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MOLLEN COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS COLLECTION  
[Commission to Investigate Allegations of Police Corruption  
and the Anti-Corruption Procedures of the Police Department 1992-1993]

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*Size:* 1.5 linear feet (21 Tapes, 4 folders in 3 boxes)

*Description of the Collection:*

The City of New York Commission to Investigate Allegations of Police Corruption and Anti-Corruption Procedures of the Police Department was informally known as The Mollen Commission after the commission chair, Judge Milton Mollen.

The Commission was appointed by David Dinkins, who was Mayor of New York at the time. This collection includes official typed verbatim transcripts of 4 days of public hearings (box 1). Some of which are available on the Lloyd Sealy Library's Digital Collections.

This collection also includes VHS tapes (boxes 2-3). These were informally taped without copyright permission from the NY1 television channel's broadcast of 7 days of the 1993 Mollen Commission hearings. The Library does not hold any rights to these recordings and cannot legally make copies of these tapes. These tapes are available for viewing in the Library by appointment. For all other inquiries regarding Mollen Commission hearings television broadcasts, please contact NY1 News <https://ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/about-us/contact-us>.

*Access:*

This collection is available to researchers without restrictions by appointment in our Special Collections Room and our video viewing room. Please contact us at [libspcoll@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:libspcoll@jjay.cuny.edu) to inquire.

Selections from this collection are [freely available in our Digital Collections](#).

*Suggested citation:*

Mollen Commission Proceedings [Commission to Investigate Allegations of Police Corruption and the Anti-Corruption Procedures of the Police Department 1992-1993]. Special Collections, Lloyd George Sealy Library, John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY

For more information on the Mollen Commission, the following are recommended reading:

1994 *New York (N.Y.). Commission to Investigate Allegations of Police Corruption and the Anti-Corruption Procedures of the Police Department.: Commission report*  
Stacks - HV8148 .N52 N488 1994

[Also available electronically](#)

1993 *New York (N.Y.). Commission to Investigate Allegations of Police Corruption and the Anti-Corruption Procedures of the New York City Police Department.: Interim report and principal recommendations.*  
Stacks - HV8148 .N52 N488 1993

Daily *New York Times* other news outlets daily coverage of the Mollen Commission Public hearings (September- October 1993).

Armao, J. and Cornfeld, L.

12/19/1994 "How to police the police." *Newsweek*; Vol. 124 Issue 25, p34

Gross, H.

7/18/94 "Milton Mollen still has his eye on the cops." *New Yorker*; Vol. 70 Issue 21,

Smith, C.

09/22/97 "The police police." *New York*; Vol. 30 Issue 36, p32

*NYPD Research guide*, resources on oversight: <http://guides.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/nypd/oversight>

*Historical Note:*

In July 1992 the Lloyd Sealy Library received the entire collection of records of the Mollen Commission. These records were subsequently transferred to the NYC Department of Investigation on November 15, 1994. During the time the records were in the Library archivists made an initial inventory of these records, which is available to researchers in our special collections room by appointment.

The Mollen Commission records are now reported to be under the control of the Municipal Archives/Department of Records, but may be closed to researchers. Please contact the Municipal Archives for more information:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/records/html/contact/archives.shtml>

**Box Listing:**

**Box 1 – Transcripts – [Digitally available here](#)**

1. Monday, September 27, 1993 official transcript (216 pages)  
Witness: Michael Dowd
2. Tuesday Sept 28, 1993 official transcript (219 pages)  
Witnesses: Joseph Triboli, “Mr. X” and Alexander Perugia
3. Wednesday Sept 29 1993 official transcript (185 pages)  
Witnesses: Kevin Hembury, Bernard Cawley
4. Friday Oct. 1, 1993 official transcript (107 pages)  
Witnesses: James Wood, James Dowd, Robert McKenna

**Boxes 2 and 3 - VHS Tapes** (available for in-library viewing by appointment only)

Monday Sept 27, 1993  
Part I, II, III, IV (4 tapes)  
#1, #3 (2 tapes)

Tuesday Sept 28, 1993  
Part I, II, III (3 tapes)

Wednesday Sept 29 1993  
#1, #2 (2 tapes)

Friday Oct. 1, 1993  
Part I, II (2 tapes)

Monday Oct. 4, 1993  
Parts I, II (2 tapes)

Wednesday Oct. 6, 1993  
Tapes 1, 2, 3 (3 tapes)

Thursday Oct. 7, 1993  
Tapes I, II, II (3 tapes)