

CA July 24/78:

... (Republican Duncan) Ragsdale 33, former exec secy of the Shelby County Republican Party has targeted (Rep. Harold) Ford's role in the King investigation contending the committee is shortchanging blacks by not conducting a full-scale study of the murder, choosing to check out specific complaints instead.

Ragsdale, a Marine reservist who once led a platoon in Vietnam, is representing former Memphis policeman Ed Redditt before the House committee on assassinations and is looking forward to a sparring match w/ Ford across a witness table. Redditt was assigned for a time to protect King.

Ford declined to respond, referring to a gag order on committee members.
(RAGSDALE FACING FORD IN CONGRESS RACE. FORD WILL WIN.)

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