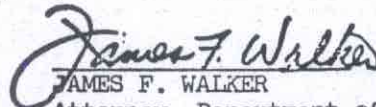


Memorandum for the File

On September 20, 1976, I telephoned Philip Manuel, Chief Investigator of the Senate Investigating Committee, a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Government Operations (phone: 224-3721) and inquired whether he had provided information to the Memphis Police Department on April 4, 1968, concerning a threat on the life of Memphis police officer Edward E. Redditt.

Mr. Manuel stated that in 1968 the committee was investigating riots and civil disorder and he did have some contact with the Memphis Police Department at that time. But, he has no present recollection of making a call and furnishing information to them about a threat on Redditt's life. Mr. Manuel agreed to search his records, some of which may be in the Archives, and will let me know if he finds anything. However, if he should find the information, he said we would have to follow Senate Rule 30 before it could be released. (A formal request from the AG or DAG and approval by the committee and/or full Senate).

Later in the afternoon, Mr. Manuel telephoned me and indicated that he had searched their indices and did not find the name "Edward E. Redditt", which would mean that a memorandum was not written. He said, however, he had requested some other material from the Archives which may contain the information. He will call me on Friday, September 24, 1976.

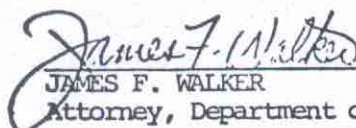


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Memorandum of Interview of Philip R. Manuel

On September 28, 1976, I telephoned Philip R. Manuel of the Senate Investigating Committee (224-3721) regarding information he supplied the Memphis Police Department (MPD) about a threat on the life of police officer Edward E. Redditt. I told Manuel that records of the MPD show that he was in their office on the 3rd or 4th of April 1968 and furnished the information based on a phone call to Washington.

Manuel stated that the incident sounds familiar, but he has no independent recollection. However, he said he was in Memphis on the 3rd and 4th of April 1968, departing by plane on the afternoon of the 4th. Moreover, he said he was in the police department and his office does have a source in Mississippi. He probably did not make a record of the matter since the threat related to someone in Knoxville rather than Memphis. Therefore, he believes the information reflected in the MPD records is correct.



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