

1 afraid to tell us what's going on, which I notice
2 is a large difference.

3 The code of silence in Massachusetts, it's
4 taking a long time. I think that is improving. In
5 the cases that I was involved with, we were forced
6 to have some of the staff members testify. They
7 did. They did willingly. And I would say that ten
8 years ago when I first started doing internal
9 investigations that would not have occurred.

10 Thank you.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you also very much.

12 You mentioned the code of silence. Do you
13 think that internal investigative bodies can be
14 adversely affected in that same regard?

15 MR. SAUCIER: I would say they could be,
16 yes.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I'm going to briefly
18 interrupt the questioning of you since we are
19 fortunate to have Congressman Conyers here. This
20 is his district and we, obviously, welcome his
21 presence. He's a long-term member of Congress.
22 And, Congressman, would you like to come forward

1 and make a statement?

2 As you know, we are investigating, looking at
3 the problem of prison rape both at the federal,
4 state and local level. And I know as a long-term
5 civil rights advocate that you would have a
6 profound concern about this issue also. So, if
7 you'd like to make a statement, we'd be happy to
8 hear from you.

9 CONGRESSMAN CONYERS: Thank you,
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 I've asked the apologies of the witnesses that
12 are in front of you to proceed for just a few
13 moments. I first of all just wanted to welcome you
14 all to the Federal Court for the Eastern District
15 of Michigan. The irony of a member of Congress
16 being able to have his office here is an honor that
17 I have always valued very much. And as a result of
18 the riots that burned down my building, I was
19 allowed to come here. And then I was allowed to
20 stay up until now and it's on the condition of good
21 behavior. And I think so far it's working out very
22 fine.