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COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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Friday, July 15, 1977

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

The hearing convened, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 o'clock a.m., in Room H. 236, the Capitol, the Honorable Louis Stokes presiding.

Present: Representatives Stokes (Chairman of the Committee), Devine, Preyer, Burke, and Fithian.

Also present: Professor Robert Blakey, James Wolf, Rebecca Martin, and Robert Tannenbaum.

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Mr. Stokes. (presiding) The meeting will come to order, a quorum being present.

The matters under discussion today will relate to personnel and under the rules, such matters have to be discussed in Executive Session.

So for that reason I would entertain a motion at this time that the meeting be closed.

Mr. Devine. So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Stokes. All right, it has been moved that the Committee go into Executive Session to discuss personnel



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matters, and under the rules, the Clerk must call the roll.

The Clerk. Mr. Stokes?

Mr. Stokes. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Devine?

Mr. Devine. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Preyer?

Mr. Preyer. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. McKinney?

(No response)

The Clerk. Mr. Fauntroy?

(No response)

The Clerk. Mr. Thone?

(No response)

The Clerk. Mrs. Burke?

Mrs. Burke. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Sawyer?

(No response)

The Clerk. Mr. Dodd?

(No response)

The Clerk. Mr. Ford?

(No response)

The Clerk. Mr. Fithian?

(No response)

The Clerk. Mr. Edgar?

(No response)

1 The Clerk. Four aye votes.

2 Mr. Blakey. I think we need a majority present to
3 close the meeting.

4 (Discussion off the record)

5 Mr. Stokes. At this time, the Chair will entertain
6 a motion.

7 Mrs. Burke?

8 Mrs. Burke. I ask unanimous consent that we waive
9 the rules and proceed with the meeting without transcript,
10 in open session without transcript.

11 Mr. Devine. Suspend the rules?

12 Mrs. Burke. Suspend the rules.

13 Mr. Stokes. Okay. Mrs. Burke has requested unanimous
14 consent that we suspend the rules and proceed without a
15 transcript of the proceedings.

16 Is there objection?

17 (No response)

18 Mr. Devine. Reserving the right to object, Mr.
19 Chairman, this is in order to suggest that in waiving the
20 transcript, the secretary do maintain the minutes.

21 Mr. Stokes. All right. Is there further objection?

22 (No response)

23 Mr. Stokes. Without objection, then, the rules are
24 suspended and a transcription of the proceeding is suspended
25 and the secretary will transcribe minutes relating to the



proceedings.

(Discussion off the record)

Mr. Fithian. I move that this portion of the meeting be transcribed.

Mr. Stokes. It has been properly moved.

I suppose that we had better call the roll.

The Clerk. Mr. Stokes?

Mr. Stokes. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Devine?

Mr. Devine. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Preyer?

Mr. Preyer. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. McKinney?

(No response)

The Clerk. Mr. Fauntroy?

(No response)

The Clerk. Mr. Thone?

(No response)

The Clerk. Mrs. Burke?

Mrs. Burke. Aye .

The Clerk. Mr. Sawyer?

(No response)

The Clerk. Mr. Dodd?

(No response)

The Clerk. Mr. Ford?

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(No response)

The Clerk. Mr. Fithian?

Mr. Fithian. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Edgar?

(No response)

The Clerk. Five aye votes.

Mr. Stokes. All right, we are back on the record with a transcription of this portion of the meeting.

Mr. Blakey?

Mr. Blakey. Mr. Chairman, I would like to explain to the Committee at this time the proposed model contract that will govern the relationship between the Committee and the Committee staff, those members of the Library of Congress who work for us, those consultants who work for us, and those staff persons who are associated with various members.

In general, the purpose of the contract is to secure non-disclosure, the objective of non-disclosure. It covers both classified and classifiable information, intelligence sources, and all information that comes into the possession of anyone as a result of their employment or association with the Committee, pursuant to Rule 6.4, which all information is to be held secret, in effect, is a blanket coverage. The effect of it is that there will be no disclosures by employees without, one, that there be written permission of the Select Committee or after the Select Committee's termination,



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1 by the House, however the House shall determine. If the
2 House does not make a determination on the issue, the agency
3 from whom they obtained classified and classifiable information
4 will occupy a third-party beneficiary status and be able
5 to enforce the contract. It envisions that at the termination
6 of the Committee, everything that is not classified and
7 not classifiable will be made public.

8 It is important to underline the second aspect
9 of classified and classifiable. If we have classified
10 information that has been improperly classified, that
11 information, and if that is disclosed, the person will have
12 a full defense.

13 So that I think we are in a position here of
14 saying that we are not going to use and could not use the
15 classification system to cover anything up. Our own effort
16 to maintain confidentiality stems only from the Committee.

17 So everything that is eventually not properly
18 classified -- underline the word "properly" -- will be
19 made public, but it will be made public in the context first
20 of our own report and our own hearings. There should be no
21 premature leaks or disclosures out of context by anyone
22 associated with us.

23 The contract is based on the contract first
24 formulated by the CIA itself and the Select Committee on
25 Intelligence. It is not a simple translation word-for-word

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1 of those models. We made an effort to improve it. I indicated
2 that area where the CIA legal staff has gone over the
3 contract and except for those quibbles that lawyers have
4 with other people's words, approves it.

5 In substance, the only issue in principle they
6 raise with us is that under this contract it is the Select
7 Committee that makes a determination as to whether classified
8 information in the possession of the Select Committee shall
9 be disclosed.

10 The CIA would prefer that it be the Director of
11 the CIA. This is an issue that we will have to face in the
12 negotiation of the agreement between the Committee and the
13 CIA. If they subsequently decide that someone other than
14 the Committee will decide to give information away, that
15 agreement, being narrower, will of course control. But
16 from the perspective of this contract, it will be the Select
17 Committee which makes its decisions and we are not
18 prejudicing ourselves either way.

19 Indeed, this contract is drafted on the assumption
20 that the integrity of Congress will obtain. That security
21 issues, obviously, will come back to us.

22 There has been a serious effort to set up this
23 contract in the most enforceable way possible pursuant to
24 Knopf v. Colby. There is a provision in here for prior
25 review before anyone publishes it, review by the Committee,



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1 and we are contractually obligating ourselves to ask the
2 Director of Intelligence to comment on any of our decisions.
3 We would then be in a position to enforce through a prior
4 injunction any publication.

5 There are also provisions in here requiring employees
6 to read our rules to familiarize themselves with the appropriate
7 criminal statutes. There is a provision in here for surrender
8 of rights if someone publishes something. There is no
9 possibility of profit for them.

10 We also have in here, and this is new, a provision
11 for liquidated damages. That is one of the difficulties we
12 face legally, that if a disclosure is made, a violation of
13 contract may occur, but how do you assess damages.

14 I will be drafting a provision in here saying that the
15 parties agree that \$5000 is the minimum, actual or \$5000
16 whichever is greater.

17 So there will be ample incentive on the part of our
18 employees to live up to it. There is a severability clause
19 in here that if any part of the contract is felt to be
20 illegal or subsequently construed as such by a court, the
21 rest of the contract will be invalid.



22 I might indicate that we have envisioned the possibility
23 that we have a number of consultants from a number of places
24 and that these contracts might be signed in different places.
25 Nevertheless, the parties have agreed that the law of the

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District of Columbia is the place where the contract is made
and it is the place where our litigation will take place.

So we have envisioned a centralization of litigation
in one place. Consequently, we should get a uniform
interpretation of our agreement and its enforcement.

Are there any questions about it?

(No response)

Mr. Stokes. At this point in the proceedings, if there
is no objection, why don't we put the entire proposed agreement
into the record, and then we can discuss it with reference
to any changes or alterations?

(The Contract Agreement follows:)



1 Mr. Stokes. Let me ask one question, initially.

2 In the case of a consultant to the Committee, how
3 does the agreement affect his subsequent use of the fact that
4 he has been a consultant to the Committee, let's say with
5 reference to any writings or any publications where he lists
6 himself as being consultant to the Select Committee on
7 Assassinations?

8 Mr. Blakey. I would direct you to page 3, paragraph 3.
9 It reads as follows:

10 "No consultant shall indicate, divulge, or acknowledge
11 without written permission of the Select Committee the
12 fact that the Select Committee has engaged him or her by
13 contract as a consultant until after the Select Committee
14 has terminated."

15 The purpose of that clause is, frankly, we do not
16 want people who do work for us to appear on Johnny Carson
17 the following week and have a little title, "I was a consultant
18 to the Select Committee."

19 You note that his ability to identify himself as such,
20 of course, terminates at the end of the Committee so that
21 people will be motivated to work for us when the grounds
22 that subsequently they can indicate they worked for us, but
23 at least our report will be out then and they will have to
24 comment on the context of that.

25 But pending our report, no consultant should be able

1 to exploit his contractual relationship with us for any
2 commercial reasons or publicity reasons.

3 This is particularly applicable in the context of
4 consulting agreements that we will raise with you today. Two
5 of those people are I guess what you would have to call
6 "buffs." In fact, they are first-rate experts on photography
7 and we can get a lot of information from them. But at the
8 price of that information I hope, and this contract should
9 guarantee, that we give them no special status they can then
10 subsequently exploit.

11 I think that is a fair answer to the question.

12 Mr. Stokes. All right. Why don't we open it up for
13 discussion.

14 Mr. Devine?

15 Mr. Devine. I think that it is well drafted. I think
16 it covers all of the angles.

17 Is there any question that after the contract, we
18 would have control of these people? Do you think it proceeds
19 from the contract that they forever forego the right to
20 publish?

21 Mr. Blakey. They will up until our termination, and
22 after our termination they can publish all of the information
23 that is let out publicly.

24 Mr. Devine. That is let out publicly, yes.

25 Mr. Blakey. If it is classified, they will not be

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able to use it unless they get it disclosed pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act or a waiver by the Committee or the House of Representatives or the Director of the Central Intelligence.

Mr. Devine. How about enforcement?

The Committee will probably be out of existence when their services are terminated, anyway, and I don't know whether enforcement provisions could be included or initiated after we terminate.

So I guess it would be moot to even put them in.

Mr. Blakey. As to the classified information, the agency from whom we obtain the information will be a third-party beneficiary status and they can enforce this classified information.

As to the non-classified information, my assumption is everything will be public anyway.

Mr. Stokes. Mr. Preyer?

Mr. Preyer. It is a very thorough job. I can see why you are a good law professor, Mr. Blakey. It ought to put the fear of God into everyone.

(General laughter)

Mr. Preyer. I would just like to ask a couple of questions to make clear what we can do under this.

Mr. Blakey. The members?



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Mr. Preyer. The members of the Committee.

Mr. Blakey. The members are free to do whatever they want to do.

Mr. Preyer. You are saying that only staff signs this?

Mr. Blakey. I had not envisioned that the members themselves would sign this.

Mr. Preyer. All right, that might get around Mr. Thone's objection, if he were here.

Mr. Blakey. I take it if the members violate the Committee rules, that is a matter for the House.

Mr. Preyer. All right. I misunderstood you. I thought you said for the staff and the members.

Mr. Blakey. Oh, no.

Mr. Stokes. Is that it?

Mr. Preyer. Yes.

Mrs. Stokes. Mrs. Burke?

Mrs. Burke. My staff person raised a question here on page 2, number 5, as to the scope of the notification requirement, whether or not that would extend to any friend that informally inquired.

My evaluation is that it would. I don't know that it would be necessary to report in writing every friend who makes an inquiry.

Mr. Blakey. It is close to that. I suspect that this



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contract, as all, would be interpreted with the concept of
di minimus. If your wife asked you what happened at work
today, you really should not have to report that the following
day. But if you are at a cocktail party and someone comes
up to you and says, "I hear that you talked to so and so as
a witness. What did he tell you?" I am inclined to think that
that would fit this contract.

Mrs. Burke. I have a couple of questions that have been
raised.

First of all, let me commend you. I think that this
is an excellent contract and I really think that we need this
very bad.

I have two questions that you may not want to discuss
now that have come to mind, as far as how we are going to
be able to disclose or make a public statement relating to
some of the material that is classified.

The first question I have is whether or not we have
any agreement with the CIA and FBI on the procedure for our
ultimate public hearings or public disclosure or report on
matters?

Mr. Blakey. We do not yet have an agreement. We
have Byzantine negotiations in process and I will be back
to you. It is one of my first order of priorities simply
because until we get an agreement, we cannot get access to
classified information. Until we get access to classified



1 information, we are really not in a much better position than
2 anyone else to investigate the problem.

3 Mrs. Burke. My second question is whether this Select
4 Committee that was voted yesterday, the Select Committee on
5 Intelligence, superimposes another layer of restriction,
6 and whether we have to have some kind of an agreement or
7 some kind of a statement from that Select Committee?

8 My understanding is that that Committee ultimately
9 has the power in classification and declassification and that
10 also that Committee can determine that material cannot be
11 released.

12 So that I would be very interested to see whether or
13 not, in effect, our report in any of our hearings would have
14 to be approved by that new layer.

15 Mr. Blakey. I will just have to find out the answer
16 to that. I do not know. But you can rest assured that I
17 will.

18 Mrs. Burke. Thank you. Those are the only questions
19 I have.

20 Mr. Stokes. I might say that we have a meeting
21 scheduled with Director Turner one day next week, and the
22 Subcommittee Chairman and Mr. Devine will be asked to join
23 us in that meeting.

24 Mr. Fithian?

25 Mr. Fithian. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.



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Page 3, paragraph 11, I presume that this is purely an administrative question and has nothing to do with policy. But I presume that there will be some kind of a ready reference, two or three sheets or whatever, that is available, that we can show our staff and say, read these over.

Mr. Blakey. There will be a packet of materials which they will be expected to read and you can give them back to them and let them initial it, so that when they in fact sign this provision, which is an acknowledgement of what they have previously done, it will not be pro forma; it will be real.

Mr. Fithian. As you know, I am one of the strongest advocates of security, so I applaud the effort here. I am trying to visualize political problems that we might get into.

In recalling some of the difficulties that Pike got into with the CIA in the House and all of that furor, I can see us entering into an agreement with the CIA Director on how we would handle material that they had an interest in and perhaps entering into an agreement that is almost identical with Paragraph 9 on page 2 and on into Paragraph 10.

I am wondering if, where we say, and I am going to check which paragraph it is, where we indicate on the bottom of page 1, Paragraph 3, if by putting it in our rules -- I presume that this is going to be a published document, anyone can see this.



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1 Mr. Blakey. Yes.

2 Mr. Fithian. I am wondering, Mr. Chairman, what kind
3 of heat, disturbance and publicity, an item which we really
4 don't need, is going to come from Paragraph 3.

5 Mr. Stokes. Which page is that, Mr. Fithian?

6 Mr. Fithian. At the bottom of page 1, where it says
7 that "the Chairman of the Select Committee shall consult
8 with the Director of the CIA for the purpose of the Chairman's
9 determination as to whether or not the material contains
10 information that I pledge not to disclose."

11 In other words, it does seem to give the power of
12 approval or disapproval.

13 Mr. Blakey. Mr. Fithian, I would suggest that the
14 purpose of that, and if the language is not clear, certainly
15 we can change it, is simply to -- it is an assurance to the
16 Director of the Central Intelligence that we will ask him
17 before we do it. It is a notion that we will "touch base"
18 with him.

19 But the notion is that the Chairman or the Committee
20 makes the determination. It is just that we will ask the
21 Director of Central Intelligence to comment before we do it,
22 which is really a matter of courtesy and certainly not a
23 matter of delegating to the Agency authority which ought
24 properly rest with the Committee.

25 Mr. Preyer. Will the gentleman yield?

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Mr. Fithian. I will be happy to.

Mr. Preyer. I think that this is a good provision and I don't think that we will be criticized for it because it does rest final authority in Congress. The South Korean investigation situation has got a treaty somewhat like this, an agreement with the CIA in which, and certainly in its original form and to some extent, even in its amended form, says that where there is disagreement, the President makes a decision as to whether it can be revealed or not and I think that that is properly subject to criticism, that the Congress is giving away its authority on that to the Executive Branch.

It seems to me that that has been avoided pretty carefully here, which I think is well to do.

Mr. Blakey. I think that whatever Presidential value this has is distinguishable to the degree that the CIA and the FBI are the subject of credible allegations of possible wrongdoings, it would be in Congress for the Committee to delegate decisions as to what would be disclosed and it would undermine the whole credibility of the report.

What is why, peculiarly, a final determination has got to rest here or those agencies have to take the responsibility for not having cooperated with the Committee.

Mr. Fithian. You are anticipating my next comment; that is, if in the course of this investigation you come upon

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wrongdoing that you want to include in the report and they say that is classified or classifiable, then where are you?

But I take it that Judge Preyer is convinced that the final authority rests with the Committee to decide this is publishable. We are going to publish this in the report.

Mr. Stokes. If the gentleman would yield, though.

Mr. Fithian. I would be happy to.

Mr. Stokes. I think that that was true insofar as this particular agreement. We do not know yet what the agreement will be between the CIA and the Committee. That still has to be negotiated with reference to what determination or who will be the determinor of what is to be published in our final report.

And I would imagine our Committee position is going to be that in the final analysis, we will be the determinors.

As you know, the Select Committee and the CIA never did enter into an agreement because they were insisting that they had to have final authority in terms of what was to be released and the Committee wouldn't agree to it and they never entered into an agreement with the CIA.

Mr. Fithian. Don't you anticipate this being basically what is going to happen?

Mr. Stokes. I certainly do, but I would also think that we are going to have to do sort of like what the Select Committee on the Senate side has done. There was some

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1 disagreement over there as to what they could release, and
2 they made the final determination of what they were going
3 to release and proceeded in that way.

4 Mrs. Burke. If the gentleman would yield.

5 Mr. Fithian. I would be happy to.

6 Mrs. Burke. My present understanding is in view of
7 the fact that the CIA exists by virtue of a Congressional
8 authorization and Congressional legislation, that the authority
9 to determine what is classified or non-classified rests with
10 the Congress.

11 Now I have seen some of these documents as far as --
12 for instance, the President can determine, for instance,
13 that a document is classified and there is a serious issue
14 of whether or not, between the President and the Congress,
15 who has the final determination because we got into that
16 in Appropriations and see, in the past, there has never been
17 a particular committee of the Congress who had that ultimate
18 authority to de-classify.

19 For instance, anyone who had oversight had power to
20 declassify.

21 Now I think it is different. I think that now, with
22 this Select Committee on Intelligence if we pass -- for
23 instance, even though you have oversight, you have a right to
24 see. But I don't think that because a Congressional committee
25 has oversight it still has the right to de-classify. I think

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1 the right to de-classify now is in the Select Committee on
2 Intelligence.

3 Now this is a part I think we have to be clear on.
4 Before -- remember, if you had, for instance, there was a
5 document that was marked "Classified," and you wanted to
6 release that document, an individual member of Congress did
7 not have the power to release it. But a Committee had a
8 right to de-classify a document and then, they notified the
9 CIA and if the CIA wanted to go to the President, the President
10 would have ultimate determination.

11 We considered a provision this year, at least in
12 Appropriations, where the President would not have the
13 ultimate right to stop it, but the ultimate de-classification
14 could lie with a committee of Congress rather than the
15 President. But we did not pass that. It was left with the
16 President.

17 Now I am not sure what the situation is.

18 Mr. Preyer. Will the gentlewoman yield?

19 Mrs. Burke. (Nods in the affirmative)

20 Mr. Preyer. I think you are exactly right. That
21 new committee sets out an elaborate procedure whereby if we
22 get into an argument between committee and the CIA as to
23 what should be released, that following the procedure,
24 Congress has the last word. But I am not clear whether it
25 just applies to the Select Committee on Ethics or whether it



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1 applies to all of the other committees in the House. We
2 could at least put all of those provisions in our agreement
3 with the CIA. It would certainly make a precedent for that
4 and perhaps it does apply to all committees of the House.

5 But I wondered if we wouldn't perhaps have to
6 put it in the rules of the House to have it apply to every
7 committee.

8 I do not know.

9 Mrs. Burke. It is a very complex area because no one
10 really knows.

11 Mr. Preyer. I think it may just apply to the Select
12 Committee on Intelligence as far as revealing the recourse.

13 Mrs. Burke. I think it does now, I really think it
14 does.

15 Mr. Preyer. The ultimate recourse.

16 Mrs. Burke. The issue, as it was presented to us,
17 was why should we put this new President at a greater
18 disadvantage than all other presidents had been. And the
19 decision was made that the Presidential authority would
20 remain. But now I don't know whether that is still true.

21 Mr. Wolf. We will check on it.

22 Mrs. Burke. I think that is the reason we have
23 the provision for the President to be required because that is
24 where the power now is.

25 Mr. Stokes. Okay, anything further?

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(No response)

Mr. Stokes. Are you finished, Mrs. Burke?

Mrs. Burke. I am finished.

Mr. Stokes. If there is nothing further, Mr. Blakey, let me also join my colleagues in commending you for what all of us feel is an excellent document, one which should put us on the track of getting the kind of security that we want in terms of these documents.

Mr. Blakey. Mr. Chairman, what is before you is two resolutions. The first is approval of the consulting agreements with Groden, Sprague, White and Baden. Resolution 2 is the approval of the non-disclosure agreement as formed for these four gentlemen and all subsequent people we hire.

Mr. Stokes. Has everyone had a chance to read the resolutions?

Are there any questions?

Mrs. Burke. I have.

Mr. Stokes. All right. Mr. Devine, any questions?

Mr. Devine. I have no questions.

Mr. Stokes. Mr. Preyer?

Mr. Preyer. No questions.

Mr. Stokes. Mrs. Burke?

Mrs. Burke. I don't know who all of the people are. I would be interested in knowing something about them but the one problem I do have is with Richard Sprague. There has

1 been a charge made that this Committee has been unduly
2 influenced by Richard Sprague. It has been made by an
3 organization and I guess we can't win because the press
4 always says we have been unduly influenced by Mark Lane
5 and the organizations are charging that no one is listening
6 to anyone except Richard Sprague and that we are a super-
7 extension of his theories.

8 So I have some real --- I don't know how we approach
9 this. I think this really is a problem.

10 Could you tell us generally what each of these people
11 will be doing?

12 Mr. Blakey. Let me give you the general conception
13 and I will let Bob Tanenbaum tell you what they will actually
14 be doing.

15 We are indeed in a bind and some people who have spent
16 a good deal of time studying these photographs are in a
17 position to help us understand them, and that is, frankly,
18 all we hope to do with these four people.

19 Ultimately, when we get to the Committee hearings, we
20 had expected that information that they gave us -- we
21 would bring in people like Kodak, who designed and built
22 the Zapruder camera, and we would not use people who had
23 previous background in our testimony.

24 This is one of the reasons that the contract would
25 prevent Richard Sprague from capitalizing on the fact that he



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1 will spend a couple of days next week with us working with
2 the photographs.

3 I think that is just a dilemma we will have to live with.
4 If we don't talk to him, then we are accused of not cooperating
5 with him. If we do talk to him, we are accused of depending
6 upon him.

7 This is another example of the kind of Catch-22 we
8 will have to live with between now and our hearings.
9 Ultimately, our hearings will speak for themselves.

10 Mrs. Burke. This portion of our - -

11 Mr. Stokes: Do you want to be off the record?

12 Mrs. Burke. I would prefer to be off the record, if
13 there is no objection.

14 Mr. Stokes. All right. Why don't we entertain a
15 unanimous consent request that we --

16 Mrs. Burke. I ask unanimous consent we suspend the
17 rules, go off record, and have some amendments.

18 Mr. Stokes. You have heard the motion. Is there
19 any objection?

20 (No response)

21 Mr. Stokes. Without objection, then, at this point
22 we suspend and go off the record.

23 (Discussion off the record)

24 Mr. Stokes. We will go back on the record.

25 Mr. Preyer. I rule the adoption of the resolution, Mr.



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Chairman.

Mr. Stokes. It has been properly moved that Resolutions I and II be adopted and the Clerk will call the roll.

(The resolutions referred to follow:)



1 The Clerk. Mr. Stokes?
2 Mr. Stokes. Aye.
3 The Clerk. Mr. Devine?
4 Mr. Devine. Aye.
5 The Clerk. Mr. Preyer?
6 Mr. Preyer. Aye.
7 The Clerk. Mr. McKinney?
8 (No response)
9 The Clerk. Mr. Fauntroy?
10 (No response)
11 The Clerk. Mr. Thone?
12 (No response)
13 The Clerk. Mrs. Burke?
14 Mrs. Burke. Aye.
15 The Clerk. Mr. Sawyer?
16 (No response)
17 The Clerk. Mr. Dodd?
18 (No response)
19 The Clerk. Mr. Ford?
20 (No response)
21 The Clerk. Mr. Fithian?
22 Mr. Fithian. Aye.
23 The Clerk. Mr. Edgar?
24 (No response)
25 The Clerk. Five aye votes.

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Mr. Stokes. The resolutions, then, are adopted.

Mr. Blakey?

(Pause)

Mr. Stokes. Off the record.

(Discussion off the record)

Mr. Stokes. On the record.

Let the record reflect all names of members' staff that are present. Do you want to identify yourselves for the record?

Mr. Spring. Hank Spring, Stewart McKinney's office.

Mr. McMullan. Bob McMullan, from Congressman Edgar's office.

Mr. Lennon. Peter Lennon, Chris Dodd.

Mr. Simon. David Simon for Ron Burke.

Mr. Stokes. The rest of the staff is from the Assassination Committee and the members who were present.

If there is nothing further, at this time the meeting will adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair.

(Whereupon, at 11:45 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned, to reconvene subject to the call of the Chair.)

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