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Mr. Stokes. The Committee will come to order.

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We will resume where we left off in the briefing.

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Mr. Lehner. Mr. Chairman, I will only be a couple of more minutes. An area that the Committee would want to investigate are the aliases used by Mr. Ray, the names of: Galt, Sneyd, Lowmeyer and Bridgeman among others at the time of the purchase of the rifle.

It is interesting to note that these people all live in Canada. We have Galt, Sneyd and Bridgeman, all who bear similar physical resemblances to Ray. They all live in a very close area outside of Toronto. In fact, Galt bears the same scars, hand scar, head scar, that Ray does.

It would seem that getting the passports, the Sneyd passport, getting identification such as birth certificates, being able to get an identification that matches his so closely as the Galt scars would indicate that a rather sophisticated operation was at work and this, of course, would not fit in, as Mr. McKinney has stated, with the background of Ray as we know him, a man who has committed petty street crimes, nothing of a sophisticated nature.

He tended to get caught rather readily. So this, of course, would leave us to want to investigate that whole area, the Canadian area. We tried to get the Royal Canadian Mounted Police records. We have been told that it is going to take some weeks.

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1 9 Mr. Chairman, I will prepare a letter to the Commissioner
2 of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to try to expedite these
3 records being sent to us, if you would consent.

4 In conclusion, there are certain items that we have to
5 work on right now. One, as you have already voted on,
6 subpoenas that will be done forthwith.

7 We have requests that we will be making to you as to
8 the Birmingham Police Department records pertaining to the
9 assassination of Dr. King, particularly the report that we
10 had that indicated that J.B. Stoner was a strong suspect in
11 the mind of the Captain of that Police Department. The
12 Memphis Police Department, the Memphis Sheriff's Department,
13 the Memphis District Attorney's records are also needed.

14 We want to immediately investigate that bogus chase
15 and find out why the Memphis Police Department considers
16 that a matter of slight moment and does not encourage us to
17 pursue it.

18 In Birmingham, we not only could speak to the Police
19 Department personnel there, get their records, but Mr. Davis,
20 one of our witnesses $\frac{1}{N}$ the one who tells us about Ray and
21 the guns from Aero Marine $\frac{1}{N}$ is there to be spoken to.

22 I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that you direct us to
23 proceed in that area. We are ready to proceed there.

24 I would request, to repeat this morning's matter, that
25 Mr. Chairman consider contacts with Senator Henry Jackson

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1 who is the Chairman of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on
2 Investigations. Our information is that Philip Manual is
3 still an investigator on that force.

4 9 I would also add at this time that after reading the
5 analysis that we prepared of the Justice Department Task
6 Force Report, if there are any items that any of the members
7 wish us to pay particular attention to and add to that
8 report, if you would just let me know, that would be done
9 immediately.

10 I would ask, if there are any further questions at this
11 time.

12 Mr. Devine. Mr. Chairman?

13 Mr. Stokes. Mr. Devine?

14 Mr. Devine. Would it expedite matters if we went through
15 the State Department's providence, unless you have coopera-
16 tion through the Bureau or ^{other agency} ~~someplace like that~~ ^{has} that ~~have~~
17 constant contact with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?

18 Mr. Lehner. They said that they would cooperate within
19 a time element.

20 Mr. Devine. ^{What} ~~Is~~ it that time?

21 Mr. Lehner. That was told to us.

22 I am suggesting maybe a letter from our Chairman which
23 can be delivered to the office here might get things moving
24 a little quicker than they have so far.

25 As far as the State Department, that would also be a

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1 viable area.

2 *9* Mr. Devine. You might consider preparing a letter for
3 the Chairman's signature, not only to the Royal Canadian
4 Mounted Police, but to the State Department.

5 Mr. Lehner. That will be done.

6 Mr. Stokes. ^{With} ~~There~~ reference ^{to} ~~of~~ the matter of Mr.
7 Manual, ~~is~~ there any discussion among the members regarding
8 the request that the Chairman contact Senator Jackson regard-
9 ing this?

10 Mr. Fithian. My question is, I am not entirely sure ¹/_M
11 although I think Mr. Lehner indicated ¹/_M I am not entirely
12 clear what you would expect the outcome of the meeting of
13 Mr. Stokes and Senator Jackson to be. What do you expect us
14 to get out of this?

15 Mr. Sprague. What we would hope to achieve is that
16 Senator Jackson would direct Mr. Manual to cooperate with us,
17 answer our questions and supply the information that we would
18 request.

19 Mr. Fithian. On a voluntary basis?

20 Mr. Sprague. Yes.

21 Mr. Fithian. The evidence that you are seeking from
22 Manual seems of such great import, and if he has already
23 turned down the Counsel for the House Investigating
24 Committee, I just question whether or not ¹/_M I will not vote
25 against it if there is a vote. I just raise the question

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1 whether or not a casual conversation informally between the
2 House leadership and the Senator would be the way to go in
3 this.

4 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Fithian, what we are trying to do is
5 be courteous to him first, before a subpoena. We thought it
6 might be the more courteous way to proceed.

7 Mr. Devine. It could be embarrassing to the Senator if
8 you serve a subpoena first.

9 Mr. Sprague. If we just subpoenaed Manual he might
10 then say, why did you not come and see me? He is an employee
11 of mine.

12 Mrs. Burke. Mr. Chairman, I think that Counsel is
13 absolutely correct. I think that Senator Jackson would be
14 highly offended if we sent a subpoena without discussing it
15 with him. I do not know if you have to have a meeting; you
16 might call him up and indicate that we are stuck on one area.
17 We have come to this point. We need the information; he
18 has indicated that he does not want to talk with anybody and
19 we thought that you would intervene.

20 Mr. Fithian. I was not implying at all that we send a
21 subpoena before we talk to the Senator. I guess what I was
22 trying to avoid was having to come back and discuss the
23 Manual case again.

24 Could we not set forth a little more comprehensive
25 discussion with the Senator, on an informal basis, with a request

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1 by Mr. Stokes, that he come over and talk with Counsel and,
2 if necessary, be followed by a subpoena. I would like to
3 make a package approach to this.

4 Mr. Sprague. What we would like is that the Senator
5 direct Manual to cooperate with us. We would then want to
6 interview him, see what he says, and report to this Committee
7 with the view of presenting his testimony before the
8 Committee or Subcommittee.

9 Mr. McKinney. ~~Noting an attorney~~ Can we, under our
10 rules, authorize standby subpoenas? ~~For instance,~~ For instance,
11 you do not have to have a full meeting of the majority in
12 order to go to step two.

13 Mr. Sprague. I am sure that a subpoena can be issued
14 by the Committee that for a moment you would hold onto. I
15 dare say that for the moment we are going to be meeting again
16 soon anyway. If there is a call to the Senator in the
17 meantime, and we find out what has been generated, we would
18 be in a position to then act.

19 We are keeping a record of every subpoena that is issued
20 in numerical order and frankly, if there is no need to
21 subpoena him, ^{would} I ~~would~~ like to avoid even that being on our
22 record.

23 Mr. Stokes. Who on the staff talked to Manual?

24 Mr. Lehner. It was Jeremy ^{Akers.} ~~Akers.~~ He has just returned
25 to the office. He is the man.

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1 9 Mr. Stokes. What is the feeling of the committee?

2 Do you feel that I should call the Senator?

3 Mrs. Burke. I know the Senator and I will be willing to
4 call.

5 Mr. Fauntroy. I wonder if you could just bring me up
6 to date $\frac{1}{M}$ I am sorry, I have been sort of distracted $\frac{1}{M}$
7 bring me up to date on the Manual issue and what you want
8 Senator Jackson to do.

9 Mr. Stokes. All right.

10 Mr. Lehner. Manual states that he was in Memphis on
11 ~~the 4th of~~ April⁴, 1968, that he did receive some communica-
12 tion stating that there was a threat on the life of a
13 Lieutenant on the Police force of Memphis. At that time, he
14 was a sergeant, not a Lieutenant.

15 He states that he has no further knowledge, no further
16 recollection, but he also states, the source of my informa-
17 tion is something I do not want to reveal so I will not
18 reveal it, nor will I supply you with any paperwork that I
19 might have had drawn up at that time in connection with my
20 duties.

21 He says there is an informant that he wants to protect
22 the identity of. The report from Inspector Tynes from the
23 Memphis Police Department states that Manual was the
24 conduit of the threat and Manual has stated that a threat
25 came from the New Democratic Party, the Freedom Democratic

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1 Party.

2 9/ That is in the report, the Tynes report. Manual says
3 he has no recollection of that and will not cooperate with
4 the disclosure of this informant, or any of his paperwork.

5 Mr. Fauntroy. Specifically our request of Senator
6 Jackson is that ² ~~77~~

7 Mr. Lehner. That Manual give us his full recollection
8 of the events and that he also supply us with any reports,
9 paperwork of any sort, nature or kind that will aid us in the
10 source or the nature of the threats.

11 Mr. Stokes. Are you, in that request, omitting your
12 insistence of being informed as to his source?

13 Mr. Lehner. No; we are asking for his source. We are
14 asking for the source. We are asking for the substance of
15 the threat and as much information as he can supply.

16 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, if I can emphasize, it is
17 easy for somebody to say that he conveyed information about
18 a threat. Frankly, one of the things we are trying to find
19 out, is that a legitimate thing? Is that something that was
20 conjured up and now is becoming a blank wall beyond which
21 we cannot get?

22 If there was information conveyed to him about a threat
23 which caused the removal of this officer, we want to find
24 out did he in fact get such information?

25 The only way we can find out the truthfulness of that

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1 is for him to say who it was who told him. Then we cannot
2 stop there; we have to go back to that person and find out,
3 did you do this?

4 Mr. Lehner. May I add one other point?

5 Additionally, we would like to ask him what he was doing
6 in Atlanta and Memphis on previous occasions at the times
7 that his path crossed with Dr. King's.

8 Mr. Fauntroy. In the instance where a potential witness
9 refuses to submit to an interview, do we have a subpoena
10 authority to bring him into a forum where he must answer?

11 Mr. Lehner. Yes; There are two reasons why we want to
12 interview him first. One is to say to him, if it turns out
13 his information is of no value that he does not have to
14 spend the time and be in the public light of being present
15 during a hearing. Two, for our benefit, to check out what
16 he says before the hearing so we can ask more intelligent
17 questions.

18 If he does not want to submit to any interview, we then
19 would be able to proceed to subpoena him and bring him here
20 cold without knowing what he is going to say.

21 Mr. Fauntroy. The question before us is whether to
22 subpoena him without first having requested of Senator
23 Jackson that he direct him to come?

24 Mr. Stokes. To state it a little differently, what
25 Mr. Lehner has asked is that the Committee, or the Chairman

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1 of the Committee, contact Senator Jackson to see if we
2 cannot get compliance voluntarily from his employee prior
3 to any legal procedures. That is what we are discussing,
4 basically.

5 Mr. Fauntroy. Mr. Chairman, I ask that you do that. If
6 you do not have a problem, I do not have a problem with it.

7 Mr. Stokes. I will be more than glad to call him. Why
8 do we not dispose of it that way? I will call the Senator
9 and see what kind of cooperation we can get.

10 Mr. Lehner, you had another request?

11 Mr. Lehner. One of the areas is to go to Memphis to
12 interview the people involved in the alleged high-speed
13 chase; to interview Eddie Montedonico, the person who
14 operated the ham radio. Additionally, to go to Birmingham
15 to interview Mr. Davis and the Captain of the Birmingham
16 Police Department, and I think those are the additional
17 requests, as well as two letters we would prepare for you,
18 one to the State Department and one to the Royal Canadian
19 Mounted Police.

20 Mr. Stokes. Do you need specific direction from the
21 Committee in order to pursue those?

22 Mr. Lehner. No; I just wanted to make the Committee
23 aware of that, and if there were any directions the Committee
24 wished to give to me in that regard.

25 Mr. Stokes. Do any members of the Committee want to

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comment in regard to proceeding in that direction?

9 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, the only thing is, we will need approval by you, the chairman.

Mr. Stokes. By unanimous consent, we will proceed in that direction.

Does that conclude the presentation of the King matter?

Mr. Lehner. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Stokes. Thank you very much.

If there are no further comments regarding the King matter, we will now turn to Mr. Tanenbaum and the Kennedy matter.

Mr. Sprague. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Tanenbaum. Mr. Chairman, I would like to introduce to you and members of the Committee Miss Jackie Hess, sitting to our right, our Chief Researcher who has aided us in our briefing memorandum and our ^{assistant deputy} ~~Chief Investigator~~ ^{counsel} ~~Mr. Klein~~ ^{Kenneth}.

Mr. Stokes. We welcome both of you.

Mr. Tanenbaum. There are several areas that are very fruitful for us to investigate that had been briefly outlined to you in the briefing memorandum. The areas of concentration, in our judgment, are the association, if any, of Lee Harvey Oswald with the Central Intelligence Agency, of Lee Harvey Oswald with the FBI, and Lee Harvey Oswald with Jack Ruby.

In addition, we will discuss some withholding of

1 information by the FBI to the Warren Commission and some
2 misleading^{by} the FBI when supplying information to the
3 Warren Commission.

4 With regard to Lee Harvey Oswald and his contacts with
5 the Central Intelligence Agency, it is fitting for us to
6 discuss an individual named Tony Veciana. Mr. Veciana was
7 first contacted by a man named Morris Bishop who represented
8 himself as being a representative of the Central Intelligence
9 Agency.

10 The purpose of Mr. Bishop's relationship with Mr.
11 Veciana was to have Mr. Veciana assassinate Fidel Castro.
12 So, from 1961 until sometime in 1973, Veciana was working
13 for Morris Bishop. There were two attempts on Mr. Castro's
14 life by Veciana in Cuba.

15 Veciana knew Castro. He had worked with him when
16 Castro was fighting in the revolution, during the revolution.
17 In fact, he stayed in Cuba after the revolution, working in
18 a bank.

19 Both of these attempts on Mr. Castro's life, of course,
20 were not successful and Veciana, after the second attempt,
21 fled Cuba and went to Miami. From Miami, he went to Puerto
22 Rico. In Puerto Rico, he was directed by Bishop ~~to~~ the
23 CIA contact ~~to~~ to form a group called Alpha 66.

24 The generic reasoning for the name Alpha 66 was Alpha
25 was the first letter of the Greek alphabet; therefore, this

1 would be the first anti-Castro group to repatriate the
2 Island. The 66 represented possibly \$660,000^{that} would be
3 raised to support the group and there would be 66 different
4 successful landings and 666 men would be recruited.

5 Accordingly, they named this group Alpha 66.

6 There were many anti-Castro groups that were operating
7 prior to the assassination and after the assassination.

8 None of these groups ¹/₇ none of the information with regard
9 to the anti-Castro group activity as it related to the
10 assassination or, for that matter, the pro-Castro connection
11 between Lee Harvey Oswald and other individuals who might
12 have had a motive to assassinate the President was ever gone
13 into by the Warren Commission.

14 Now, Veciana, up until 1971, as late as 1971, was
15 contacted in Bolivia by Bishop to assassinate Castro in
16 Chile. Again, the attempt was unsuccessful. However, the
17 person with whom Veciana was to assassinate Castro was an
18 individual named Louis Posada^a. Posada^a, you will recall, was
19 recently indicted for the October, 1976 bombing of the
20 Cubano Airlines plane. He was indicted and is being held
21 in Caracas, Venezuela now. The person he was indicted with
22 was a fellow by the name of Orlando ^{Bosch.} ~~Bosh~~.

23 ^{Bosch} ~~Bosh~~ is a Cuban exile who had dealings with E. Howard
24 Hunt, and it was ^{Bosch} ~~Bosh~~ who formed a group called Cuban Power.

25 There are many different names of groups operating for the

1 same purpose. E. Howard Hunt supplied this organization
2 \$15,000 and the purpose of his donation was to aid this
3 group in certain covert terrorist activities throughout
4 Latin America.

5 Mrs. Burke. May I ask you one question? When was this
6 airline bombed?

7 Mr. Tanenbaum. October, 1976.

8 Mrs. Burke. Was this the airline that had some students
9 from ^{4y} Guyana on the airlines and it became an international
10 incident and they found the phone number of someone from
11 the American intelligence community?

12 Mr. Tanenbaum. I do not know of the incident you are
13 referring to.

14 Mrs. Burke. October 11th?

15 Mr. Tanenbaum. I am informed that we believe that is
16 the case. We have not verified it yet. I will stand by
17 my answer; I do not know the answer to your question.

18 Mrs. Burke. Thank you very much.

19 Mr. Tanenbaum. The real significance of Veciana, as
20 far as we are concerned in our investigation, is not so much
21 that he was contacted by a CIA person to assassinate
22 Fidel Castro; that is a matter for other people to be involved
23 with.

24 However, Veciana met with Bishop in Dallas, Texas in
25 August of 1963. There he was introduced to Lee Harvey Oswald.

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1 There are really three significant times for Veciana
2 in this case. The first is in August of 1963 he, with Bishop,
3 met Oswald. The second is that immediately after the assass-
4 ination, Bishop asked Veciana to contact his cousin,
5 Guillermo Ruliez, who was a member of Cuban Intelligence
6 working in Mexico City. He asked Veciana to contact his
7 cousin and have his cousin say, for a fee, that his cousin
8 and his wife, Ruliez's wife, met with Lee Harvey Oswald when
9 Oswald allegedly went to Mexico City.

10 This, in fact, did not occur, because Veciana did not
11 approach his cousin with the request of Bishop.

12 The third tie-in with this case is that shortly after
13 the assassination of the President, a fellow by the name
14 of Cesar Diosdado, working as a Customs Agent in Key West
15 who was an admitted CIA operative, paid by the Central
16 Intelligence Agency, his job was to clear people coming in
17 and out of Key West to Cuba and back during the time the
18 CIA was having covert operations from the Florida Keys
19 into Cuba.

20 Cesar Diosdado, who is now in California and whom we
21 would very much like to speak with, contacted Veciana and
22 asked Veciana what his involvement, if any, was in the
23 assassination.

24 Veciana was very concerned that Diosdado, that he knew
25 to be a CIA agent, as everybody in the Cuban community knew

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1 at that time was being questioned and Diosdado simply assured
2 him that he had approximately ~~ten~~ ¹⁸ to ~~twelve~~ ¹² names of indi-
3 viduals whom he was routinely questioning about the assassina-
4 tion.

5 // It is very significant that this fellow, who was a
6 CIA front man, operating as a ~~Customs~~ ~~Agent~~, would be ques-
7 tioning Veciana about the assassination when none of this
8 information ever went before the Warren Commission and the
9 authorities with that kind of inquiry.

10 Diosdado is a very important person for us to speak to.

11 In 1971, when the last attempt on Castro's life by
12 Veciana failed, it was brought to light to Bishop that
13 Veciana and Diosdado were planning to blame this attempted
14 assassination in Chile on the Russians. In so doing, they
15 tried to have some phony papers drawn up, some documents as
16 well as some photographs, depicting people in places where
17 in fact they were not.

18 That becomes very significant for us, because there is
19 an area of investigation that we have to get into that we
20 have not, because of various problems that we have, but we
21 need some photographic experts to look at a photograph of
22 Lee Harvey Oswald that appeared on Life Magazine where, you
23 recall, he was holding the carbine rifle in his hand and a
24 Marxist magazine in his other hand, and ⁱⁿ ~~around~~ his belt,
25 he had a pistol.

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1 9 That was a very incriminating piece of evidence against
2 Lee Harvey Oswald. That photograph allegedly was taken by
3 his wife. His wife indicated that she only took two photo-
4 graphs. During Senator Schweiker's investigation, a third
5 photograph surfaced, and that was last year.

6 Experts have indicated that an analysis of that photo-
7 graph would reveal that from the lower chin of the body that
8 appears in the photograph, from the lower chin down through
9 the rest of the body is, in fact, not that of Lee Harvey
10 Oswald; simply the face of Oswald superimposed on another
11 body.

12 We have seen an analysis of this during the time we
13 have been operating. In fact, you do notice that there is
14 a break and it is an area that we must get involved with
15 to find out if, in fact, we can show conclusively that there
16 was some superimposing of Oswald's head on the body.

17 I must note, when Oswald was arrested, he was shown
18 this photograph because the photograph was very prominently
19 placed in a garbage can in the garage on the top, face up.

20 When he looked at the photograph, he said, "that is my
21 face, but it is not my body."

22 Tying that into the Diosdado-Veciana notion on trying
23 to blame the 1971 attempt on Castro's life on the Russians
24 and trying to use this type of technique, you have to do a
25 little bit of mental gymnastics. Nevertheless, this comes

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1 right back home to roost for us in our investigation. We
2 have to get involved in that kind of analysis of the photo-
3 graph, and we have copies of those photographs.

4 *included*
5 *W* This group, Alpha 66, we have found, again, people who
6 were involved in the Watergate episode, namely Frank Sturgis
7 and E. Howard Hunt, were active with that group in Miami.
8 There were really three major areas where Alpha 66 operated:
9 Miami, New Orleans and Dallas.

10 There was a police report in Dallas and that report made
11 its way to the Warren Commission that Lee Harvey Oswald was
12 attending meetings of Alpha 66 in Dallas, but again, this was
13 never pursued. ~~and~~ This gets us into the findings and
14 revelations of the Schweiker Committee when it was discovered
15 for the first time that in fact at the time the President was
16 assassinated, an individual named AMLASH, who was supposed
17 to assassinate Fidel Castro, was, that very day, receiving
18 a poison pen apparatus to kill Castro. November 22, 1963,

19 Of course, this was never given to the Commission. Those
20 individuals involved with the investigation, namely the FBI
21 field persons, the Central Intelligence Agency field persons,
22 the Secret Service, have testified that had they known that,
23 the whole thrust of the investigation would have gone in
24 different directions.

25 Mr. Fauntroy. Before you leave the Veciana question and
go to the AMLASH question, I just wonder how do we know all

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1 that you have under the heading "Lee Harvey Oswald-Central
2 Intelligence Agency." How do we know about the Alpha-66,
3 the Veciana, the discussions with Hunt?

4 *Q* Is this a part of the Senate Select Committee?

5 Mr. Tanenbaum. No. Veciana never testified before the
6 Schweiker Subcommittee. We have other witnesses down in
7 Florida who have given us this information.

8 Mr. Fauntroy. You have witnesses? Good.

9 On the comment, "That is my face, not my body," what
10 is our source of information on that?

11 Mr. Tanenbaum. From the notes of the interview with
12 Oswald, the statements he made after his arrest.

13 Mr. Fauntroy. Whose notes?

14 Mr. Tanenbaum. The officers who interrogated him.

15 Mr. Fauntroy. I see. So we do have some notes. Did
16 we get those notes from them?

17 Mr. Tanenbaum. No. Just so it is clear, Oswald was
18 questioned for a very long period of time, intensively for
19 over ¹²twelve hours, and in this case, involving the President
20 of the United States, there was no stenographer present, as
21 there is here, as there is in most major cities when you go
22 out and talk to a defendant, one who is accused of a crime,
23 you usually have a stenographer present.

24 There was no taperecording of any of these conversa-
25 tions, no contemporaneous notes taken. Any of the notes that

1 appeared ¹/₇ and, in fact, are copies that are presently over
2 in the Archives ¹/₇ were notes made after the fact. It is
3 from that source material that we know what happened as
4 far as the questioning of Oswald is concerned.

5 ⁹ Mr. Fauntroy. That is precisely why I asked the
6 question. I wondered how we got that information when we
7 knew there was no recording, no notes that I knew of that
8 were taken at the long, ¹²/₁₂ twelve-hour interrogation.

9 Mr. McKinney. Will the gentleman yield, just on that
10 point?

11 Mr. Fauntroy. I will yield to the gentleman from
12 Connecticut.

13 Mr. McKinney. Did they ever explain why there was never
14 any recording or transcription of this testimony?

15 Mr. Tanenbaum. On February 7, 1977, former Police Chief
16 Curry had a press release that there were many foul-ups
17 in the investigation, that they did not have any money to
18 purchase tape recorders. I might add that Curry in this
19 press conference, carried over the UP wires, indicated that
20 although ¹³/₁₃ thirteen years ago he gave little credence to any
21 suggestion of the conspiracy, today he is not so sure and
22 he does not agree that [#]the accused assassin, Lee Harvey
23 Oswald, was acting on his own initiative.

24 That is the man who was in charge of the investigation
25 in Dallas.

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1 Mr. Fauntroy. Who is this?

2 Mr. Tanenbaum. Former Police Chief Curry, presently
3 retired.

4 Mr. Stokes. Mr. Preyer?

5 Mr. Preyer. Is Bishop alive and available?

6 Mr. Tanenbaum. We do not know who Morris Bishop is.

7 We do not believe that that is his real name. We believe
8 that is the name that he used as an alias when he contacted
9 Veciana.

10 We would very much like to find out where he is,
11 indeed.

12 Mr. Preyer. Along the lines that Walter was asking,
13 you state some facts here, some pretty startling. One that
14 Lee Harvey Oswald was seen leaving the office of Alpha 66
15 in 1963. In August, 1963, Veciana was called for a meeting
16 with Bishop. Bishop arrived with Oswald.

17 What is the basis of those facts?

18 Mr. Tanenbaum. To answer your question, Mr. Preyer,
19 there are four exhibits that are attendant to the Warren
20 Commission hearings and exhibits, ~~twenty-six~~ ²⁶ volumes that
21 indicate that Oswald, in fact, attended meetings of the
22 Alpha 66 headquarters in Dallas.

23 There are many people who put Lee Harvey Oswald with
24 anti-Castro Cubans, rabid anti-Castro Cubans in New Orleans
25 and Dallas.

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1 Q To answer your second question, Veciana is the source
2 of that information. He is presently in Miami. He, I am
3 sure, will come forward and talk to us 1/11 at least in execu-
4 tive session.

5 Mr. Thone. Were there not other allegations that
6 Lee Harvey Oswald was trying to align himself with Castro?

7 Mr. Tanenbaum. Yes. There is evidence, and there is
8 a motion picture to memorialize the fact that Lee Harvey
9 Oswald was passing out literature for Fair Play for Cuba
10 Committee.

11 In the briefing memorandum, sir, you will note that
12 we discuss that, and along that line, it is very significant
13 involvement. He was the only member of the Fair Play for
14 Cuba Committee in New Orleans. There is a card listing his
15 name, Lee Harvey Oswald, as a member. The President of
16 the Association is one A. J. Hidell. That is his own
17 alias.

18 The headquarters was 544 Camp Street in New Orleans.
19 That is the same address where anti-Castro Cuban groups were
20 lodged and, in fact, on August 9, 1963, Oswald was handing
21 out these leaflets and he got involved in a fist-fight with
22 one Carlos Bringuier.

23 Carlos Bringuier, we have learned, was befriended by
24 Oswald several days prior to August 9. Bringuier is an
25 anti-Castro Cuban, a leader of the student movement called

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1 which was the brainchild of and key supporter of this group,
2 E. Howard Hunt.

3 Bringuier got into a fight with Oswald and in fact,
4 later on, on August 16th I believe, Oswald then again
5 handed out literature and there again were cameras out
6 there.

7 We dare say that Lee Harvey Oswald was not the most
8 notorious pro-Castroite or well-known figure to require the
9 media to take pictures of him when he handed out leaflets
10 on a corner in New Orleans. We have found out that it was
11 Bringuier who called the media to have this filmed.

12 Standing next to Oswald in this film is a fellow by
13 the name of Manuel Garcia Gonzalez. He is standing right
14 next to him. His head is as close as my head is to Miss
15 Hess'.

16 Manuel Garcia Gonzalez is a member of the No Name Key
17 Group, a paramilitary group funded by the CIA operating off
18 the No Name Key on Key West. We have photographs of the
19 group actually in training. There is a picture of Manuel
20 Garcia Gonzalez.

21 The purpose of this group was to act covertly and land
22 in Cuba.

23 So again, there were other people involved in that group
24 that we will be expecting to play a key role as far as the
25 FBI was concerned with this investigation.

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1 Mr. McKinney. When the FBI made the statement that they
2 would have changed their entire course of investigation, is
3 that on the record?

4 Mr. Tanenbaum. The desk clerk of the CIA is on record
5 before the Schweiker Committee. You can find that in the
6 book filed by the Schweiker Committee Report.

7 Mr. Stokes. The second bell has rung. I suggest that
8 we go over and vote. The vote is on the previous question,
9 and then that we come right back.

10 [A brief recess was taken.]

11 Mr. Stokes. The Committee will come to order.

12 Mr. Tanenbaum, we come back to you for a continuation
13 of your briefing presentation.

14 Mr. Tanenbaum. Yes, sir.

15 Before we leave off on Mr. Veciana, I would like to note
16 that he was asked by Morris Bishop to infiltrate a group
17 called Cellula Fantasma. The purpose of the group was to
18 drop leaflets over Cuba, the anti-Castro types of leaflets.

19 The reason I introduce this, Veciana was introduced
20 to this group by Julio Lobo. He was the owner of the bank
21 where Veciana worked when he was in Cuba.

22 Veciana suspects, in trying to track down who Bishop
23 is, it is possibly Julio Lobo or another gentleman by the
24 name of Fresque, who is presently in Berkeley, California
25 teaching at my alma mater, who introduced Veciana to Bishop.

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1 Lobo is presently in Spain.

2 9 In order to find out who Bishop is, we would have to
3 speak to these individuals.

4 This group, this Fantasma group ¹/_M

5 Mr. McKinney. Was Bishop in fact an operative of the
6 CIA?

7 Mr. Tanenbaum. We do not know the answer to that.

8 Mr. McKinney. Could we know by checking the CIA files,
9 or is that beyond the purview?

10 Mr. Tanenbaum. Certainly that would be an investiga-
11 tive area. That is something we should look at.

12 Mr. Stokes. Let me ask this.

13 On page 3, you say as late as 1971, Bishop directed
14 Veciana to kill Castro in Chile. Where do we get this
15 information?

16 Mr. Tanenbaum. From Veciana.

17 Mr. Sprague. I think, Mr. Chairman, the Committee should
18 note that Veciana is not only alive, but there is a good
19 contact between Veciana and a member of our staff, and that
20 the information that we have been given is what Veciana has
21 told the member of our staff.

22 Mr. Thone. Mr. Sprague, I am now thoroughly confused.
23 Mr. Preyer and I spent one Saturday afternoon taking testi-
24 mony from Phillips. I thought that he told us that Oswald was
25 down in Mexico City trying to go to Cuba or Russia, that the

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1 thrust of his testimony was that Harvey Lee Oswald was so
2 pro-Castro.

3 // How does this figure into this picture?

4 Mr. Sprague. It raises questions as to whether or not
5 Oswald was one, being a double agent; secondly, that he
6 specifically in one vein was doing something under orders
7 from the other camp.

8 Jumping ahead a little bit ¹/_M and Mr. Tanenbaum will
9 get into it ¹/_M one of the things that has come to our
10 attention more recently from Mr. Phillips, if you recall
11 Phillips related how they had
12] and picked up this tape of a conversa-
13 tion between Oswald and the people in the Russian Embassy
14 and that that tape was destroyed by the CIA ¹/_M not will-
15 fully, but they were reusing the tapes and that this had
16 been done prior to the assassination of President Kennedy.

17 We have just come across a memorandum by J. Edgar
18 Hoover where in his memorandum to the Secret Service he is
19 advising the Secret Service that FBI agents listen^{ed} to that
20 tape from Mexico City of the person purporting to be Oswald
21 after the assassination of President Kennedy and those
22 FBI agents who were then familiar with Oswald's voice ¹/_M he
23 was under arrest at the time ¹/_M said that the voice on the
24 tape is not Oswald.

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1 Mrs. Burke. Will the gentleman yield for one moment
2 on that point?

3 Mr. Thone. Certainly.

4 Mrs. Burke. At a previous briefing, there was some
5 discussion of a radio debate of Lee Harvey Oswald and
6 someone and I gather that that tape is still available and
7 members of the Committee have listened to that tape of a
8 radio debate. They did not listen through you, but through
9 some other source.

10 Mr. Tanenbaum. Since I have been here, since December
11 6th, we have not heard that tape. It is a debate between
12 Oswald and the gentleman I mentioned, Carlos Bringuier.

13 Mrs. Burke. Which side is Oswald on?

14 Mr. Tanenbaum. The pro-Cuba side, Fair Play for Cuba.

15 Mrs. Burke. On the pro-Cuba side in that radio debate.

16 When was that radio debate?

17 Mr. Tanenbaum. The summer of 1963, after the August
18 episodes that I just related.

19 Mrs. Burke. He and Bringuier, then, engaged in a radio
20 program?

21 Mr. Tanenbaum. Yes.

22 Mr. Fauntroy. Has staff talked to Robert Morrow?

23 Mr. Tanenbaum. He has been here and he spoke to Mr.
24 Sprague and he has spoken to the gentlemen investigating
25 Martin Luther King. I have not personally talked to him.

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1 9 Mr. Stokes. If there are no ~~more~~ further questions on
2 this point, you may proceed.

3 Mr. Tanenbaum. On the matter that you raised, Mr.
4 Thone, on pages 10 through 12 of the memorandum, last we
5 have Mr. Veciana.

6 This group that was dropping these leaflets that he
7 was asked to infiltrate and get involved with had, as its
8 adviser, Frank Sturgis. Another fellow by the name of
9 Pedro Diaz Lanz was in charge of military operations. They
10 were both involved with Castro during the revolution and
11 defected again from Cuba.

12 E. Howard Hunt, in his book, "Give us This Day,"
13 writes about individuals who were dropping leaflets. The
14 heroes are these two individuals. He, by name, mentions
15 Lanz. He does not mention the other gentlemen. The other
16 fellow we know to be Frank Sturgis.

17 Lastly, what is significant about Veciana in addition
18 to all that we have discussed about him is that from his
19 own mouth, he indicates that he was known by our government
20 to be what we would label as a known terrorist, from his
21 own jargon, yet he was hired by the State Department to work
22 in Bolivia for the Agency for International Development.

23 It was while he was here, allegedly as a consultant,
24 yet acting covertly, again through the direction of Mr.
25 Bishop, that he remained there and launched his last attack

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1 against Castro in Chile. There are records to indicate that
2 indeed Veciana worked for the State Department in Bolivia.

3 Now, just passing over the material that was withheld
4 from the Warren Commission, namely the AMLASH operation that
5 was brought to light during the Schweiker investigation,
6 on May 7, 1976 the testimony before that Committee from the
7 desk officer indicated ¹/_H and I will quote, the question
8 to the desk officer who was the coordinator of the CIA's
9 internal investigation of the assassination. He was asked
10 this question.

11 "Question: 'Did you know that on November 22, 1963
12 about the time Kennedy was assassinated a CIA case officer
13 was offering a poison pen to a high-level Cuban to use to
14 assassinate Castro?'

15 "Answer: 'No, I did not.'

16 "Question: 'Would you draw a link, in your mind, between
17 that and the Kennedy assassination?'

18 "Answer: 'I certainly think that would become an
19 absolutely vital factor in analyzing the events surrounding
20 the Kennedy assassination.'"

21 The Committee then ¹/_H and I have incorporated that on
22 page 5 of the memorandum ¹/_H makes the statement about the
23 fact that high-level officers probably knew about AMLASH,
24 these operations, covert operations, but for some reason
25 did not pass them on to the people actually involved in

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1 investigating the assassination.

2 // Let us discuss Lee Harvey Oswald and the FBI. There
3 came to light during the executive session meeting of the
4 Warren Commission in January, 1964, from ^{go}Wagner Carr, then
5 Attorney General of the State of Texas and his Chief Counsel,
6 Leon Jaworski, that they had information that Lee Harvey
7 Oswald was a paid FBI informant.

8 They, the Commission, held an emergency meeting. The
9 facts were laid out allegedly supporting the fact that Oswald
10 was an FBI informant. It was determined at the first meeting
11 that this should obviously be investigated. What would be
12 the best course of action?

13 The best course of action would be to talk with all of
14 the agents involved and conduct a thorough investigation.
15 They, the Warren Commission, then had a second meeting.

16 At this meeting, they thought that a thorough investiga-
17 tion of this matter would offend the Director, J. Edgar
18 Hoover, and it was determined that they would ask Mr. Hoover
19 whether or not Lee Harvey Oswald was an FBI informant and
20 Mr. Hoover told the Commission as far as he knew Lee Harvey
21 Oswald was not an FBI informant. That is what happened with
22 that investigation with the Warren Commission in their
23 investigation to determine whether Lee Harvey Oswald had
24 any FBI connections.

25 There was a fellow by the name of William Walter, an

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1 FBI Security Code Clerk in New Orleans in their field office.
2 he worked there from 1961 ^{to} 1966. He had stated that
3 five days before the assassination the FBI sent a teletype
4 to his office and they reported that there was a conspiracy
5 to assassinate the President when he went to Dallas, on his
6 proposed trip to go to Dallas.

7 He claims after the assassination this material indica-
8 ting that President Kennedy would be assassinated by a militant
9 revolutionary group in Dallas was destroyed. He himself
10 typed out a copy of the teletype that he has and the FBI
11 has denied that this teletype has ever been sent.

12 This is an area that we have to get into and find out
13 whether we can ¹/₄ whether he is telling the truth.

14 There is also another connection of Lee Harvey Oswald
15 with the FBI. That comes from an informant from the FBI.
16 That brings to light an FBI agent called Warren deBrueys.

17 Mr. Fithian. May I interrupt before you go on?

18 This William Walter is where now?

19 Mr. Tanenbaum. In the Midwest, working for a bank.

20 Mr. Fithian. He would be willing to come and testify
21 to this effect?

22 Mr. Tanenbaum. If he were given a subpoena, it is our
23 judgment he would come forward. When he obtained this job
24 at the bank he was specifically asked not to discuss the
25 material that we just talked about here because of pressures

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1 and publicity and all of the other attendant problems that
2 might result to the bank where he is working.

3 *9* However, if we give him a subpoena, there is a likeli-
4 hood that he will come forward and tell us, in substance,
5 what I have indicated.

6 Mr. Fithian. Mr. Chairman, I keep trying to identify
7 those items which could be made public and not jeopardize
8 further investigation.

9 Mr. Tanenbaum, is it your professional judgment that
10 this is one of those?

11 Mr. Tanenbaum. In answer to your question, Mr. Fithian,
12 I would say no. The reason is that at this stage we have
13 not investigated this matter to determine whether or not,
14 independently, we can prove that a teletype in fact was
15 sent, so that in some manner when we confront the FBI we
16 would have something independent to show them that, in fact,
17 there was such a teletype.

18 We have talked to other individuals that were in the
19 field office that might have also seen the teletype.

20 When I talk about this fellow, it is coming from him.
21 We have not had a chance to verify or confirm or corroborate
22 anything that he has said. I would not want to put us in
23 the position of having one person give what would be very
24 sensational testimony until or unless we were able to be of
25 the firm belief that he was, in fact, giving us the truth.

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1 91 Mr. Fithian. How long did he work for the FBI?

2 Mr. Tanenbaum. 1961 ~~to~~¹ 1966.

3 Mr. Fithian. Thank you.

4 Mr. McKinney. How did the bank know?

5 Mr. Tanenbaum. This man went on television and stated
6 this. He told this to Dan Rather, I believe, in 1975.

7 Mr. Fithian. Having gone on national television with
8 it, I wonder if he would be that far off base. I just want
9 to put that ~~in~~ⁱⁿ the record, that this may be something we
10 will want to return to in a public hearing.

11 Mr. Stokes. If there are no further questions, you may
12 proceed.

13 Mr. Tanenbaum. The other contact with the FBI is with
14 Warren deBrueys. He is an FBI agent in New Orleans. Information
15 of Oswald's association, alleged association with
16 Mr. deBrueys, comes from one of Mr. deBrueys' own informants,
17 a fellow by the name of Orest Pena.

18 Mr. Pena had testified before the Warren Commission and,
19 in fact, denied any knowledge of Lee Harvey Oswald's having
20 any contacts with the FBI. He has subsequently changed his
21 stance and he now says that his earlier testimony before the
22 Commission was the result of fear ~~in~~ⁱⁿ in fact, he was
23 threatened by Warren deBrueys and I quoted in part what he,
24 in fact, said about that. That appears on page 7 of the
25 memorandum.

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1 Mr. Fauntroy. What is his source of that?

2 Mr. Tanenbaum. Again, Dan Rather on a CBS show.

3 There is an important area. It gets into what Mr. Feld
4 was talking to Mr. Sprague about and that was the misleading
5 of the Warren Commission by the FBI. It is a very serious
6 area. It is clearly documented. That gets us into a
7 woman named Sylvia Odio.

8 Let me backtrack for one minute. When I mentioned the
9 name Sylvia Odio, Antonio Veciana, who was supposed to kill
10 Fidel Castro in Cuba in the early ^{Sylvia} 60^s with a gentleman
11 by the name of ^eRinaldo Gonzalez, they were supposed to use
12 bazookas stationed in an apartment and kill Mr. Castro while
13 he was giving a speech.

14 ^eRinaldo Gonzalez was captured by Castro's security
15 people prior to the attempted assassination; he was not
16 with Veciana at the time.

17 Gonzalez hid in Sylvia Odio's father's farm outside of
18 Havana for a period of time. It was there that Gonzalez,
19 who was supposed to kill Castro with Veciana, was arrested.

20 Sylvia Odio's parents were then arrested and Gonzalez
21 then told of the plot to kill him with Veciana.

22 Odio's ^{parents} parents now live in Miami, in southern Florida.
23 Again, it may be mere coincidence, but Sylvia Odio was
24 always an important witness to the Commission and the process
25 the Commission used to impeach her is what is very vital for

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1 our investigation. Let us get to that right now.

2 Sylvia Odio was a very well-known, influential anti-
3 Castro Cuban living in Dallas. She was living there with
4 her sister Anne, who at the time was approximately ~~fourteen~~
5 years-old.

6 She states that she was visited by three men somewhere
7 around the ^{3rd} ~~third~~ week of September, 1963 in Dallas at her
8 apartment. She identified the three men as Leopoldo,
9 Angelo and Leon Oswald.

10 After the President was assassinated, she saw Lee
11 Harvey Oswald on television. She then made the connection
12 between the Leon Oswald who visited her with these two
13 other men during the ^{3rd} ~~third~~ week of September, 1963 and the
14 accused assassin of the President.

15 She said that the three men came to her apartment, told
16 her they had just come from New Orleans and they were
17 interested in having her fund some other anti-Castro
18 activity.

19 They stayed for approximately ~~fifteen~~ minutes.

20 She said that Leon Oswald, the American, did not say
21 too much; he just stood by.

22 A couple of days later, Leopoldo called her back and
23 asked her what she thought about the American. She said
24 not very much because he did not say anything during the time
25 that you were there.

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1 9/ Leopoldo said that this American says that we are not
2 doing enough, that anti-Castro Cubans are not doing enough,
3 that we should be involved in plans to get rid of Kennedy.
4 This American was a Marine and some crazy guy who is talking
5 about killing the President, that we are not doing enough to
6 do that.

7 Sylvia Odio did not seek out anybody in law enforcement.
8 It was through a friend of hers whom she confided in that
9 ultimately led to the FBI questioning her.

10 Sylvia Odio's testimony was very difficult to explain,
11 if in fact she was telling the truth, that Oswald visited
12 her with these anti-Castro Cubans because, again, that would
13 have opened up the door to an investigation that the Warren
14 Commission did not conduct.

15 Bear in mind, on December 9, 1963 the Deputy Attorney
16 General wrote a letter to the Commission. He said to the
17 Commission that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone; he was unaided
18 by anybody. Let us get through with our work.

19 Now the Commission was confronted with someone like
20 Sylvia Odio. They are not about to get rid of their work
21 very fast if they have to deal with her.

22 How does the Warren Commission ultimately deal with
23 her ¹/_N and it gets us into two areas. One is the misleading
24 by the FBI of the Commission and the other is this whole
25 episode of Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly being in Mexico City,

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1 because the ultimate conclusion of the Warren Commission
2 about Sylvia Odio is that she is mistaken; Oswald did not
3 visit her and, in fact, was in Mexico City at the time that
4 he was supposed to have visited her.

5 ¶ Let us analyze the first thing, that Oswald was not
6 there, because one of the individuals who, in fact, visited
7 her stated he visited her with two other individuals who
8 indeed were not Lee Harvey Oswald.

9 On September 16, 1964 ¹/_M the chronology here is crucial ~~47~~
10 on September 16, 1964, the FBI interviewed ^{Loran} ~~Warren~~ Eugene
11 Hall, a member of this Key Group I described before, this
12 paramilitary, CIA-funded group operating off the No Name
13 Key in Florida.

14 On September 16, 1964, the FBI interviewed ^{Loran} ~~Warren~~
15 Eugene Hall who said ¹/_M and it is documented ¹/_M that he, in
16 fact, visited Sylvia Odio with two individuals, William
17 Seymour and Lawrence Howard, both of whom were also members
18 of the No Name Key Group; that Lee Harvey Oswald was not
19 with them; that Odio must be mistaken.

20 On September 18, 1964, Seymour was questioned by the
21 FBI. He denied that he, in fact, ever went to visit Sylvia
22 Odio.

23 On September 20, 1964, the third individual, Lawrence
24 Howard denied that he ever went with anyone to see Sylvia
25 Odio.

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1 On September 20th, the same day that Howard denied,
2 ^{Loran} Warren Hall recanted his September 16th statement to the
3 FBI.

4 On September 21st, the date that all of these documents
5 were in the possession of the FBI, on September 21st, 1964,
6 the then-Director of the FBI wrote a letter to the Warren
7 Commission incorporating only the September 16, 1964 state-
8 ment from Hall. He had it before him on September 21st,
9 Hall's recantation, and he had two denials from the
10 individuals that were with him.

11 On September 21st he wrote a letter to the Commission
12 indicating, as I outlined here on page 9, that the September
13 16th substance of the Hall statement was, in fact, sufficient
14 refutation of Sylvia Odio's testimony.

15 There is really more to this area. In the second prong
16 of the Commission's analysis that Sylvia Odio is mistaken,
17 that Lee Harvey Oswald was in Mexico City. Let us analyze
18 that.

19 What do we know about Lee Harvey Oswald's being in Mexico
20 City?

21 The Central Intelligence Agency had

22 "tapes"

23 In Mexico City, on the
24 phones in the Cuban Embassy and the Russian Embassy in
25 Mexico City. They indicated with the teletype a message $\frac{1}{H}$

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1 they had sent a teletype cable to the Washington office
2 of the FBI, the State Department, the Navy, the following ¹/₂₄
3 this was on October 1, 1963. Oswald was supposedly on a
4 bus during the ^{4th} ~~fourth~~ week of September, on a bus going from
5 New Orleans allegedly down into Mexico through Laredo.

6 ¶ This was the time that the Warren Commission fixed that
7 Odio had indicated that she was visited by Oswald. She kept
8 saying she could not pinpoint the exact date. They pinpointed
9 it for her. That is her testimony about that.

10 Significantly, on October 1st, the CIA sent the follow-
11 ing message on October 1, 1963: ¶ Reliable source in Mexico
12 reported that an American male who identified himself as
13 Lee Oswald contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City
14 inquiring whether the Embassy had received any news concern-
15 ing a telegram which had been sent to Washington.

16 ¶ The American was described as approximately 35 years
17 old with an athletic build, about 6 feet tall with receding
18 hairline. It is believed that Oswald may be identical to
19 Lee Henry Oswald born on 18 October 1939, a former Marine
20 who defected to the Soviet Union in October 1959 and later
21 made arrangements through the United States Embassy in
22 Moscow to return to the United States with his Russian-born
23 wife. ¶

24 They indicate the name of his wife and child.

25 "The information in paragraph one is being disseminated

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1 to your representatives in Mexico City. Any further infor-
2 mation received on this subject will be furnished you.

3 "This information is being made available to the
4 Immigration and Naturalization Service."

5 Obviously, the age and description of Oswald is
6 inaccurate, but in addition they sent a photograph of this
7 person they claimed was Lee Oswald and that photograph, we
8 do not have to hire any experts to tell us whether or not
9 that person is Lee Harvey Oswald. Unequivocally, beyond
10 any and all doubt, that person is the person described in
11 the cable.

12 Now, on November 27, 1976 at an Executive ^{session} ~~Committee~~
13 ~~meeting~~ questioning was conducted by Mr. Sprague and
14 Congressman Thone ^{Chairman} ~~and Congressman~~ Preyer ^{and were} present when
15 Mr. Phillips was questioned. Mr. David Phillips was the
16 head, ultimately, before he retired of all Western Hemisphere
17 operations of the CIA. He came forward and testified and
18 indicated to the subcommittee of this ~~Committee~~ that there
19 was photographic surveillance of all people going in and
20 out of these Embassies, [
21 ,] that in fact at the time that Lee Harvey Oswald
22 was allegedly in Mexico City something happened to the
23 camera and it was not taking pictures.

24 In order to explain the mistake in that cable of
25 October 1st that was sent by the CIA, he went on to say in

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1 essence that when this fellow introduced himself from the
2 Soviet Embassy on the phone as Lee Henry Oswald ¹/_M bear that
3 in mind when you get this whole thing in mind logically ¹/_M
4 Lee Henry Oswald ¹/_M it is Harvey, not Henry ¹/_M he said the
5 person identified himself as Lee Henry Oswald. When the
6 tape was given to someone to transcribe, mistakenly a
7 photograph was given to that person and the transcription
8 and photograph was sent back to Washington.

9 *Q* That is the reason for the foul up.

10 We just recently had in our possession a November 23rd
11 1963 letter that Mr. Sprague indicated in substance was
12 sent to the Secret Service Chief, James J. Rowley ^{le} from J.
13 Edgar Hoover. This has just come to light.

14 - I dare say that very few people know about this, that
15 is that this piece of information has come to light, that this
16 letter has surfaced, that indicates, in substance on page
17 12 of the memorandum, that the Central Intelligence Agency ¹/_M
18 I am quoting here from the letter: *Q* The Central Intelligence
19 Agency advises that on October 1, 1963 an extremely sensitive
20 source had reported that an individual who identified
21 himself as Lee Oswald had contacted the Soviet Embassy in
22 Mexico City inquiring as to any messages. Special agents" ¹/_M
23 it should be ¹/_M "of this Bureau who have conversed with
24 Oswald in Dallas, Texas have observed photographs of the
25 individual referred to above and have listened to a recording

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1 of his voice. These special agents are of the opinion that
2 the above-referred to individual was not Lee Harvey Oswald."

3 9/ Mr. Sprague. If I may interject at this point, just
4 to emphasize that when we questioned Mr. Phillips, Mr. Preyer
5 and Mr. Feld, the CIA had stated previously and Mr. Phillips
6 stated at that time that the tape recording^s that the CIA had
7 on Oswald in Mexico City had been destroyed within approx-
8 imately a week ^{following} ~~within~~ the recording, that they were not in
9 existence at the time of the assassination of President
10 Kennedy.

11 So we now have a document indicating that agents of the
12 FBI listened to ~~recordings of~~ these tapes after the
13 assassination. Certainly this flies in the face of the
14 testimony given by Mr. Phillips of what the CIA has previously
15 presented and raises now an additional question, if such
16 a tape were in existence after the assassination, why was
17 that tape destroyed, if it was.

18 Now he ^{1/}~~n~~. Mr. Phillips said prior to the assassination
19 it was just a tape routinely used again. Query: was
20 this a tape representing someone calling himself Lee Harvey
21 Oswald destroyed after the assassination? That is the
22 question raised.

23 Of course, an additional thought to be raised at this time
24 Mr. Tanenbaum referred earlier to Mr. Veciana indicating
25 that one of the things that had been requested of him after

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1 the assassination, contacting some relatives in Mexico City
2 for the purpose of getting those relatives to say they had
3 seen Oswald in Mexico City, these dates start to raise some
4 question as to whether there has been a deliberate attempt
5 to make it appear that Oswald was in Mexico City.

6 Mr. Stokes. Let me ask this question. You say that the
7 report from J. Edgar Hoover to Row^{le}ley has just surfaced and
8 is new?

9 Mr. Tanenbaum. When I say that, it was just released
10 that we know of.

11 Mr. Stokes. Released by whom?

12 Mr. Tanenbaum. It was released from the Secret Service.

13 Mr. Stokes. Whom did they release it to? Publicly?

14 Mr. Tanenbaum. They released it to an individual.

15 Mr. Stokes. We have it in our possession?

16 Mr. Tanenbaum. Yes; we do.

17 Mr. Stokes. I see.

18 Mr. Tanenbaum. Let me get that document for you.

19 Mr. Stokes. This does not appear in the Senate report
20 or in any other of the investigatory agency reports?

21 Mr. Tanenbaum. No.

22 I am passing out to you now a copy of that letter.

23 Mr. Stokes. Thank you very much.

24 Mr. Tanenbaum. One last point on this, Mr. Chairman,
25 whether or not this tape was ever destroyed by the CIA, there

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1 is another important fact here that is that the substance of
2 this tape was never given over to the Warren Commission.

3 *Q* Now, we have information from an individual that there
4 is a gentleman in Dallas who is prepared to come forward. It
5 is our belief ¹/_M we have not talked to him; an individual who
6 has talked to him has passed this on to us ¹/_M his name is
7 Edward McBee. He was a bartender who worked for Jack Ruby
8 and other nightclub owners in Dallas and he, in fact, testi-
9 fied before the Warren Commission that he did not know
10 Oswald and he knew of no relationship between Oswald and
11 Jack Ruby.

12 He presently is recovering from cancer and has indicated
13 to the individual who called us that approximately ~~eleven~~
14 days before the assassination there was a meeting in his
15 club where he worked and that the individuals who were
16 present at this meeting were Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby,
17 a fellow by the name of Emilio Santana, Guy Bannister and
18 approximately four or five other individuals from New Orleans
19 and Mexico City.

20 Let us just quickly look at some of the individuals who
21 were at this meeting that we know about. He positively
22 identified a photograph, when showed to him by a researcher,
23 of Guy Bannister. Guy Bannister ¹/_M this gets back to Mr.
24 Thone's question about the Fair Play for Cuba activity ¹/_M
25 Guy Bannister was a former FBI officer in charge of the

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1 Chicago Office. He retired in 1955 and later ran a detective
2 agency. The agency's office was at 544 Camp Street $\frac{1}{H}$ that
3 gets us back to the Fair Play for Cuba activity. That is
4 where the headquarters were listed. Again, Lee Harvey Oswald
5 was the only member of that organization in New Orleans.

6 *Q* Also at 544 Camp Street were other active anti-Castro
7 Cuban groups. Emilio Santana is another individual who was
8 a member of this No Name Key Group. We have photographs of
9 him.

10 Also, members of this No Name Key Group were Manuel
11 Garcia Gonzalez, standing next to Oswald when he was handing
12 out the Fair Play for Cuba literature $\frac{1}{H}$ by the way, there
13 is some photographic evidence to suggest that when Oswald
14 was handing out the Fair Play for Cuba literature when
15 Manuel Garcia Gonzalez was standing next to him that it was
16 done before the International Trade Mart in New Orleans.
17 That is where Clay Shaw worked.

18 In the photographs, there is an individual who appears.
19 One can almost be certain it is Clay Shaw walking towards
20 Oswald when he is handing out this literature and going into
21 the office building where he, in fact, worked,

22 *an* Lor ~~an~~ Hall $\frac{1}{H}$

23 Yes, sir?

24 Mr. Fithian. You say on page 13 $\frac{1}{H}$ and you just
25 recently said, and before you get too far beyond this, you

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1 said "Recently McBee recanted his story. He now states" ¹/_M
2 and then you go on to indicate what he states about the
3 group meeting in his tavern and so on. He states this to
4 whom?

5 *Q* Mr. Tanenbaum. He stated it to one Gary Shaw, an
6 individual who has been active in research in the assassina-
7 tion for some years.

8 Mr. Fithian. You have not had any correspondence with
9 him?

10 Mr. Tanenbaum. No; we have not.

11 Mr. Fauntroy. Would the gentleman yield?

12 *Fithian.*
Mr. ~~Tanenbaum~~ I would be happy to yield.

13 Mr. Fauntroy. What is the feasibility of bringing Mr.
14 McBee here, both in terms of not compromising his reputation
15 and in terms of his health?

16 Mr. Tanenbaum. I have not spoken to Mr. McBee and I
17 cannot answer the question until we actually do speak with
18 him in Dallas, which we have to do.

19 Mr. Preyer. Do you know of any way to corroborate
20 McBee? If you could substantiate his testimony ¹/_M the
21 whole Warren Commission is anchored on the premise that
22 Ruby and Oswald have no connection with each other. If this,
23 and what you say later, could be demonstrated, it could be
24 very important.

25 Mr. Tanenbaum. Before we could be in a position, Mr.

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1 Preyer, to corroborate anything he said, we obviously, in the
2 very, very first instance, we have to speak to him in person.

3 91 Mr. McKinney. I wonder if this is the sort of smoking
4 gun that Congress is looking for? It is not proof, but it
5 is a big question.

6 The mere fact that there would be a man who was there
7 and was going to testify under oath certainly would assuage
8 a lot of my colleagues. ~~that I am flipping my argument telling him~~
9 ~~flipping my argument telling him~~

10 Mr. Tanenbaum. If our budget will permit, we will make
11 any effort to go down to Dallas and speak with him.

12 Mr. Preyer. Is this the type of witness you could ask
13 to take the polygraph test?

14 Mr. Tanenbaum. I do not see any reason why we could not
15 do that.

16 You mentioned polygraph, Mr. Preyer. Orest Pena, whom
17 I indicated was the informant for the New Orleans FBI agent
18 says he demands that we give him a polygraph test. Because
19 in fact deBrueys threatened him before he testified before
20 the Warren Commission.

21 Mr. McKinney. I would like to make an added comment.
22 I do not believe that there is any secret that there are
23 many people in Congress who are saying well, let's let the
24 Black Caucus have Martin Luther King's assassination;
25 Kennedy is fifteen years down the drain.

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1 *9* Is that a correct assumption?

2 If there were to be found any smoking gun to keep this
3 Committee going, it would be far more psychologically valuable
4 if it were to be found in the older case. I am just telling
5 you where I think I ^{can} count numbers. That is where my numbers
6 are at.

7 I do not want to see the Committee compromised on the
8 short-sighting of these investigations, either one of them.
9 I do not want to be in a position like I have been in too
10 many times in this place where I have to turn what is
11 commonly called a streetwalker to get something through,
12 ~~as we have done on Home Rule, as we have done here and done~~
13 ~~there.~~

14 ~~As a member of this Committee,~~ ^I trust and
15 admire you guys and your reputations and everything else,
16 but if you ~~cannot~~ find us anything that will get those
17 bloodhounds out there ~~who are still down on City Hall getting~~
18 ~~what today, if you can get those bloodhounds~~ questioning
19 Kennedy, I think that we have this issue locked, and your
20 employment would be a great deal more secure.

21 Mr. Stokes. Mr. Tanenbaum, may I inquire about how
22 much longer your presentation will take? I am thinking in
23 terms of the fact that it is now quarter of 6 ~~PM~~. I do not
24 know how much longer the members want to continue this
25 evening.

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1 91 Could you give me some idea?

2 Mr. Tanenbaum. Fifteen to twenty minutes.

3 Mr. Stokes. All right. Please proceed.

4 Mr. Tanenbaum. Now during the time of the meeting that
5 McBee says took place and the assassination, witnesses came
6 forward to indicate that Jack Ruby transferred power of
7 attorney to his sister. Now, the FBI was made aware of this
8 fact $\frac{2}{14}$

9 Mr. Fithian. May I interrupt and ask just one question,
10 whether Guy Bannister is still existing?

11 Mr. Tanenbaum. Could you repeat the question?

12 Mr. Fithian. Is Guy Bannister still alive, one of the
13 participants of the alleged meeting ~~eleven~~ days before the
14 assassination?

15 Mr. Tanenbaum. It is our impression, from what we
16 know about Guy Bannister, that he is no longer alive. The
17 FBI was given this information that Jack Ruby transferred
18 his power of attorney shortly before the assassination. In
19 fact, they did not investigate this.

20 We now know that the law firm that handled this matter
21 has destroyed their records. They have numbered files $\frac{1}{M}$
22 and assume for the minute that this is file 5,000, they
23 have destroyed numbers through 7500.

24 However, this woman, who was a secretary, is still
25 a round.

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1 9 Let us discuss the organized crime aspect of this case.
2 There is an individual whom we understand is willing to come
3 forward and testify. His name is Louis McWillie, presently
4 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was a very close friend of Jack
5 Ruby, and Ruby indicated that he was like a brother to
6 him.

7 This fellow, McWillie, goes back into organized crime
8 ^{fitting} in the 50s when he was operating casinos in Cuba. He has
9 indicated that in 1959 Ruby travelled to Cuba and visited
10 a fellow by the name of Santo Trafficante, Jr. Trafficante ^{allegedly}
11 is presently operating his organized crime activities in
12 Tampa, Florida. He allegedly is one of the kingpins of
13 international narcotics. All trafficking allegedly
14 flows through him.

15 Trafficante was associated with Rosselli and Giancana,
16 both of whom are dead. Rosselli testified before the Senate
17 Committee on Intelligence. It was Rosselli's testimony that
18 indicated, among other things, that Trafficante was the
19 Mafia link, he was the coordinator for the CIA when they
20 would contact organized crime to kill people, most notably
21 Fidel Castro.

22 Trafficante was put in jail by Fidel Castro in 1959
23 after the revolution. When he was released, he was released
24 with another fellow. That fellow was none other than
25 ^{Loran} ~~Lorne~~ Eugene Hall.

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1 *A* Trafficante has been quoted by a Cuban exile in Miami
2 as stating, some time before the assassination, that JFK
3 was going to get hit. This whole organized crime activity,
4 as it relates to this case, involves the people who, in fact,
5 were involved with Castro before and during the revolution,
6 and that is Frank Sturgis, who was appointed by Castro after
7 the revolution in charge of security for the Air Force, and
8 as the liaison and coordinator of all the casinos in Cuba.

9 So Sturgis, who is also known as Frank Fiorino was
10 involved with all of these people.

11 One year after Rosselli testified before the Senate
12 ~~C~~ommittee, he was murdered. That case is still under
13 investigation. I believe three days prior to his testimony
14 before the Senate ~~C~~ommittee, Sam Giancana was murdered, and
15 that case is still being investigated.

16 Trafficante never testified before any ~~C~~ommittee about
17 his alleged involvement with the CIA plots to kill other
18 people, particularly Fidel Castro. The ostensible reason
19 why he was not called before the Senate ~~C~~ommittee was that
20 he allegedly was in Costa Rica.

21 Hopefully, as far as we are concerned, he is in Tampa,
22 ~~Florida~~, because he is an individual, I think, that we would
23 like to talk to under oath and discuss with him under oath
24 what he knows about these people and, most pointedly, what
25 he knows about the assassination of the President.

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1 Mr. Stokes. Mr. Tanenbaum, let me ask you a question.
2 You quote Jose Ulman as saying $\frac{1}{N}$ I guess quoting Trafficante
3 to the effect that Kennedy was going to be hit. Where do
4 we get that information?

5 Mr. Tanenbaum. That comes from our investigator who
6 is in Florida now.

7 Mr. Stokes. From him having talked to whom?

8 Mr. Tanenbaum. Ulman.

9 Mr. Stokes. Is Ulman a willing witness?

10 Mr. Tanenbaum. I do not know the answer to that ques-
11 tion. He is a person whom we would like to speak with.

12 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, may I say that in our
13 opinion, considering the comments made previously, that we
14 would urge upon this Committee the issuance of a subpoena
15 for Mr. Trafficante, one for him prepared personally and the
16 other for his records touching upon the areas that have
17 just been commented upon by Mr. Tanenbaum.

18 I might say this. If the Committee should decide the
19 issuance of these two subpoenas, I think that here it is
20 extremely important that not one word come out of this hearing
21 room because in the event that Mr. Trafficante is still in
22 Florida, the moment that there is one word out of this
23 room, he will no longer be in Florida.

24 I think that it is extremely important in this instance,
25 and our people would like to dispatch it this evening, to

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1 go down to Florida for the purpose of serving these two
2 subpoenas, for the production of Mr. Trafficante next
3 Wednesday. We have to give our people enough time to try
4 to seek him out and to serve these subpoenas, these two
5 subpoenas,

6 Mr. Stokes. Mr. Thone?

7 Mr. Thone. What records?

8 Mr. Sprague. We do not know whether he has any
9 records, but our demand is that he bring with him all notes
10 and materials and documents received, vouchers, memoranda,
11 correspondence, from January 1958 to December 1964 related
12 to attempts to assassinate Fidel Castro.

13 I might interject, remember supposedly he was, at one
14 time, working at the behest of the CIA coordinating such
15 attempts, and we would be interested in any notes, memoranda,
16 payments that were made.

17 Continuing on, all such material relating to attempts
18 to assassinate, or the assassination of, John F. Kennedy and
19 such material relating to the groups and organizations known
20 as Alpha 66, International Anti-Communist Brigade, No Name
21 Key Group, the Cuban Revolutionary Council; and relating to
22 his own release from prison in Havana, Cuba.

23 I am not stating what I expect. Encompassing any and
24 all areas relating to the inquiry.

25 Mr. Thome. Being serious about it, you cannot expect that

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1 he has any records.

2 Mr. Sprague. I would tend to agree, but who knows?
3 If someone doing work on behalf of the CIA, if at that
4 instance he initiated, or has something to grant him
5 perhaps some immunities?

6 We do not know. Who knows.

7 Mr. McKinney. May I follow through on a point and get
8 Counsel's opinion?

9 One, we have perfection, you find him, you serve
10 him, he comes and testifies. If he took the ~~fifth~~ Amendment
11 himself, we would have a hell of a point.

12 Two, if he disappears, would Counsel advise that we make
13 as much of a point of his having been served and having dis-
14 appeared? Would that also help us with our problem?

15 Mr. Sprague. Mr. McKinney, of course, our approach is
16 that we, in fact, want this person's testimony under oath.
17 As we see it, assuming that we are able to move expeditiously
18 without word getting out, to serve him ¹/_M as I see it, there
19 are four courses.

20 One, he can go into Court attacking the legal basis
21 of this Committee, Constitutional basis. Second~~ly~~, he can
22 flee, having been served.

23 Third~~ly~~, he can appear and take whatever Constitutional
24 protection he is entitled to. Fourth~~ly~~, of course, he can
25 testify.

I think that speaks in response to your question.

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1 9) Mr. McKinney. All four are of value to us.

2 Mr. Sprague. We are making this request, not on the
3 basis of the first three, but on the basis of, in fact,
4 obtaining his testimony.

5 Mr. Stokes. Let me follow up for a moment on Mr.
6 McKinney's question. Let us presume we issue a subpoena and
7 he is located in Florida, that he is properly served and he
8 then goes into court and files a motion to quash, on whatever
9 reason he would base the motion to quash. At that point, we
10 have a public confrontation with a witness, which is something
11 that prior to this time has been subliminal, and at least
12 not made known to the public in terms of the investigation.

13 How does that affect the investigation, a recalcitrant
14 witness, one who does not want to submit?

15 Mr. Sprague. We still have many areas, as you gathered
16 from the presentation you heard, to proceed. Of course, I
17 do suggest that with a court attack pending against the
18 ability of this Congress to lawfully investigate these two
19 assassinations that that is going to be a question for the
20 Congress, whether they want to drop these investigations
21 with such a Court test pending.

22 Mr. McKinney. Congress is as ready to be quashed
23 by the courts as to have its chairman questioned.

24 Mr. Stokes. Let me ask you another question. Let us
25 assume he comes here pursuant to being served, and I would

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1 presume you would want to question him in ~~Executive~~ session
2 because you do not know what he is going to say, and assume
3 then that with the knowledge that Giancana is dead, Rosselli
4 is dead, that he begins exercising his rights and refuses to
5 testify.

6 *Where* are we then in terms of the investigation?

7 Mr. Preyer. That raises a question, are you planning
8 to use McWillie and Ulman?

9 Mr. Sprague. It raises a number of other questions. If
10 this committee should authorize the issuance of these
11 subpoenas after they have been served, not before, after
12 they have been served, then I would then make a request that
13 we, immediately in this instance, request of the CIA and the
14 FBI and any other pertinent government agency all of their
15 pertinent file material relating to contacts with this
16 particular individual as well, which would be a further aid
17 to the investigation.

18 Mr. Stokes. Does anyone have anything further?

19 Mr. McKinney. I was just going to say that we had better,
20 at one point or another, make a decision on the subpoena.

21 Mr. Stokes. You need a resolution of these, I assume?

22 Mr. Sprague. That is correct.

23 Mr. Fithian. Mr. Chairman?

24 Mr. Stokes. Mr. Fithian?

25 Mr. Fithian. I wonder if we could indulge the committee

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1 to make one more trip to the floor before we take up this
2 serious matter.

3 Mr. Stokes. All right.

4 We will recess.

5 [A brief recess was taken.]

6 Mr. Stokes. The Committee will come to order.

7 Just prior to recess, we were discussing the subpoena
8 situation. Mr. Fithian is not here, but he and Mr. Preyer
9 and I had a few more questions relative to the subpoena
10 process. We might take those up at this time.

11 Here is Mr. Fithian.

12 We were just beginning to get back to the subpoena
13 process, Mr. Fithian, and ^{you} might want to be recognized at
14 this point for questions that you have.

15 Mr. Fithian. I did not have any specific question other
16 than I wanted to make sure we did not just rip off a
17 subpoena before we voted.

18 A couple of mechanical questions, Mr. Sprague. You
19 send an investigator to Tampa. Do your people then actually
20 serve a subpoena?

21 Mr. Sprague. Yes. It will be a person on the staff
22 that I will designate.

23 I am intending, assuming that these subpoenas are
24 authorized and issued, to designate Mr. Tanenbaum, Mr. Klein
25 and Mr. Johnson. The rules, while they do not spell it out,

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1 but the custom is that personal service is required. In
2 fact, there may well be a problem or a possibly of harm
3 in personal service.

4 It would be my opinion that upon their ascertaining
5 that that individual is at his residence, an attempt, then
6 to serve by identifying themselves and their purpose and
7 what they have to the person who is then barring access.
8 It is then sufficient service.

9 Mr. Thone: If Mr. Johnson offered me a subpoena, I would
10 take it.

11 Mr. Fithian. I think you answered the question. I
12 am assuming you just do not walk up as a complete stranger
13 to a guy like this, and therefore the person blocking the
14 entrance receiving the subpoena considered the subpoena
15 had been legally served.

16 Mr. Sprague. Our people are going to identify them-
17 selves to the person who is there at the entrance to the
18 premises, fully identifying themselves and the purpose,
19 hopefully having established that the person is in residence.

20 If they are permitted in, fine. They will be
21 accordingly served. It may well be that they will not be
22 permitted entry, that they will be barred, in which case
23 they will put that as a request. I am instructing them to
24 consider service on the person who is the agent barring
25 access.

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1 Mr. Fithian. May we return just briefly to the earlier
2 subpoena that was authorized?

3 As I understand the nature of that subpoena is such that
4 the person named in it will actually come to Washington?

5 Mr. Sprague. The subpoena reads that way, Mr. Fithian,
6 but that is not required. That is just for the control of
7 the physical evidence so that as we want to we can then take
8 up with them the bringing of it to Washington.

9 If, for purposes of chain of custody, they desire to
10 meet the people who are transporting it, fine. We have no
11 objection to that.

12 Mr. Fithian. There is no difference between that
13 subpoena and the one that you are now talking about?

14 Mr. Sprague. Yes. This subpoena one is for the $\frac{1}{N}$
15 actually a subpoena of the person. That is one of the two
16 subpoenas.

17 The second subpoena is for these records. Technically,
18 I guess if that person wanted to say to our people, here
19 are the records, you can cart them back, fine. We would be
20 glad to cart them back.

21 Mr. Fithian. I have no further questions.

22 Mr. Stokes. Let me ask you a further mechanical
23 question.

24 Once we have signed this subpoena, pursuant to the
25 Committee's action, does that subpoena go through the Clerk's

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1 office of the House? Who actually issues the subpoena?

2 Mr. Sprague. Once it is signed by you, it remains with
3 us, in our possession, until actual service.

4 Mr. Stokes. That is standard procedure under House
5 rules!

6 Mr. Sprague. That is correct.

7 Mr. Stokes. I am wondering mechanically, in terms of
8 keeping what takes place here an absolute secret, as you
9 have requested, whether we had to go to the Clerk's office
10 where obviously it would be a problem, but we do not have
11 to?

12 Mr. Sprague. We do not have to, Mr. Chairman.

13 Mr. Stokes. Are there any further questions on this
14 point?

15 Mr. Preyer. Mr. Chairman, I move the following
16 resolution: Resolved, that the majority of the members of
17 the Committee being present, the majority of the members
18 voting, that the Committee hereby authorize the following
19 subpoena and directs the chairman to sign such subpoena.

20 Mr. Stokes. Would the clerk read the subpoena?

21 Mrs. Martin. [Reading:]

21 ~~Mr. Martin.~~ By authority of the House of Representa-
22 tives of the Congress of the United States of America to
23 Richard A. Sprague or any assistant designated by him, you
24 are hereby commanded to summon Santo Trafficant, Jr. in
25 Tampa, Florida, to be and to before the Select Committee on

1 Assassinations of the House of Representatives of the United
2 States, of which the Honorable Louis Stokes is Chairman,
3 in their chamber, in the City of Washington, on March 16th,
4 1977 at the hour of 10:00 ~~o'clock~~ a.m., then and there to
5 testify touching on matters of inquiry related to said Com-
6 mittee, and he is not to depart without leave of said
7 Committee.

8 Herein, fail not make return of this summons, witness
9 my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives of the
10 United States in the City of Washington this 9th day of
11 March, 1977.

12 Mr. Sprague. There is a second subpoena as well.

13 Mr. Stokes. We will have to take action on this one
14 first.

15 You have heard the reading of the Resolution? We are
16 ready for the question.

17 All in favor, say aye.

18 [A chorus of ayes.]

19 Mr. Stokes. Those opposed?

20 [No response]

21 Mr. Stokes. The motion is carried; so ordered.

22 Mr. Preyer?

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12 documents, receipts, vouchers, memoranda, correspondence
13 from January, 1958 to December, 1964 relating to attempts
14 to assassinate Fidel Castro; the same relating to attempts
15 to assassinate or the assassination of President John F.
16 Kennedy; the same relating to groups or organizations known
17 as Alpha 66, International Anti-Communist Brigade, the No
18 Name Key Group and the Cuban Revolutionary Council; the same
19 relating to your release from prison in Havana, Cuba, in
20 their Chamber, in the City of Washington, on March 16, 1977,
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2 1977.

3 9/ Mr. Stokes. You have heard the reading of the
4 Resolution. Are you ready for the question?

5 Those in favor, say aye.

6 [A chorus of ayes.]

7 Mr. Stokes. Those opposed, no?

8 [No response.]

9 Mr. Stokes. The motion is carried. So ordered.

10 Mr. McKinney. Mr. Chairman, could the records show the
11 members present, in case there is any question?

12 Mr. Stokes. Mr. Thone, Mr. McKinney, Mr. Anderson,
13 Mr. Preyer, Mr. Fauntroy, Mrs. Burke, Mr. Fithian and the
14 Chairman.

15 Does that take care of the subpoena matters?

16 Mr. Sprague. Yes; it does.

17 Mr. Stokes. Is there anything further, Mr. Tanenbaum,
18 in your presentation?

19 Mr. Tanenbaum. Yes, sir.

20 There are really just a few more items. One is a letter
21 that allegedly was written, and I underline and underscore
22 allegedly written, by Lee Harvey Oswald to Mr. Hunt. We have
23 not been able to have any experts in the field of hand-
24 writing actually analyze the letter. We do not have the
25 original letter, and I have in total indicated on page 17

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1 of the briefing memorandum the substance of the memorandum,
2 so when I say "allegedly," members of the Committee, I do
3 not like to talk about a document that we should have had
4 analyzed but for the fact that we were involved in the
5 situation that we are in and $\frac{1}{M}$ and this is something for
6 you to take up with the Attorney General $\frac{1}{M}$ we do not have
7 the original of.

8 9 This letter was allegedly sent in 1974 to the FBI. The
9 individual, who is in Mexico City, whose name we do not know
10 but only know his initials, they are P.S. $\frac{1}{M}$ there is a
11 postmark on the envelope indicating Mexico City. This
12 individual has indicated he sent this letter that appears
13 on page 17 of the briefing memorandum to the FBI in 1974
14 and heard nothing.

15 Waiting one year, he then sent it to a gentleman called
16 Penn Jones, a researcher in Texas, a researcher of the
17 Kennedy assassination. Mr. Jones, when reading "Mr. Hunt,"
18 assumed it was H.L. Hunt and conducted an inquiry as to
19 whether it was H.L. Hunt.

20 He did not come to any definitive conclusion.

21 This letter surfaced for our purposes when a newsperson
22 in Dallas called me to indicate that he had this letter
23 and that the FBI was coming to question him about this
24 letter and this was several weeks ago.

25 I then tried to call ~~the~~ the Director of the FBI to find

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1 out if, in fact, they had this letter, whether or not they
2 had an original copy of the letter or whether they had a
3 copy, the likes of which we had, and whether, in fact, they
4 were conducting an investigation into the assassination of
5 the President of the United States.

6 The episode that I will relate in fact happened, because
7 I was there and I asked my secretary to call ~~me~~ the Director
8 whom, I was informed, was away and his number one assistant
9 was on the phone and told the secretary when she identified
10 who I was that he did not want to speak to me.

11 Then another person came on the phone. After two more
12 people, we hung up and called again. I then got the gentle-
13 man who was the number one person in charge, and he indicated
14 that yes, the FBI, he thought $\frac{1}{H}$ he was not sure $\frac{1}{H}$ was
15 conducting an investigation into the assassination. I did
16 not say I was talking about the Lee Harvey Oswald-Mr. Hunt
17 letter. I just said there was this letter I wanted to talk
18 about. He gratuitously commented that he knew about the
19 letter and he would have somebody call.

20 That was Mr. Daly who, in fact, did. Mr. Daly said
21 that the FBI received this letter in January of 1977 and that
22 in fact they opened up the investigation. There was an
23 ongoing investigation of the murder of the President.

24 He stated that he would not give us the letter and
25 would only tell us the results of any investigation that they

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1 were presently conducting.

2 *Q* In a letter that was written some time before to
3 Mr. Sprague from the Director, that letter indicated in
4 substance that the FBI was willing in spirit to cooperate
5 fully with this ~~Committee~~. I asked him about that letter
6 because it did not seem to me, as a representative view,
7 that if they had a letter that indicates namely, "Dear Mr.
8 Hunt: I would like information concerning my position. I
9 am asking ^{at this time} only for information. I am asking that we discuss
10 the matter fully before any steps are taken by me or anybody
11 else. Thank you. Lee Harvey Oswald." November 8, 1963.

12 It seems to me, as a representative view, that this
13 was something of note that we should have been notified about
14 it.

15 Mr. Daly indicated that he was aware of the Director's
16 letter to Mr. Sprague, that he in fact wrote. It was his
17 understanding that they would only tell us the results of
18 what they found out.

19 So I mention this, Mr. Chairman, because perhaps you
20 would want to discuss this matter with the Attorney General
21 in light of other matters we do not know about right now that
22 they may be involved with.

23 We do not have the original. If they, in fact, the
24 FBI, has the original, we would very much like it.

25 I have indicated here that there are some sources that

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1 E. Howard Hunt was the CIA station chief in Mexico City
2 during the time the President was assassinated. This letter
3 originates from Mexico City. There has been speculation that
4 a fellow by the name of Guy Baldwin, a CIA employee, allegedly
5 had meetings in his apartment in Mexico City and therein
6 discussed plans to assassinate the President.

7 9 What we have to do, obviously, is inquire about the FBI
8 if they have the originals so that we could have, immediately,
9 an analysis done with the known hand of Lee Harvey Oswald and
10 compare it to this letter.

11 I do not know whether or not we will be able to do that
12 with the copies we have. Again, I would hope that that would
13 be brought up.

14 Mr. Stokes. I might say, Mr. Sprague, you should make
15 note of that for the agenda.

16 Mr. Sprague. Very well, Mr. Chairman.

17 Mr. Tanenbaum. Now, Mr. Lehner alluded to Agent 88
18 and we have heard a tape and discussed it with an individual
19 who was, at the time, a sergeant in the Miami Police Depart-
20 ment.

21 He heard a tape on November 10, 1963 that was recorded
22 on November 9, 1963. This tape was between Mr. Somerset,
23 now deceased, and Mr. Joseph J. Milteer, who died in 1974.
24 Mr. Milteer was a rabid, right-wing activist. He went to the
25 apartment of Mr. Somerset. Mr. Somerset, in this one-room

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1 apartment had a simple tape-recorder and tape-recorded the
2 conversation.

3 *A* In substance, what Milteer says is that the President
4 is going to be killed. He predicts the exact manner in
5 which the President is going to be killed. He says it is
6 going to be from an office building with a high-powered
7 rifle that can be disassembled, and that shortly after the
8 assassination the police are going to arrest someone to allay
9 public concern.

10 He does not say that the President is going to be killed
11 in Dallas. If anything, one can speculate about this if
12 one desires. It would have been in Miami, because the
13 President went to Miami on November 18th.

14 In fact, he, President Kennedy, changed his plans with
15 his motorcade and was flown by helicopter everywhere he went
16 when he was there.

17 Before we can jump to any conclusions, which we have
18 not about the Milteer tape, it is significant that this fellow
19 who was involved in the most extreme and sordid heinous
20 type of right-wing activity would have made this kind of
21 a statement, actually predicting the manner in which the
22 President was killed, on November 9, 1963.

23 This tape was played the next day for FBI people and
24 Secret Service people. We have a photograph that was taken
25 by Mr. Augens of the AP wire service of the Presidential

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motorcade as it was approaching the plaza, making a left-hand turn on Elm Street. There is a photograph of an individual who looks again $\frac{1}{H}$ I underscore this very much $\frac{1}{H}$ like Mr. Milteer.

Miss Hess went down to Milteer's residence in Georgia. We had permission of the Judge down there, Judge Knight. Milteer's estate was in probate. With his permission, we were able to go through some of his belongings and property and material.

She found a photograph of Milteer $\frac{1}{H}$ this is not to throw bouquets at us $\frac{1}{H}$ but let me just note that in many of the books that are written on the assassination, they have a photograph of this Joseph J. Milteer. The photograph is not a picture of Milteer, although they claim that ~~■~~ it is.

Miss Hess found this photograph $\frac{1}{H}$ we had not been in business that long $\frac{1}{H}$ it is just an example of the kind of research staff that we have. I have to doff my cap to her, she has done a great job.

What we would like to do is compare through the use of experts on a consultant basis and have them compare the Milteer photo with the photo that we have of Milteer's picture. If, indeed, Milteer is there watching the President, one other coincidence when added to all of these other facts that we certainly we would like to investigate.

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1 91 Now, with regard to Milteer, when I say we would like
2 to investigate, Milteer is dead; nobody is going to point the
3 finger at Milteer. Obviously, we are not going to resurrect
4 him and bring him up here.

5 But the FBI interviewed Milteer on November 27, 1963.
6 They gave that report to the Warren Commission. They never
7 mentioned, from what we know of documentation about that
8 interview, that they had a tape of Milteer when they inter-
9 viewed him and confronted Milteer with his own words on the
10 tape.

11 They merely interviewed Milteer the way they interviewed
12 thousands of other people, instead of pulling out the trump
13 card and asking him, ^{or} did you predict the manner in which
14 the President of the United States would be murdered, ^{or} in fact
15 he denied it, ^{or} the ^{or} play the tape for him, which would be
16 done in the ordinary course of a decent investigation.

17 That is not indicated in any material that the FBI has,
18 so there is no indication, because ⁱⁿ the report that we have
19 in regard to the Milteer interview, there is nothing
20 mentioned. There is nothing to indicate that this tape was
21 ever brought to the attention of the Warren Commission.

22 I would ask you, Mr. Chairman, if you would use your
23 good offices to try to obtain for us the testimony that was
24 produced before the Schweiker committee. That, of course,
25 would be very helpful, as would all the documents relative

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1 to all the people whom we have talked about. Before we talk
2 to them, obviously to do the kind of professional job that
3 you require, we should have all of those documents and all
4 of that testimony, the Rockefeller Commission testimony,
5 the Rockefeller Commission documents, the Edwards testimony
6 and most pointedly, the Schweiker material.

7 If we could have that as expeditiously as possible,
8 why we would be in a much more solid position to question
9 these people and certainly it would aid immeasurably, if
10 indeed we are lucky enough to have Mr. Trafficante testify
11 before us, we would like to know as much as possible about
12 the activities of Rosselli and Giancana⁹. Nothing would
13 be more valuable than to have his testimony.

14 Mr. Stokes. Have you made any attempt to get that?

15 Mr. Tanenbaum. We have had meetings with the Chief
16 Counsel to the Senate Inouye Committee now. All of the
17 Schweiker material was transferred to Senator Inouye and
18 it was just a question of whether or not we were going to
19 receive clearance, which has not been resolved, and then
20 they will give us that material.

21 However, we have made many calls and few have ever
22 been returned. Given the uncertain nature of our existence
23 and the difficulties that we have had, one can conclude it
24 is just a question of a matter of time before our request
25 might expire.

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1 I again urge your good offices to try to get these
2 materials for us.

3 Mr. Stokes. All right. We will be glad to work on
4 that.

5 Mr. Preyer. I am afraid I am going to have to leave.
6 I wonder if I could ask one thing?

7 What are your plans about Mr. Veciana?

8 Mr. Tanenbaum. We have been very desirous to go down
9 to Florida and have Mr. Fonzi present and speak at length
10 with Mr. Veciana. It was brought to our attention from the
11 conversations that Mr. Fonzi had with Mr. Veciana, he
12 received in excess of \$250,000 in severance pay from
13 Mr. Bishop in 1973. In order to cooperate, I should say
14 this. If Mr. Veciana received in excess of \$250,000 $\frac{1}{H}$ let
15 us not quibble; if he received \$250,000 from a man he claims
16 was a CIA agent and we are able to establish that he received
17 that much money, that would go a long way to corroborate his
18 testimony.

19 We would like an opportunity to go down to Florida.
20 We have not had a chance to do it. But with the subpoena
21 that we have from Mr. Trafficante, we are going to attempt to
22 wipe that out right now, so I am hopeful that once we talk
23 to Mr. Veciana, we will have a chance to corroborate some
24 of the things that he said and Mr. Fonzi has spoken to him
25 on at least three occasions in substance where he has reported

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back the information that he has.

Mr. Sprague. If I may, there are four other subpoenas in the King case which are all the same in terms of the wording. One is on the Director of the Police in Memphis; the other is on the Police Department; the other is on the District Attorney; the other is on the Sheriff.

These are subpoenas ¹/₄ one is on the Birmingham Police Department ¹/₄ these are subpoenas similar to what we had previously, and we would like the Committee to authorize these subpoenas.

In sending people down on the subpoenas already issued, we would like to get it all at one time.

Mr. Stokes. I will recognize the motion.

Mr. Fauntroy. Mr. Chairman, I should like to move that a majority of the members of the Committee being present, a majority of the members voting, that the Committee hereby authorizes the following subpoenas and direct the Chairman to sign such subpoenas.

Mr. Stokes. The Clerk will read them.

Mrs. Martin. [Reading:]

Mr. Martin. By authority of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America to Richard A. Sprague, or any assistant designated by him, you are hereby commanded to summon Gene Barksdale, Sheriff, Sheldon County, Tennessee, to be and to appear before the Select Committee on Assassinations of the House of

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Representatives of the United States, of which the Honorable Louis Stokes is Chairman, and to bring with him all files, reports, correspondence, sketches, exhibits, documents, tapes, photographs, evidence, and things of any nature whatsoever, relating to the investigation to the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the investigation, confinement, custody, treatment, care of the prosecution of James Earl Ray, in their Chamber, in the City of Washington, on March 16th, 1977, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., then and there to testify touching on matters of inquiry related to said Committee, and he is not to depart without leave of said Committee.

Herein, fail not make return of this summons, witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives of the United States in the City of Washington this 9th day of March, 1977.

A similar subpoena: By authority of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America to Richard A. Sprague, or any assistant designated by him, you are hereby commanded to summon Hugh Stanton, Jr., District Attorney, Sheldon County, Tennessee, to be and to appear before the Select Committee on Assassinations of the House of Representatives of the United States, of which the Honorable Louis Stokes is Chairman, and to bring with him all files, reports, correspondence, sketches,

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1 exhibits, documents, tapes, photographs, evidence, and
2 things of any nature whatsoever, relating to the investiga-
3 tion to the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the
4 investigation and prosecution of James Earl Ray, in their
5 Chamber, in the City of Washington, on March 16th, 1977 at
6 the hour of 10~~00~~⁰⁰ o'clock a.m., then and there to testify
7 touching on matters of inquiry related to said Committee,
8 and he is not to depart without leave of said Committee.

9 *W* Herein, fail not to make return of this summons, witness
10 my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives of the
11 United States in the City of Washington this 9th day of
12 March, 1977.

13 *W* By authority of the House of Representatives of the
14 Congress of the United States of America to Richard A.
15 Sprague, or any assistant designated by him, you are hereby
16 commanded to summon Capt~~ain~~ Jack LeGrande, Birmingham
17 Police Department, Birmingham, Alabama to be and to appear
18 before the Select Committee on Assassinations of the House
19 of Representatives of the United States of which the Honorable
20 Louis Stokes is Chairman, and to bring with him all files,
21 reports, exhibits, correspondence, documents, statements,
22 notes, sketches, photographs, transcripts and things of any
23 nature whatsoever, relating to the death of Dr. Martin Luther
24 King, Jr., and the investigation and prosecution of James
25 Earl Ray in their Chamber, in the City of Washington, on

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2 there to testify touching on matters of inquiry related to
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4 said ~~Committee~~.

5 ~~9~~ Herein, fail not to make return of this summons,
6 witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives
7 of the United States in the ~~City~~ of Washington this 9th day
8 of March, 1977."

9 ~~9~~ By authority of the House of Representatives of the
10 Congress of the United States of America to Richard A. Sprague,
11 or any assistant designated by him, you are hereby commanded
12 to summon E. Winslow Chapman, ~~Director~~ of the ~~Police~~, Memphis,
13 ~~Tennessee~~, to be and to appear before the Select Committee
14 on Assassinations of the House of Representatives of the
15 United States of which the ~~Honorable~~ Louis Stokes is ~~Chair-~~
16 man and to bring with him all files, reports, correspondence,
17 sketches, exhibits, documents, tapes, photographs, property,
18 evidence and things of any nature whatsoever, relating to the
19 surveillance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the investiga-
20 tion into the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the
21 investigation and prosecution of James Earl Ray, in their
22 ~~chamber~~, in the ~~City~~ of Washington on March 16, 1977 at the
23 hour of 10:00 ~~o'clock~~ a.m., then and there to testify
24 touching on matters of inquiry related to said ~~Committee~~,
25 and he is not to depart without leave of said ~~Committee~~.

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1 9 "Herein, fail not to make return of this summons,
2 witness my hand and the seal of the House of Representatives
3 of the United States in the City of Washington this 9th day
4 of March, 1977."

5 Mr. Stokes. All right. We now have all four.

6 We will now entertain the motion, the four en bloc.

7 Mr. Fauntroy. I would so move, Mr. Chairman.

8 Mr. Stokes. All in favor will say aye.

9 [A chorus of ayes.]

10 Mr. Stokes. Those opposed?

11 [No response.]

12 Mr. Stokes. The motion is carried; so ordered.

13 Mr. McKinney. Again, Mr. Chairman, I think for the
14 record we ought to say that Mr. McKinney, Mr. Stokes, Mr.
15 Preyer, Mr. Fauntroy, Mrs. Burke and Mr. Fithian ^{are} here.
16 I just want this into the record, in case our rules are
17 ever in contest.

18 Mr. Tanenbaum. One last point. The ~~Committee~~ has had
19 an emissary, an intermediary, really, from the Cuban delega-
20 tion of the United Nations attempt to contact us, because
21 they say they have information that they will like to pass
22 on to the ~~Committee~~ that is from Castro, to you, Mr. Chairman,
23 and to other members of the ~~Committee~~, and in line with this *
24 of course, nothing has been done. If there had, you would
25 have known about it. I think it is important for you to know

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1 that we have been contacted in that vein, and no one has
2 indicated anything about any trips going anywhere near or
3 around the island of Cuba.

4 9/ In light of that, I also obtained from Senator McGovern
5 the material that he received from Castro when he went to
6 Cuba, and in that material, simply Castro has outlined in
7 detail some twenty²³ attempts on his life and he has a
8 lot of people in jail there.

9 We do not know how accurate the information is. They
10 are not guided by the Miranda decision. They have a way of
11 making people talk.

12 In any event, we have that report also and we have
13 outlined that there are a lot of people, of course, that
14 we would like to talk to for further corroboration of the
15 information we discussed with regard to the anti-Castro
16 Cuban activity, people like Mr. Veciana, et al.

17 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I would bring to the
18 Committee's attention that the Committee is aware ¹/₄ Mr.
19 Fithian probably is not ¹/₄ from the previous Congress about
20 the information that came to us as an offer of information
21 from Castro, and our contacting the Ambassador to the
22 United Nations.

23 Mr. Stokes. One moment, please.

24 [Pause]

25 Mr. Sprague. Briefly, the Committee knows about the

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1 previous overture. He made some contact through the Cuban
2 Ambassador to the United Nations. There was supposed to be
3 subsequent information related back to us. There has not
4 been.

5 *A* I am just bringing you up to date. My own view is
6 that with the way in which things have appeared, it is little
7 wonder that there is no follow through of conveying infor-
8 mation to us. However, that has not been disclosed by
9 anyone on this ~~Committee~~ or this staff. I want the ~~Committee~~
10 to know, as of today, from San Antonio there is a disclosure
11 there of our allegedly refusing a person who was a double
12 agent. That may affect what is going to happen. I want you
13 to be aware of that.

14 Mr. Stokes. The San Antonio paper?

15 Mr. McKinney. Do you have that particular dispatch in
16 front of you?

17 Mr. Sprague. I only have notes that someone gave me
18 about it. We are going to get the actual dispatch.

19 Mr. McKinney. I would like to see that.

20 Mr. Sprague. The word being given to me $\frac{1}{M}$ I do not
21 have the actual press clipping $\frac{1}{M}$ is the statement was the
22 statement whose intermediary is, in fact, a double agent
23 for Castro.

24 Mrs. Burke. Was it someone from the UN that we were
25 negotiating with?

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1 Mr. Sprague. The Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations.

2 The last thing, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Lehner has one brief
3 additional matter.

4 Mr. Lehner. This was a matter that Mr. Devine received
5 from another member of Congress relating to Clifton Badd,
6 retired police officer from the Louisville Police Department.
7 He was there twenty-²⁷seven years and retired this past year,
8 1976 and he states that he has been interviewed by us.
9 Mr. Evans interviewed him, and he states that he was offered
10 a contract to kill Dr. King.

11 This was offered to him back in 1965 and he was offered
12 \$500,000 by a fellow Louisville, ~~Kentucky~~, police officer.
13 He also has a tape recording pertaining to that.

14 He recorded the second meeting with that officer and
15 supplied us with it. It is rather garbled. It requires some
16 work to get an ungarbled version of this tape, but this
17 is something that we will be looking into and will be
18 reporting back to the Committee as soon as we are able to
19 get a better version of the tape and see where the investiga-
20 tion leads us.

21 Mr. Stokes. All right. That is a point in the investi-
22 gation which, if you could pursue rather rapidly, it would
23 be helpful to us in light of the interest that this particu-
24 lar member has shown in some veracity regarding this
25 area.

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1 Mrs. Burke. In the interview that he disclosed, did
2 he disclose the source of the money that he was going to
3 use?

4 Mr. Lehner. There was the offer of a fellow officer
5 to him.

6 Mrs. Burke. Did the fellow officer disclose? It seems
7 to me the ordinary question would be, if you were from
8 Kentucky and this police department, where are you going
9 to get the money?

10 Mr. Lehner. I do not think this applies to corporation
11 law, but the answer may be the Syndicate.

12 Mr. Stokes. Do we have a written statement from him?

13 Mr. Lehner. We have the tape and interview notes from
14 him. He is someone who is cooperating with us and is willing
15 to come back and talk to us again.

16 Mr. McKinney. ^{That is an} ~~the~~ interesting point the chairman is
17 making. ^{and} He is a member who has changed his mind, ^{and} another
18 member who voted twice against this committee, ~~and another~~
19 ~~who~~ has changed his mind. This is the kind of thing that *it*
20 ~~unfortunately~~ is going to take, as the chairman mentioned
21 earlier, tidbits.

22 Mr. Stokes. All right. Does that conclude the
23 presentation?

24 Mr. Sprague. Yes; it does.

25 Mr. Stokes. On behalf of the committee, I will say

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1 I think you have done an excellent job in both cases in
2 terms of the presentation made here today. I think it has
3 been very helpful to us in terms of our being able now
4 to proceed to meet further with the Budget Committee so
5 that we can better put into perspective the staff needs.

6 *Q* Is there anything further before we adjourn?

7 Mr. Fithian. There is one matter, Mr. Chairman. When
8 the regular Committee will be meeting again, there are
9 several other items that I would like to take up when we
10 are going to meet again for guidance. I wonder if you have
11 a date?

12 Mr. Stokes. I would think technically and legally,
13 since we have set those subpoenas for the 11th, I believe,
14 at 10~~00~~ a.m., which I suppose is a duly constituted meeting
15 of this Committee, we would have to set a meeting for this
16 date. ~~officially~~

17 The first subpoenas we had earlier today were for the
18 11th, Friday the 11th, I believe.

19 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I do not think that we need
20 a meeting for that day.

21 Mr. Stokes. I suppose we could legally recess subject
22 to the call of the Chair and to answer your question, Mr.
23 Fithian, we have asked Mr. Preyer to set a meeting tomorrow
24 of the Budget Committee. He thinks he might be able to
25 do that in the late afternoon.

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1 *W* Mrs. Burke and I have Appropriations Full Committee
2 tomorrow, a mark-up session, in the morning. I will
3 anticipate maybe we should try to get the Committee back
4 together Friday, after we have the budget pretty well in
5 hand.

6 Mr. Fithian. There are several matters other than the
7 Budget that we could take up.

8 Mr. McKinney. The other point I want to make, I think
9 for the budget meeting tomorrow, we have some answers from
10 Mr. Thompson's Committee on one or two items that we
11 discussed.

12 Mr. Stokes. Is there anything further?

13 If not, then at this time, we will recess, subject to
14 further call of the Chair.

15 [Thereupon, at 7:15 p.m. the Committee recessed to
16 reconvene subject to the call of the Chair.]

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