

Frank-Canale relationship 5/16/72

At some point during my trip beginning 5/6, and I think after we left Leavenworth, when I would not tell Jerry the questions I was going to ask him, I told Jerry that I wanted him to think of everything he could about Foreman and the prosecution and Frank. I did not tell him what I had gone into with John, but I did tell him as we left the jail and started the trip back to St. Louis of the kind of statements I'd be seeking, that is, on the subject. I know it was on the 9th, Tuesday, so I presume this was as we were driving back to St. Louis or after we'd checked into the hotel, Jerry did tell me something about the Canale/Frank relationship. I have a handwritten note dated the 9th:

"Frank told Jerry at Nashville hearing to release James from isolation that Canale drove him [Frank] all around in Memphis, personally, and on at least one occasion met him [Frank] at the airport."

This is identically what Canale did with Shaw, but quite opposite by experience, the difference being that he did not know I would write what he wanted written if he did not, in fact, know that I would not. Contrast with letter refusing me access to all evidence and with my reception by Rhodes, Mason, when sent there just to see dupes of pictures in evidence by Clerk of Court (contemporaneous memo prepared 2/71).