

Q. Does that mean that you have cooled off on his candidacy?

A. No, it certainly doesn't.

Q. In the meantime, do you think the nomination is still open?

A. I think it's more open now since the withdrawal of the President than it's ever been.

(Interracial Commission)

Q. Governor, do you have any plans to replace Mr. James, the executive director of the State Interracial Commission?

A. No, that will be up to the Commission to decide.

Q. You make the appointment and they make the recommendation?

A. Yes. I would go with their recommendation.

(Militants)

Q. Governor, would you have any objections on restating your position on dealings with so-called militants. Frankly, we missed it the first time.

A. Well, it's hard to restate because I don't remember what the question was.

Q. I think the question had something to do with your barring militants from the previous meeting and (interruption)

A. Oh, I think I know what you want. The use of the word "militant" is sometimes misconstrued among people who think they understand it. There are militants who operate entirely within the framework of the law but are called militant because they are by language aggressive. There are militants who break the law. I would not preclude communication with militants who simply are characterized as such because they are strong spokesmen for their point of view and won't tolerate a person being against it without letting him know about it. I do not want to communicate with law-breaking militants. I feel, however, that if a militant has crossed the line of propriety on occasion and broken the law — that if he sees that this is not the way to get what he wants done — I wouldn't cut off the possibility of resuming communication with him if he assured me at that point that he intended to stay within the lawful process.

(Campaign for Proposed Constitution)

Q. Governor, what role will you play in the remaining weeks of the campaign for the Constitution?