director or his designee would

go out to their area and teach that particular

municipality how to fill out the forms, instruct them when to send in the forms. Then, if they still didn't do it, I'd go out there and they'd do it.

MR. FISHER: My question was more directed, not in terms of needing teaching or not knowing the form, but, for an example, if I'm a police officer in Philadelphia involved in many of these and I choose not to report them, even after it's investigated and it has been discovered that I have not been reporting that there are some, even though -- is there anything that can happen to me?

MR. LEE: No, nothing written in the law as penalty or being taken out of office or anything like that, no. I think what happens is it's not the individual officer doing the investigation out at the scene who is responsible for filling out this form anyway. This is done by a supervisor. Generally speaking, there is someone in the police department who is assigned and that's all he does is Uniform Crime Report, because there's so many criminal incidents that are put on that constantly. That's all he does

all day, all month. And at the end of the month,

he has to get the report.

MR. FISHER: He gets that information from the reports that come in from the people out in the field.

MR. LEE: Right. That would come across his desk. If he saw a cross burning incident, for instance, or a synagogue torn down or something like this, then he would see that in the report. Then it would then be incumbent on him to fill it out.

DR. WACHTER: Is it not the local police officer making the arrest that determines that this is an act that fits in under the Ethnic Intimidation Act?

MR. LEE: Generally speaking, yes, he would be the one who makes that determination.

And that would be in the report, additional charge, ethnic intimidation would be in his report. But that information is taken from his report and put into this by a man who does a Uniform Crime Report.

DR. WACHTER: What criteria are used by the officer to determine that, whether it is an

ethnic intimidation act? What kind of --

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MR. ECKENRODE: They go after whether there are racial slurs, whether there were swastikas put there, cross burning or any number of different things they'll look at to see what brought this crime to their notice. Also in any type of crime, there are usually interviews made with neighbors, people in the neighborhood, children, different things like that, and they can say, well, so and so always said that he didn't want that black family to move in down the street or things like that. Then it becomes ethnic intimidation. Or they say, no, they've always gotten along fine and they just had a few, then maybe it isn't. So it really deals a lot on the individual officer's -- what he is seeing at the scene and how good of an investigation he does.

I might just jump back and add something that Charlie said. When this information comes in -- and I don't know if you're familiar with how the Uniform Crime Report gets to where it gets to -- basically what happens is, within a given area, the local police departments collect the information of their crimes. It is then turned

into the Uniform Crime Officer of a given State Police barracks that covers that area. At that point, what happens now is this form J which we use for ethnic intimidation is removed, separated from that Uniform Crime Report and given to the community relations officer. It is then the community relations officer's responsibility to send that to us at the Bureau of Community Services in Harrisburg where we file and collect the data information.

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We have had some problems with it. I will tell you that we've had some problems with it. But we think we've found a way to rectify them and we think it's through that community relations officer that's out in the field. And basically what we're anticipating doing in the very near future is sending them a directive that they will keep aware of what's going on in terms of ethnic intimidation. And should a form J report fail to come in, they would check on it from there. And also should a form J report come in with the wrong information on, which we've seen, too, or with not adequate information for us to get the statistics off of, it would then be his

responsibility to get that corrected before it

came to us. And we think once that's implemented,

it's going to alleviate a lot of these problems

DR. WACHTER: Could you expand on the problems?

that we have right now.

MR. ECKENRODE: Some of the minor problems are we've gotten some forms in, for example -- on this form which I'm sorry you don't have a copy in front of you.

DR. WACHTER: Pass it around.

MR. ECKENRODE: There is a code here that says victim information. Now there's criteria under that victim information that is to be put in there. It's to be put in, the victim's race, his religion, nationality, age, and sex. However, on the form itself, it doesn't say that. It just says victim information. And we've seen some come in with a person's name and address on it, which gives us nothing. It would not tell us Jewish, black, white, Caucasian.

MR. MILGRAM: Does anybody have time to phone them and try to fill it out?

MR. ECKENRODE: Charlie and I here have

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DR. WACHTER: You're changing the form in the future to include this?

MR. LEE: There is instructions which go with the form, which apparently will be the next page, instruction on how the form is filled out. But, of course, you know when you give instructions on how to fill out the form, nobody knows how to fill out the form anyway.

MR. CLOUGH: One of the things that we have been asked to do is to include how to fill those forms out in our training program. So our community relations person from the State Police has a form and he shows them exactly how to fill it out and what criteria to use. And since then, those who have been trained, the instances of having them filled out wrongly has decreased. They were adding charges that were not underlying offenses and saying ethnic intimidation because it was a black and white fight.

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              MS. SHAPIRO: Just a quick question. Mr.
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1 Pittsburgh have that many or more. But quite a 2 few police officers. I don't know how many.
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MR. MILGRAM: There might be 25 or 35,000 at least.

MR. LEE: Yes, could be. Could be.

MS. SHAPIRO: Thank you.

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MR. ANLIOT: Could I add with respect to convictions there is a handle on this. As a matter of fact, we have asked and received from the -trying to think whether the Pennsylvania Crime Commission gets reports from all of the courts in Pennsylvania. That isn't the precise name of the agency, but whatever. They get reports from the courts on every conceivable kind of conviction. We've asked for and already gotten, in effect, a regular printout in terms of convictions for ethnic intimidation, beginning from the date that the law was passed, not up to and including this current point in time, but for the first period during which that law was in effect. So that is being reported and is available with computer assistance and we're taking advantage of it.

MR. FISHER: I believe you said that

there have been fifty four cases of ethnic

intimidation reported. What was that time scale again? Was that for the first six months of '87?

MR. LEE: Yes, since the 1st of January.

Actually, it would be the first five months

because the June UCR reports are not fully in. So

I guess that would be the first five months of

1987.

MR. MILGRAM: Would it be useful to ask if these agencies, and perhaps other friendly agencies, that might have shown their friendliness to what we're trying to do by being at this meeting like, for example, head of the Newtown Chief of Police who has never -- I have a hunch Newtown never reported anything since the first of the year because there probably were none. But what if Newtown was investigating something that had occurred in the previous year but still had not come to a conviction, you see, or action, would the fact that it's still under investigation be warranted to be added to the report?

MR. LEE: Not in this report. This would have been effective since the 1st of January, if the incident occurred since the 1st of January, 1987.

1 MR. MILGRAM: But not the conviction.

MR. CALABIA: With respect to the

criteria, let's hypothesize that there's been

altercation between two whites, and the officer

comes to the conclusion that it's simple assault

and battery. But one of the whites who is really

beaten up says, "Well, this is ethnic

intimidation. I swear that that fellow has seen me

go to my synagogue and I think that's really why

And the officer says -- well, supposing he disagrees with the victim, what happens in that case?

he picked this fight with me. "

MR. LEE: The victim can report it to the Civil Rights Commission or to the Tension Task

Force, who then -- they, through the State Police and/or the local police, wherever this may have occurred, check into it further and see if there was actually, in fact.

If someone says, I think possibly he might have seen me go to synagogue and doesn't like Jewish people, maybe the man has never said he doesn't like -- it would be more like Dennis said, go talk to neighbors and see if this man

1 ever made comments about I don't like Jews.

DR. WACHTER: So it would end up on form

J if somebody else came back --

MR. LEE: Yes, right, because if it's reported to the Tension Task Force, any member of the task force or coordinator or any member of the State Police, it does get thoroughly investigated to see whether it belongs on this.

MR. CALABIA: This could be despite the fact that the original investigating officer may disagree.

MR. LEE: Yes.

MR. CLOUGH: There are civil remedies, if a person is not satisfied with the actions of a police officer. They can always go through the District Justice and take out a criminal warrant against that individual or they can take out civil warrant by going through the District Attorney's office. But this is in the provision that allows a citizen, if they are not satisfied, to get further consideration by the court.

DR. WACHTER: After the experience of the last six months, do you feel that the U.S.

Government should have similar legislation? Do you

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2 MR. LEE: The official State Police 3 position is if the Federal Government was to 4 institute such a reporting system, we would 5 certainly comply and report in to them without any problem. If every state was to take up a law 7 similar to Pennsylvania's and do the reporting on a state basis and it is reported into such places 8 9 as Civil Rights Commission, I don't know that 10 there would need be a federal requirement being as 11 there's already a state requirement. The 12 information could be available and gathered for 13 federal purposes anyway. 14

DR. WACHTER: Related to another question, is the system of data comparable to, for example, Maryland's legislation which I guess is being implemented right now?

MR. CALABIA: Yes. Several years --

DR. WACHTER: Is it similar data --

similar form?

MR. LEE: That I don't know.

DR. WACHTER: Maybe Mr. Tyler or Mr.

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MR. TYLER: In Pennsylvania, at least

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that that we worked on was drafted after the Maryland form. The difference would be is that your consolidated crimes are different. For instance -- I forget what it is for assaults. You might have another number for Maryland. I'm prepared to present to you what another state has thought about Pennsylvania and Maryland and I'll give you that.

DR. WACHTER: Mr. Tyler, thank you very much for being here and please interject as we go along any thoughts that you have. And let's call then -- if there are no other direct questions at this point for Mr. Lee and Eckenrode, again, thank you very much. We appreciate it.

And Mr. Tyler who is our last presenter is conciliator of the community relations service of the U.S. Department of Justice. Welcome.

MR. TYLER: I'm sorry I didn't have my colleague with me here. Let me state that we've had a very wholesome experience working with the Pennsylvania Task Force, I guess almost for eleven years now, and with the State Police and various law enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and, indeed, in other

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MR. MILGRAM: No laws about ethnic intimidation?

MR. TYLER: Or dealing with any types of response to -- well, we call it ethnic intimidation here in Pennsylvania, but racial/religious violence or hate violence or organized hate groups. You might be interested in getting that kind of information because right now we're looking at what types of laws are on the books in each state here in the Midatlantic region.

Of course, we are very familiar with Pennsylvania and Maryland. But now we're looking at Virginia and West Virginia. And I just recently received a copy of Virginia's law which was -- or the Senate Bill which was approved by the Senate on March 24th of this year. Now, in this instance, we're going to be asking the same questions as we asked here in Pennsylvania. How is this law going to be implemented. And we have a staff person out there in Charleston, West Virginia, today looking at that.

I'll be in Virginia meeting with the Virginia State Police tomorrow talking about what kind of reporting system do they have. But what I found most interesting is a report on draft legislation for the State of Massachusetts which,

by the way, has a very stringent civil rights

law. But how does it deal with reporting of

incidences? And they have compared graciously

with Pennsylvania, and Maryland has assisted

them. But they're bringing up some questions that

they have. Let me just read you a few.

The purpose of this legislation is to charge the State Police, already responsible for collecting information on racketeering and organized crime activity, but also with the collection of racial incident data. As the central police force, the State Police are in the best position to perform this task. Following the Pennsylvania statute, the law will require these agencies -- and that means the State Fire Marshal's Office, but en masse, they have what they call registers, which is similar to our State Police Division, that deals specifically with motor vehicle codes. And you also have a MDC, which is the Metropolitan District Commission which deals with parks. So they're logged into this system.

One of the things that they discussed is the varying -- and I think that you kind of

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touched upon it here -- the varying interpretations of definitions of racial incidences have proven to be a stumbling block in the State of Maryland. The police agencies of many localities that are well known for Klan activities and racial violence appear to be defining the term very narrowly in order to under report. The result is that these communities appear to be more harmonious than others which have reported more honestly, a situation which creates a strong incentive for originally well-intended agencies to begin to under report so as to not to stigmatize their communities as racist.

Statutory drafting cannot completely solve this problem. But the provision of an extremely broad definition of the term racial incident as well as the enumeration of the type of non-criminal activities requires that the reported — be provided in this proposed statute. And here what we're saying, it's not just important because I'm saying it, but those who have analyzed these statutes are saying that there are some law enforcement departments that the State Police will never receive a report from them because they

don't want their particular area to be conceived as or they may be seen as racist, so you have to build in something.

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The other feature that they're concerned with there is the definition of incident. First it makes clear that the non-criminal activity as well as the criminal must be reported. Thus agencies would be required to report racial name calling incidences or Klan meetings of which they are aware.

Second, an agency must consider an incident racial if the objective witness or the objective victim test is made. Thus evidence that a perpetrator -- the motivation was not racial is insufficient. And we've had incidences like that where it's being termed -- well, it's not racial.

DR. WACHTER: May I interject and ask what objective witness means. Is that a technical term?

MR. TYLER: No, it's not a technical term and I'm going to explain it. It's insufficient to remove the incident from the reach of the statute. This can be significant in many instances because the victims are likely to stress the racial

overtone of the incident while the perpetrators are likely to deny them. But an objective witness, if you collect all your data you've got, here's the witness and here's the victim and they're saying because the perpetrator denies that it wasn't racial -- you know, we've had some incidences right here in Philadelphia that kind of bears this out.

It was the incident where there was a police officer, which was the first one in the country that we've heard of, was arrested and he was cleared after, but he was arrested and charged with ethnic intimidation. If some of you from this area would remember, perhaps -- I don't know whether it was in the papers out in Pittsburgh, but those charges were dropped against him.

And the third and broad description of the type of non-criminal act must be part of the report is intended to insure that the statute requires the reporting of any act motivated by racial hatred.

The other thing that we've been looking at for quite some time is a project out in California, and this may be of some assistance,

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involves hate crimes and passed a Senate Bill 2080
which empowered the California Attorney General to
develop a program model to collect, compile and

6 analyze information about hate crimes.

You may wish to get that. And, most assuredly, we're going to have it for the State Police. But I just want to address some of the limitations that they found in their research project. And there was all sorts of things, if you receive their final report, and the difficulty that they've had, but just let me read a few.

The staff acknowledged several limitations inherent in collecting hate crime data. One, hate crimes are unreported and data will not reflect all incidences.

Two, hate crimes cannot be analyzed numerically only. The effects must also be considered. We're talking about the effects on the victim.

Three, data represents reported, not verified, cases which is kind of important. I think that was the question that you were asking.

Only represents reported cases.

It has to be verified. Hate crime data does not document the level of bigotry in a community, only the number of reported crimes.

We're really talking about what's the level of bigotry and hatred in a given community.

Tino had asked me to get some kind of feel for what's going on in other kinds of places. I'm happy to report to you -- I don't know whether I'm happy or not because we haven't been in there -- but there was an announcement on July 11th that the District government officials of the District of Columbia announced today the introduction of a system designed to collect and monitor information of illegal incidences and violence that appear to be racially, ethnically or religiously motivated. So we'll be kind of keeping a tone on just what's going down there in the District of Columbia.

Tino also asked me to say something about some of the other agencies like ADL. And I'm sorry that Barry left because he could well be a spokesman for the ADL, as most of you know. But they have been in the forefront in many states in pushing for legislation which deals with hate

group activities. And one such report is, and I
think that was adopted here in Pennsylvania, was
their instructions on paramilitary or prohibiting
paramilitary training and we have adopted that
here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. There

are many states that have not.

The ADL has some very good literature that can be utilized in classrooms or just for local police departments on extremism, on the right and, of course, hate groups in America. And we feel a need here in the Midatlantic region, for instance, in the state of Delaware where you had a toll free number by the Posse Commentados that was set up in Delaware.

And, of course, these groups which organize hate groups are beginning to come this way. Bob sent me information that was going on in -- what was that, to be going on this weekend.

MR. CLOUGH: Mason.

MR. TYLER: No, the Church of the Identity, that's up in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

And that's some information that we'll be sharing, because on the 30th they'll be in Richmond,

Virginia. And if you know anything about the

1 Identity Church, which I think is explained right 2 in here -- in fact, I know it is -- there is another organization that recently reported -- and 3 I think this kind of fits into our discussion 4 5 today, and this is a special report on move-in 6 violence. And, of course, Pennsylvania has been 7 involved in this for quite some time but they also subtitled this white resistance to neighborhood 8 9 integration in the 80's. And this is a report 10 from the Southern Poverty Law Center. You may --11 the author of which is Manny Dees who successfully 12 defended the black family down in Alabama, I 13 think, that they now own the Ku Klux Klan 14 headquarters down there.

But Manny, in his -- Morris Dees, rather, is really suggesting some kind of reporting system throughout the country.

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And if you read this -- and maybe I'll get you a copy of it, send you a copy, Tino -- but the numbers of occasions where Philadelphia is listed -- and I would like to speak for a moment about the City of Philadelphia.

As all of us know, the City of Philadelphia has been in the national spotlight as

it relates to minority affairs in the last few years, to the extent that you've had some incidences here where we've had to deal federally through the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District and the Federal Bureau of Investigation because there was a lack of response by local authorities. This was specifically true with the situation out in West Philadelphia and the Dempsey case.

I'm also happy to report, though, that through that experience and through the positive leadership of Commissioner Tucker we have organized -- and I think Dick made reference to it -- a unit here in Philadelphia that seemingly, I hope, will be second to none in the United States. And that is an eight person unit that's headed by Lt. Marshall Smith. It's called the Prevention Resolution Team and that's just what they do, early activities in a neighborhood to provide prevention.

But the unique thing about it is they also have arrest power and they will not tolerate any foolishness. We meet with them periodically. I met with them last week because we have a visitor

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here from London from the home office that wants to look at the project here in Philadelphia. have some real racial problems there in London. But I must say as we understood their statistics last week, the rate of arrest for the Philadelphia Police is something like 33 percent. For this special unit, it's 50 percent and that's pretty good. And you've only been in operation since September.

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One other thing, this is something that's developed that we use quite a bit. In unsophisticated towns -- what I mean by that is a town like Colonial Heights, Virginia, close to Petersburg, where not too long ago they had a Klan demonstration, and a fairly large Klan demonstration, and the chief just had no experience in what to do. So there has been developed When Hate Groups Come To Town, which is a very interesting kind of thing about what you should consider particularly from a law enforcement aspect, the situation about the Constitutional rights of a hate group.

But this is an excellent kind of thing that we utilize in our training. I do have in here

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              DR. WACHTER: Yes. Thank you very much,
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    Mr. Tyler. Something that should have hit me a
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federal legislation refers to statistics on crime, 21 22 in fact, the Hate Crime Statistics Act, whereas 23 the Pennsylvania Act is the Ethnic Intimidation 24 Statistics Act and we are to be collecting

1 information relating to crimes and incidents. How 2 do we define incidents?

MR. TYLER: As I mentioned, that's where they have talked about non-criminal activity. You have -- and I don't know whether I have it with me but maybe one of the Troopers -- there are certain criminal incidences that can be attached to hate violence acts. For instance, it might involve arson. That's a criminal offense and a number on the criminal statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. If that criminal activity has been arson or the propulsion of an incendiary device which breaks down into a fire bomb, okay. They also have one on the books in the Commonwealth of harrassment by communications, I believe it's called.

DR. WACHTER: Does our Act -- I'm sorry.

But does our Act mean that a Ku Klux Klan meeting
would be considered an incident?

MR. TYLER: It may not be.

DR. WACHTER: Does it have to be a crime to be reported? It says crimes and incidents.

MR. TYLER: It doesn't have to be a crime because, see, you've got to investigate it to

1 determine whether it's been a crime or not.

DR. WACHTER: Is that what that means, an alleged crime? What does the word incident mean?

I'm trying to get a handle.

MR. TYLER: That's the problem that we have.

MR. MILGRAM: State laws exist against discrimination in housing. Let's assume various developments, when blacks walk in, they are not welcomed or talked to by the sales people and their names are not taken, whereas if whites walk in, they are welcomed, talked to, and encouraged to leave their names. And it's not clear because there's no major act, these are acts of omission, failure to take the names, so that a black lawyer trying to buy a house in white suburbia will come in, and while they act cheerful, they'll never take the name to follow up and so the person is not followed up as a possible sale, whereas whites coming in have their names taken, you see, and they are followed up.

DR. WACHTER: Let me pursue this with Mr. Eckenrode.

MR. ECKENRODE: Under form J reporting,

just to clear it up in terms of what we, the State
Police, are collecting from police departments,
that type of incident would never be reported. The
only thing I am saying is the only type of
incident that would be reported to us is a
violation of Pennsylvania law as enforced by
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MR. MILGRAM: Let's assume that in that same community one black family with children moves in and they've lived there for awhile, several years, and suddenly at some point something happens and all four tires of the car of the only black family in the community are slashed. The police department is informed. Commissioner is no bigot. Commissioner is friendly. They do not ask the neighbors what could have caused it. I, being a resident of that community, ask the neighbors what could have caused it. The neighbors say, well, only thing I could think of was that one of the young men living in this community had a white girlfriend from another community visiting the home and, shortly thereafter, the tires were slashed. the only reason he can conceive of is -- because

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there's no racial bias that he knows of by the residents -- but it might be a non-resident to the community could have done it.
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I called the Chief of Police. This happened about a year ago, two years ago. He had never dreamed of this being a racial incident. told him it probably was, in my opinion, a racial incident. I asked him, did you have your office check the neighbors. And he says he wasn't sure. He looked into it. I had talked to at least one neighbor, the one next door neighbor. The neighbor never was questioned as to the possible cause, and he gave me this one possible cause and that's as far as I went on this issue because I'm a terribly busy guy. And I just assumed the decent and liberal Police Commissioner would have followed up and I have no idea what happened. But I'm quite certain nothing ever came of the police investigation.

This family subsequently, for complex reasons, moved away maybe a year or so later.

DR. WACHTER: Mr. Clough.

MR. CLOUGH: Yes. There's something here we have to understand. In our Human Relations Act

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which is legislative law, we have provisions for fair housing. We also, in our ethnic intimidation laws, have had interpretation by the Attorney General, for instance, when the realtors came to us and said, hey, we got a problem. If we show a house to blacks, we start getting crank calls and harrassment calls. Attorney General had said that is ethnic intimidation, even though the perpetrator or the victim is not the intended person. If it occurs, charge them with ethnic intimidation. That will be done.

Now one of the things I want to make clear is we do, the Tension Task Force, check on these areas where police fail to report. ADL has reported incidents to me where the police never filed reports. I then took the Tension Task Force and our regional staff and as a result we made an arrest in that particular situation.

The Darby situation was a move-in situation where the person's property was destroyed before he moved in. They made an arrest because they investigated because there was a whisper of racial. We teach that in our scenarios in our training sessions. So now they are

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starting to be aware of what they can and cannot do. That's why it's important.

DR. WACHTER: It seems that if I'm reading this federal legislation, proposed legislation, correctly, it says crimes which manifest racial, ethnic or religious prejudice including, where appropriate, the crimes of homicide, assault, robbery, burglary, theft, arson, vandalism, trespass and threat. Do you see this as being different from the Pennsylvania legislation? Go ahead, Mr. Tyler.

MR. TYLER: You're dealing with criminal activity. That's a general kind of statement, it seems to me. But I mean that's a part one crime, you know. It's listed as part one, part two crimes. And when you examine the historical background on the Uniform Crime Report that more or less is dealing with what law enforcement around the country currently reports to the FBI, collection data which gives you overall crime reports when you're dealing with those. I don't see that dealing with those kind of incidents.

MR. CLOUGH: Homicide can be an underlying offense for ethnic intimidation.

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MR. TYLER: It's going to be listed as homicide, not necessarily the race of the individual.
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MR. LEE: Insofar as the reporting of ethnic intimidation violations, the ethnic intimidation law, the way it's written, says it has to be one of these other crimes involved in it. And in the investigation, the officer should certainly find whether this was ethnic or not, and if it is, the additional charge of ethnic intimidation would be listed in there.

But to be listed as an ethnic intimidation violation, it has to be another crime. There has to be another crime. There has to be criminal mischief, kidnapping, arson, sexual offenses, there's a whole list of then.

DR. WACHTER: So then it is the same.

MR. LEE: Pretty much is the same, yes.

MR. CALABIA: Getting back to Doctor Wachter's other question about a KKK rally or some other hate group.

MR. LEE: That would not be reported on form J as ethnic intimidation violation if it's just simply a meeting and nobody gets burt and

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1 | nobody gets nothing. They have a meeting.

2 MR. CALABIA: What if neighbors who

3 | happen to be black feel intimidated by that?

MR. LEE: There has to be another

5 underlying violation.

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MR. CLOUGH: Can I give you an example, sir? If you have a rally here on this corner with

8 a fence around it and nothing in the area but

9 that, they can have an assembly. If across the

10 street you have a synagogue and they start

11 pointing across the street at that synagogue,

12 | yelling racial slurs and names, then you can say

13 they are taking that meeting into the rights of

14 that other organization. That could be a crime.

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DR. WACHTER: Could be a threat.

MR. CLOUGH: Yes, harrassment.

DR. WACHTER: Mr. Fisher?

MR. FISHER: Yes. I would suspect that one of the reasons for incorporating the law the way it is which includes a crime, otherwise, the whole system could be so loaded down with such trivial little matters, you know, and the fact of the matter is unless really a person feels

threatened physically or whatever, you know, all the other stuff really is not that meaningful. And I think if you didn't have that in there, you could get thousands of calls and thousands of complaints all day long because of perceived incidents or things that may or may not even be a reality.

DR. WACHTER: Will you be reporting this to the public, this data, these fifty four incidents? Will you be correlating them in any way as the year goes on and reporting them to the public and in what form?

MR. LEE: No, not to the public, no, because as it is mandated in that particular law it says that it can only be disseminated through written request on letterhead to the Commissioner of the State Police, and that he would give the information out through our Bureau but only to contributing agencies for their use.

MR. MAHON: I think you were here, Mr. Tyler, when you were asked the question earlier whether or not Pennsylvania is making progress in reducing ethnic intimidation. Were you here at that time?

MR. TYLER: Yes, sir.

MR. MAHON: Okay. What is your sense from an overall standpoint? Again, we have a new law which may be raising the number of incidents. But I'm interested in our sense of making progress in Pennsylvania and then how Pennsylvania may compare with other states.

MR. TYLER: Well, first of all,

Pennsylvania cannot compare with Georgia because
of the numbers of -- Georgia and North Carolina,
we're finding more activity of organized Klan -hate groups like the Patriot Party and what have
you. I'm finding decrease to the extent that our
participation with the Commonwealth has lessened
because you have a network here. When we talk
about here in Philadelphia, you haven't heard -as an example, since this new unit, because
they've made some arrests and people know that
they are not going to take any stuff. And these
officers go around and train other officers and
that word is getting home. So we're finding a
decrease, I think.

Now, we don't have any statistics to back that up. But we look at it from our own, at

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DR. WACHTER: Mr. Tyler, may I ask, do you feel, or anybody else as well, that what you reported earlier, that the difference in the Maryland statistics and ours, simply because our laws are different, so that they are separately reported, means that it would be a good idea to have federal legislation so that we would have a uniform reporting system so that we could make comparisons across states?

MR. TYLER: It's my understanding that it's UCR, uniform reporting system.

DR. WACHTER: On ethnic incidents.

MR. TYLER: I don't know. You've got the same kind of problem, and it depends upon who's

collecting that data. We automatically think because uniform reporting system now goes to the FBI -- I don't know necessarily whether the FBI would be the collector of that kind of information or whether it might well be the Justice Department Bureau of Statistics, and that's kind of up in the air. And it seems to me that something is going to have to be done with the definition and interpretation so we get some kind of overall view that we're also in the same thing. That might help. But still it's going to come right back to the responsibilities to the states to do the

DR. WACHTER: It is my pleasure to welcome Miss Evelyn Hull Warner.

reporting, it seems to me.

MS. WARNER: I've been sitting here -
I'm President of NAACP in Montgomery County. But

I brought some stuff to show, and he's confiscated

it. I'll pass this around to those of you that

want to look at it. One of my members gave me

this, the Lower Providence Police Department.

Well, you can read it. And the other one is from

Bucks County in relation to our racially mixed

couple.

One of the things about when the question was asked by you, I think, in reference to racial intimidation and in reference to decrease or increase, we find a very profound increase and we find that it's the discretion of the individual police departments to report it since there is a varied vocabulary in which police can report intimidation. So they use all the other terminologies to identify the crime if, in fact, they even allow it to be as a crime or as a warning, okay.

Now, what do you do when police are vulgar and racially slurring victims? You know, you could have a criminal and, for example, the last time I was here two years ago I reported how the Norristown Police have a bad habit of calling blacks all kinds of -- you know, whatever. Now, how do you deal with that, because that's rampant?

MR. MILGRAM: Is that on the increase?

MS. WARNER: Certainly, it's on the increase. You always have people coming back and telling you -- you have wardens in prisons, all kinds of people, calling --

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MR. MILGRAM: Policeman treating blacks
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MS. WARNER: I doubt seriously if it's an increase. It's just a way of life that's never been dealt with.

DR. WACHTER: Thank you. Mr. Fisher? MR. FISHER: That's one of the reasons I asked the question earlier whether or not there are any penalties for incomplete or inaccurate reporting, because I think the whole reporting system is a total waste and a total farce unless there is some control and some penalty and some disincentive to keep people from not reporting, because if there is ethnic intimidation and any of the law enforcement officers have any sympathy toward them, then, obviously, they're going to do whatever they can do to get around ethnic intimidation. And unless the police officer on the street or whomever it is knows that if he or she is caught that there are severe penalties, as severe as the rest of the law, then I think the whole thing is going to be a farce as far as your reporting.

MS. WARNER: There's a political end,

too, which you must realize. In Montgomery

County, it's a Republican stronghold. And those
folks in Montgomery County in the social service
agencies and in the police departments think
they're so secure and nobody can touch them, they
can do anything they want to do.

DR. WACHTER: Mr. Clough?

MR. CLOUGH: Unfortunately, and this is part of the things I try to teach police, you cannot legislate morality, nor can you change behavior by one training session. It has to be continual effort, not only on the part of the Tension Task Force, but also the municipalities, the community in trying to change the behavior so that these kinds of things do not occur, and if they do, what you should do about it.

A lot of people allow it to occur and say, oh, what's the use. And then after the fact they say, so and so did something to me.

Now, as an ex-police officer, very seldom you will get a police officer to testify against another police officer. But you're looking at a situation right there, and that's why I had that in my bag because I just had a meeting

with Chief Rogers and he says, Bob, there's no problem. I sent a couple of men to your training They said it was really great. And when I saw their names in the paper, a couple of those names in the paper were some of the people I just sent a certificate to. And I am upset about it and I want to find out what the heck is going on and, if necessary, we have to go back and re-train them again.

MS. WARNER: Training ain't got nothing to do with it.

MR. FISHER: I think the training is good. And I think it's a separate situation. But I don't think the training is going to be the answer. I think even in this situation here, if there were laws on the books in terms of the reporting and this, obviously, indicates that either through incorrect reporting or no reporting, that if communities notice that, once it's found out, as it was here, that your organization or some organization can come in and do investigation, and upon completion of that investigation, find out that there was not correct reporting or whatever, we're going to get reports

that tell us everything is beautiful and all of these incidents are being reduced. But in the meantime they're going to be growing like crazy. And by the time we wake up, we're going to be in one big hell of a mess here.

DR. WACHTER: It's very late and I do want do stop certainly by 4:30. I thank everyone for staying so long. But to follow Mr. Fisher's point, is there not some penalty for violating uniform reporting?

MR. ANLIOT: Even now there is no penalty against any police department for not reporting anything on the uniform crime report. It's a completely voluntary system, as I understand it, as we have come to understand it. They get about 80, 85 to 90 percent reporting from Pennsylvania police jurisdiction. But it is, in fact -- I don't know whether it is on the federal -- you know, with other states or from the FBI or what. I don't know whether there are penalties attached to failure to report in that kind of system. But there is not in Pennsylvania. If a local police department doesn't want to report a murder to the State Police, there's no penalty for not

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- 1 reporting.
- 2 MR. MILGRAM: Some town could have twenty
- 3 | murders and not report one to the State Police?
- 4 MR. ANLIOT: That's correct.
- DR. WACHTER: No case of reporting to the
- 6 | Federal Government?
- 7 MR. ANLIOT: My own understanding is the
- 8 only way they report to the federal government is
- 9 | through the State Police. If they don't report it
- 10 to the Pennsylvania State Police, it doesn't get
- 11 reported any further than that.
- 12 MR. MILGRAM: Let's assume there was a
- 13 fire, a series of fires. Aren't fires supposed to
- 14 be reported to the state Fire Marshal? Who do
- 15 | they get reported to?
- MR. CLOUGH: If they're arson, they get
- 17 reported to the State Police or Fire Marshal.
- 18 MR. MILGRAM: If they don't think it's
- 19 | arson --
- 20 MR. CLOUGH: It's at their discretion.
- 21 If it's obviously a fire, if it's obviously a
- 22 | murder, there are no penalties for their not
- 23 | reporting that.
- DR. WACHTER: I think we have found at

least one interesting loophole in terms of any federal legislation. And I'm sorry to stop it here, but I must thank everybody for their great patience for staying so long. And I think it's been a very informative session. I hope you feel so. And I thank you all for being here. HEARING CONCLUDED AT 4:45 P.M.

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