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committee review of those logs indicates that you spent approxi-
mately 20 hours with Mr. Ray, that 2 of those hours came before
you were recognized formally as counsel in the case. This would
have been the initial meeting. And approximately 6 of those hours
came after the latest possible date for the guilty plea decision.

Mr. FOREMAN. I missed that last part.

Mr. BEESON. Approximately 6 more of these total of 20 hours
came after the February 18 guilty plea letter which Mr. Ray sent
to you. So that in total only 12 hours of consultation between you
and your client exist during what might be called the investigative
phase of this case.

Mr. FOREMAN. That is not true.

Mr. BEESON. You would be unwilling to accept the figures which
we have established in our review of this?

Mr. FOREMAN. No, sir, I will not accept the figures as you gave
them. They are not true. Your mere stating them in an adversary
manner doesn't make them true. They are not true.

Mr. BEESON. Did you observe during your visits with Mr. Ray
any situation which might explain the absence in the Shelby
County Prison logs of references to visits between you and Mr.
Ray?

Mr. FOREMAN. I know nothing of the logs. I assumed they were
making them but I never saw any results of them. They were
handed to me as F-254, pages 86 and 87, as of this morning.

Mr. BEESON. Then if in fact the logs, day-to-day, reflect only 20
hours, the explanation for that would be, I take it, erroneous
figures in the logs themselves?

Mr. FOREMAN. I have not seen the logs and I cannot dispute
something I have not seen. I am telling you that I spent from 30 to
70 hours, at least 30, with James Earl Ray. I do not know how
accurate or whether or not—there is nothing automatic about this.
Evidently humans wrote it down. It is human error. Somebody
failed to write down some of the times, that is all. I don't think
there is anything sinister or malicious about it. I just say it doesn't
conform to the facts.

Mr. BEESON. Mr. Foreman, I believe you have told members of
the committee on previous interviews that the Shelby County Dis-
trict Attorney's office was very cooperative with you during your
investigation of the case. Were you satisfied with your knowledge
of the government case against Mr. Ray prior to your recommenda-
tion to him that he plead guilty?

Mr. FOREMAN. I certainly wouldn't, I didn't make a recommenda-
tion to Mr. Ray. I have never recommended to any client, sir, that
they accept any penalty. I learned a long time ago, I had not been
in practice 2 years when I learned not to do that. James Earl Ray's
plea of guilty originated with James Earl Ray. James Earl Ray was
certain that he would not do more than 2 years on any sentence he
received, whether life or 99 years. He said so.

He said there was no penitentiary in this country that could hold
him, and if I could save his life, he would tend to the rest of it, and
that if he didn't escape within 2 years, he would, as he used the
expression, throw a writ, meaning making a writ of habeas corpus
making the allegations he is now making.