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BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

on

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

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Thursday, November 9, 1978

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House of Representatives,
Select Committee on Assassinations,
Washington, D.C.

The select committee met, pursuant to prior business,
at 11:00 a.m. in Room 340, Cannon House Office Building, the
Honorable Louis Stokes (chairman of the select committee)
presiding.

Present: Representatives Stokes, Preyer, Fauntroy, Dodd,
Edgar, Devine, McKinney and Sawyer.

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1 The Chairman. The committee will come to order.

2 The Chair recognizes Professor Blakey for a statement.

3 Mr. Blakey. Mr. Chairman, the materials or matters to
4 be brought to the committee's attention this morning deal with
5 investigative issues. It would be appropriate, therefore,
6 to close the meeting.

7 The Chairman. All right. The Chair will entertain a
8 motion.

9 Mr. Preyer. I so move, Mr. Chairman.

10 The Chairman. Properly moved that the committee go into
11 executive session.

12 The clerk will call the roll.

13 The Clerk. Mr. Stokes?

14 The Chairman. Aye.

15 The Clerk. Mr. Devine?

16 Mr. Devine. Aye.

17 The Clerk. Mr. Preyer?

18 Mr. Preyer. Aye.

19 The Clerk. Mr. McKinney?

20 Mr. McKinney. Aye.

21 The Clerk. Mr. Fauntroy?

22 Mr. Fauntroy. Aye.

23 The Clerk. Mr. Thone?

24 (No response)

25 Mrs. Burke?

(No response)

Mr. Sawyer?

1 Mr. Sawyer. Aye.

2 The Clerk. Mr. Dodd?

3 Mr. Dodd. Aye.

4 The Clerk. Mr. Ford?

5 (No response)

6 Mr. Fithian?

7 (No response)

8 Mr. Edgar?

9 (No response)

10 Seven ayes, Mr. Chairman.

11 The Chairman. Seven members having voted in the affirma-
12 tive, the committee is now in executive session and all
13 members of the public are requested to remove themselves from
14 the room.

15 Professor Blakey?

16 Mr. Blakey. Mr. Chairman, you have before you drafts of
17 three resolutions. May I direct your attention to the first
18 that is headed Resolution to Release Information to the Senate
19 Select Committee on Intelligence.

20 This resolution would authorize the chairman to release
21 to the Senate Select Committee such information that it
22 requests which the chairman determines is appropriate for
23 disclosure to that committee.

24 We have in the last several weeks gotten several requests
25 from the Senate Select Committee. The committee is making an

1 effort to look into the whole Nosenko matter; that is, the bona
2 fides of Nosenko. Ironically, they are now beginning to track
3 much of what we did. They have now begun to ask us for access
4 to our files, much like we had asked them for access to their
5 files.

6 What this resolution would do would authorize your
7 pursuant to our rules to on a case-by-case basis determine that
8 it would be appropriate to release to the Senate under appro-
9 priate conditions the information that they want.

10 Basically, they have only asked so far for a copy of
11 material dealing with Nosenko and Angleton.

12 The Chairman. Are there any questions?

13 Mr. McKinney. How well did they cooperate with us?

14 Mr. Blakey. Ultimately, they gave us what we wanted,
15 but they did it slowly.

16 Mr. McKinney. Do we have everything we want from them?

17 Mr. Blakey. Yes.

18 Mr. McKinney. Why not. It is too bad we didn't have this
19 request earlier, Mr. Chairman.

20 Mr. Dodd. I would suggest that counsel proceed with all
21 due deliberate speed.

22 The Chairman. As per the example set.

23 Mr. Dodd. Yes.

24 The Chairman. The Chair will entertain a motion.

25 Mr. Fauntroy. I so move, Mr. Chairman.

1 The Chairman. Okay.

2 It has been properly moved that the first resolution be
3 adopted. The clerk will call the roll.

4 The Clerk. Mr. Stokes?

5 The Chairman. Aye.

6 The Clerk. Mr. Devine?

7 Mr. Devine. Aye.

8 The Clerk. Mr. Preyer?

9 Mr. Preyer. Aye.

10 The Clerk. Mr. McKinney?

11 Mr. McKinney. Aye.

12 The Clerk. Mr. Fauntroy?

13 Mr. Fauntroy. Aye.

14 The Clerk. Mr. Thone?

15 (No response)

16 Mrs. Burke?

17 (No response)

18 Mr. Sawyer?

19 Mr. Sawyer. Aye.

20 The Clerk. Mr. Dodd?

21 Mr. Dodd. Aye.

22 The Clerk. Mr. Ford?

23 (No response)

24 Mr. Fithian?

25 The Chairman. Aye, by proxy, Fithian.

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1 The Clerk. Eight ayes, Mr. Chairman.

2 The Chairman. Eight members having voted in the affirma-
3 tive, the resolution is adopted.

4 Mr. Blakey. Mr. Chairman, the next resolution that I
5 would bring to your attention is one for immunity. There are
6 a potential four witnesses -- two on the King side and two on
7 the Kennedy side -- that have been giving the committee some
8 problem in the field, and they are either have been or will be
9 subpoenaed shortly.

18 The other two witnesses on the Kennedy side are Mrs.
19 Charles Murret, and Marilyn Dorothy Murret. This is the wife
20 of Dutz Murret, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murret. They are
21 related to the Oswalds.

22 Dutz Murret is said to be a gambler on the payroll of or
23 connected to Carlos Marcello. The obvious matter of concern
24 here is what connection, if any, Lee Harvey Oswald might have
25 had to the Marcello people.

 They have so far been very uncooperative. If it turns out

1 it is necessary to subpoena them, this is probably the last
2 chance the committee would have to obtain an immunity order for
3 them.

4 I would be glad to answer any questions about any of these
5 four witnesses.

6 The Chairman. Are there questions?

7 Mr. Fauntroy. Mr. Chairman, I would like to know what
8 kinds of deals Mr. Green has been talking about in return for
9 his testimony.

10 Mr. Blakey. Well, one of the things he wants this
11 committee to do is to authorize him to carry a gun, even though
12 he is not authorized to do such now under law since I under-
13 stand he has a past criminal conviction.

14 But when he started talking in these terms, it seemed to
15 us the only appropriate response was to let him talk to you
16 directly under oath and see what he has to say.

17 He is one of those witnesses that Mark Lane drew to your
18 attention.

19 The Chairman. He is available, right? You know where
20 he is and so forth?

21 Mr. Blakey. He is due here tomorrow.

22 The Chairman. Are there other questions?

23 Mr. Devine. Mr. Chairman, is this the last request that
24 you know of that we are going to ask for immunity?

25 Mr. Blakey. I think so, Mr. Devine.

1 Mr. Devine. The reason I ask that--you may think I am
2 kidding, but I am not--a number of people have asked me if this
3 committee planned to call Judy Exner, not because we are
4 interested in any sexual relationship with the ex-President,
5 but her connection with organized crime.

6 Whether you had considered calling her, if you even
7 considered it in the Kennedy matter -- I think it might
8 leave a void if we don't do it, yet there will be a lot of
9 sensationalism, if we do.

10 I just want to find out what consideration was given
11 to it.

12 Mr. Blakey. Mr. Devine, we do have -- counsel reminds
13 me -- an immunity order for her. There has been in the back
14 of the staff's mind a suggestion for the committee at an appro-
15 priate time to call Miss Exner.

16 There are coincidences, meetings between her and the
17 President and Sam Giancana. In her book, which is not
18 terribly informative, nevertheless at the last chapter she
19 indicates that she had a number of records that she thought
20 the Senate was going to ask her to produce, but apparently
21 did not.

22 She has declined to talk to the staff and it seemed to
23 us that it might be appropriate as one of the last things
24 the committee does to have an executive session in which
25 she can say whatever she has to say, as you put it, to kind

1 of round out the investigation. But it is not necessary for
2 us to get an immunity order for her.

3 The Chairman. Anything further?

4 If not, the Chair will entertain a motion.

5 Mr. McKinney. So moved, Mr. Chairman.

6 The Chairman. Properly moved that this resolution be
7 adopted. The clerk will call the roll.

8 The Clerk. Mr. Stokes?

9 The Chairman. Aye.

10 The Clerk. Mr. Devine?

11 Mr. Devine. Aye.

12 The Clerk. Mr. Preyer?

13 Mr. Preyer. Aye.

14 The Clerk. Mr. McKinney?

15 Mr. McKinney. Aye.

16 The Clerk. Mr. Fauntroy?

17 Mr. Fauntroy. Aye.

18 The Clerk. Mr. Thone?

19 (No response)

20 Mrs. Burke?

21 (No response)

22 Mr. Sawyer?

23 Mr. Sawyer. Aye.

24 The Clerk. Mr. Dodd?

25 Mr. Dodd. Aye.

1 The Clerk. Mr. Ford?

2 (No response)

3 Mr. Fithian?

4 The Chairman. Aye by proxy.

5 The Clerk. Mr. Edgar?

6 Mr. Edgar. Aye.

7 The Clerk. Nine ayes, Mr. Chairman.

8 The Chairman. Nine members having voted in the affirma-
9 tive, the resolution is adopted.

10 Professor Blakey.

11 Mr. Blakey. Mr. Chairman, the last resolution to bring
12 to your attention is the one that was previously on the agenda.

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The Clerk. Mrs. Burke?

(No response.)

The Clerk. Mr. Sawyer?

Mr. Sawyer. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Dodd?

Mr. Dodd. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Ford?

(No response.)

The Clerk. Mr. Fithian?

(No response.)

The Clerk. Mr. Edgar?

(No response.)

The Clerk. Seven ayes, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman. Seven members having voted in the affirmative, the committee meeting is now in executive session.

All members of the public are requested to leave the hearing room. At this point, we will go off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mills
follows
4:00 p.m.

1 The Clerk. Mr. Fauntroy?
2 Mr. Fauntroy. Aye.
3 The Clerk. Mr. Thone?
4 (No response)
5 Mrs. Burke?
6 (No response)
7 Mr. Sawyer?
8 Mr. Sawyer. No.
9 The Clerk. Mr. Dodd?
10 Mr. Dodd. Aye.
11 The Clerk. Mr. Ford?
12 (No response)
13 Mr. Fithian?
14 (No response)
15 The Chairman. I don't know how to vote his proxy.
16 The Clerk. Mr. Edgar?
17 Mr. Edgar. Aye.
18 The Clerk. Four ayes and four nays, Mr. Chairman.
19 The Chairman. It fails.
20 Anything further?
21 Mr. Blakey. No, Mr. Chairman.
22 Mr. Fauntroy. Yes.
23 The Chairman. Has everyone had a chance to read the
24 affidavit?
25 Mr. Fauntroy. May we go off the record and just have you

1 take a few minutes to read this?

2 (Off the record)

3 The Chairman. Back on the record.

4 There being no further business to come before the
5 committee at this time, the committee is adjourned until 9:00
6 a.m. tomorrow morning for the public session.

7 (Whereupon, at 4:55 p.m. the committee recessed, to
8 reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Friday, November 10, 1978.)

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