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City to Give Bay Break on Murder Bill

Cleveland is apparently going to give Bay Village "a break" in billing the suburb for the costs of the Marilyn Reese Sheppard murder investigation.

Mayor Celebrezze today asked Safety Director John J. McCormick and Police Chief Frank W. Story to "be reasonable" in estimating charges to be made for the inquiry.

If Bay Village were charged for all overtime worked by Cleveland homicide detectives and crime laboratory experts assigned to the case, the price tag would run over \$20,000.

But Story's preliminary estimate of 5400 man hours of work on the case would make the bill about \$15,000.

Even this will be trimmed a bit before the bill is presented to Bay Village, City Hall officials indicated.

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard,

charged with the premeditated murder of his pregnant wife, continued writing his "autobiography" in a County Jail

cell. The document is intended to aid defense attorneys in combatting possible "surprise" prosecution testimony.