

1 Dr. Murphy is compelled by law when he finds something
2 like this to report it to the authorities. Dr. Murphy
3 I think, has gone further than that. In his interest
4 the case, he's -- he's a person who's disabled himself
5 He has artificial hips and so on. He's very, very
6 concerned about medical ethics and these issues, and
7 felt it was an extraordinarily horrific case, so he went
8 -- went into a lot of interest in this. But he wrote
9 two very sane letters to Dr. Plunkett, and if we had
10 an answer, I think I'm entitled to an answer from the
11 medical examiner, a sound rational answer.

12 THE COURT: You know, I suppose the simplest
13 thing would be to call Dr. Plunkett and tell him he's
14 under subpoena and tell him to come up here, otherwise
15 he's in violation of the Court Order. But I can also
16 say I want something productive. I'm not protecting
17 anyone. Like I said, I want to get this thing over
18 with. And at the same time, I want you to leave this
19 courtroom satisfied you had your day in court.

20 MS. DUCHENE: Would you like to see Senator
21 Wellstone's letter?

22 THE COURT: I'm not interested in Senator
23 Wellstone's letter or any other Senator, because that
24 the Legislative branch of government and they don't dip
25 their ink in our wells and we don't dip our ink in th