

Once Nixon launched his counter-offensive, he got help from all quarters. It was not only from his partisans, his party, those indebted to him in various ways. Even the president of the Police Foundation helped him in a special way. This is the foundation exposed as CIA-connected by Ramparts for October 1973, quoted elsewhere.

Patrick V. Murphey had been Washington chief of police before heading the Police Foundation, which is subsidized by the Nixon administration. His address to the International Association of Chiefs of Police exactly coincided with Hunt's Ervin committee testimony, his first public appearance. As The New York Times summarized Murphey's comments the next day, Murphey minimized the greatest and most dangerous subversion in history by saying "Americans should be more concerned about corruption of the police than about corruption of any other agency, including the White House."

Disclosures by New York's Knapp Commission of police corruption when Murphy was chief of police there qualify him as an expert on police corruption for he presided over an organized network of it in his own police. However, he is not qualified to offer political opinions and there would seem to be no doubt that no corruption anywhere can be as dangerous as that in the White House, even if, as Murphy would have it believed, the corruption there was limited to the burglary at the Democrats'.

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