

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HARRISBURG

October 25, 1973

Mr. Robert J. Zinsky Director

Fiscal Division

Pennsylvania Sate Police

611 Transportation and Safety Building

Harrisburg, Polinsylvania

Door Mr. Zinsay:

State Police Civic Association

Under the date of July 17, 1973, James R. Malley, Chief Investigator for this Committee, wrote to Lt. Colonel Joseph Dissid requesting certain information about the giving of horses to the State Police Civic Association.

Under the date of July 23, 1973, you replied to Chairman Hepford with a list of grantors, dates, and other information. Thereupon, we attempted to reach several of those individuals, such as Peter Flaff at Moridian, Connecticut (and also checking Meriden, Connecticut), only to find that these people were not known in the telephone information records.

Accordingly, on July 26, 1973, over the signature of James R. Malley, you were requested to supply better information as to the identity of the donors, as well as the names of the horses as they were known at the time of the gifts.

A copy of this letter is attached as our records fall to disclose a reply therety. Would you be good enough to furnish the requested information?

Very truly yours,

DOWNEY RICE Counsel

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE HARRISBURG

COLONEL JAMES D. BARGER

31 October 1973

Mr. Downey Rice, Counsel
House of Representatives
Committee to Investigate the
Administration of Justice
Post Office Box 3900
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105

Dear Mr. Rice:

In reply to the questions enumerated in your letter of October 25, 1973, please be advised of the following:

- 1. There are nineteen (19) State Policemen assigned for duty with the Pennsylvania Crime Commission, Department of Justice.
- 2. The salaries of the State Policemen are assessed to the Pennsylvania State Police budget. The expenses are assessed to the Pennsylvania Crime Commission, Department of Justice budget.
- 3. The amount of the salaries of the State Policemen assigned to the Pennsylvania Crime Commission, Department of Justice, during the calendar year of 1972 was one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000.00). Since the expense of the assigned State Policemen was defrayed by the Pennsylvania Crime Commission, Department of Justice, we are not in a position to give you a breakdown as to the amount.
- 4. I am opposed to officers of the Pennsylvania State Police working for, or with, any other organization per se. However, I have no objections to members of the Pennsylvania State Police conducting investigations for, or working with, other law enforcement agencies and/or the Pennsylvania Crime Commission, providing such Pennsylvania State Police officers remain under the control of, and report to, their superiors, rather than to the agency or commission to which they are assigned.

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We feel that in order to properly administer and maintain control within our organization, it is necessary that all State Police officers remain under our control and that their activities not be directed by some other law enforcement agency and/or commission.

When we at this office can be of further assistance to you, do not hesitate to write us.

y/truly yours

James D. Barger Commissioner

JDB/mlw

Michles Date: Nov. 8. 1973

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HARRISBURG

October 25, 1973

Colonel James D. Barger Commissioner Pennsylvania State Police 617 Transportation and Safety Building Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Colonel Barger:

Attached for your information is a copy of the recent Progress Report issued by this Committee. You will note that the Committee expressed serious concern about the advisability of the use of State Policemen as investigators for the Pennsylvania Crime Commission.

In order to inform this Committee as to the current situation, would you kindly furnish the Committee with the following:

- 1. The number of State Policemen, if any, currently assigned for duty with the Pennsylvania Crime Commission.
- The financial arrangements; i.e. to say to what budget and payroll the salaries and expenses are assessed.
- 3. The aggregate amount of salaries and expenses of State Policemen assigned to the Pennsylvania Crime Commission during the calendar year of 1972, breaking this down into salaries and expenses.
- 4. Your comments as to the pros and cons of using State Policemen as investigators for the Pennsylvania Crime Commission.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

DOWNEY RICE Counsel

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