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violence that might erupt around the Lorraine Motel because of  
Dr. King's presence, you don't think that that was a decision—the  
decision to remove them would have been brought to your atten-  
tion? That that was within the—

Mr. HOLLAMAN. Well, they were not removed. They were only  
removed from the immediate—from what you have said, from the  
immediate vicinity. As a matter of fact, when the shot was fired,  
an entire fact unit was in the fire station, so it was as close as you  
could get to the Lorraine Motel almost.

Mr. SPEISER. But they were not on the street, as I understand it?

Mr. HOLLAMAN. Right.

Mr. SPEISER. It was between the fire station and the Lorraine  
Motel?

Mr. HOLLAMAN. They had parked their cars between the fire  
station and the boardinghouse where Mr. Ray was.

Mr. SPEISER. My last area of questioning, Mr. Holloman, concerns  
the post-assassination effort or lack thereof on the part of the  
Memphis Police Department to apprehend the assassin.

What, if anything, did you personally do when you were advised  
of the fact that Dr. King had been killed? What was your immedi-  
ate reaction?

Mr. HOLLAMAN. I was not on the scene; I was not in communica-  
tion with the men on the street. I was listening to a radio which  
was in my office. There were people on the scene. I was listening to  
the dispatches that were being given by our dispatcher on the  
radio.

I did not—I will back up a moment there. I would say that  
within 30 minutes of the assassination, I was talking to the Govern-  
or of the State of Tennessee asking for the Guard to be sent back  
into Memphis. But as far as I was personally, I knew that there  
were commanding officers on the scene. I knew that Chief MacDon-  
ald was on the way to the scene. I did not go to the scene and I did  
not issue any orders myself at that time.

Mr. SPEISER. Would you say that your attention was more direct-  
ed toward curbing any demonstrations and rioting within the city  
of Memphis than apprehending the assassin?

Mr. HOLLAMAN. No, sir; I would not say that.

Mr. SPEISER. Would you say your attention was split equally  
between those two concerns?

Mr. HOLLAMAN. Yes. I think that is a fair statement because I  
had the responsibility of some 600,000 people in Memphis and I  
was concerned, of course, with all of those individuals if a riot  
should occur again, which it did, and which I—the first thing I  
knew or thought after the assassination was that, "Here we are.  
We have got another riot."

Mr. SPEISER. But you were equally concerned in apprehending  
the assassin, Mr. Holloman. Why did you not specifically instruct  
that an all-points bulletin be sent out and that roadblocks be set  
up?

Now, for the edification of those people who are unfamiliar, an  
all-points bulletin alerts the neighboring jurisdictions of the fact  
that there might be a fugitive entering their jurisdiction and that  
they should be aware of his presence and they are alerted to this