

extend the application of Rule 6 to the hallway area which is immediately adjacent to the hearing room, as per the request of the witness.

Mr. MATHEWS. It might be appropriate now, Mr. Chairman, to recall Mr. Byers.

Chairman STOKES. The committee recalls Mr. Byers.

The Chair would say further, this witness being under U.S. Marshal security, all persons are requested to remain in their seats anytime the witness is either entering or departing from the hearing room.

The record will reflect that the witness, Mr. Byers, has returned to the hearing room and is accompanied by counsel, Mr. Jim Hamilton of the District of Columbia Bar.

Mr. Byers, the Chair would admonish you that you are still under the oath which I administered to you this morning. Do you understand that?

Mr. BYERS. I understand it.

Chairman STOKES. All right. The Chair recognizes Professor Blakey.

**TESTIMONY OF RUSSELL GEORGE BYERS, ATTORNEY, CLAYTON, MO., ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSEL, JAMES HAMILTON—
Resumed**

Mr. BLAKEY. Mr. Byers, after you testified this morning, Judge Randall appeared and testified, and he indicated that he had racked his memory and done the best he could to recall as many details about his conversation with you as he could, and he gave the committee his best recollection of what you said to him, and what he said to you.

After comparing and contrasting his memory against your testimony, there were several items that I thought it might be appropriate to clarify in the record. Nevertheless, based on conversation with your counsel and his representations, I would only ask you one question at this time.

Judge Randall indicated that his memory was—and the record will, of course, correct me if I am wrong for misstating—that in the conversation with Mr. Sutherland you questioned him, that is, Mr. Sutherland, in detail, and learned—Judge Randall remembered—names of other members of the organization that were apparently going to be the source of the financing of Dr. King's killing.

My question to you, therefore, is: Is it your best recollection that you did, in fact, learn the names of other members of that southern organization?

Mr. BYERS. No names at all, to the best of my recollection, nobody. If he recollects something, it's beyond me.

Mr. BLAKEY. Do you recall any aspect of the conversation in which Mr. Sutherland indicated that there were other members of the organization?

Mr. BYERS. No. When he said "secret southern society," he mentioned no names, and I pressed for no names.

Mr. BLAKEY. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman STOKES. Any other member of the committee seeking recognition?

Mr. FITHIAN. Just one clarification, if I may, Mr. Chairman.

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