

The committee has further learned that police tact units, consisting of three cars and 12 officers, were assigned to the vicinity of the Lorraine and were on patrol on April 3 and April 4. The tact units, however, were withdrawn shortly before the assassination.

To account for the removal of the security detail and the tact units and to comment on the other allegations of official complicity, the committee has called Mr. Frank Holloman. Mr. Holloman, as director of fire and safety in Memphis in April 1968, was the official with ultimate responsibility for the removal of Detective Redditt. In addition, he is the accountable official for all of the actions of the Memphis Police Department.

A retired FBI agent, Mr. Holloman once served in the office of Director J. Edgar Hoover. He has served as Special Agent in Charge of FBI Field Offices in Jackson, Miss., Atlanta, and Cincinnati. He left the FBI in 1946 to practice law in Laurel, Miss.

Mr. Holloman rejoined the FBI in 1948 and subsequently served in Louisville, Los Angeles, and at FBI Headquarters in Washington. In 1959 he was assigned to the Memphis field office, where he remained until his retirement from the FBI in 1964.

Mr. Holloman was director of the development for Memphis State University from 1964 to 1966, and executive director of the Mid-South Medical Center Council for Comprehensive Health Planning until January 1, 1968.

Mr. Holloman served as director of fire and safety in the city of Memphis from 1968 through 1970. He is presently executive director of Future Memphis, Inc.

It would be appropriate at this time, Mr. Chairman, to call Mr. Holloman.

Chairman STOKES. The committee calls Mr. Holloman.

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you will give before this committee is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. HOLLOWAN. I do.

**TESTIMONY OF MR. FRANK C. HOLLOWAN, FORMER DIRECTOR  
OF FIRE AND SAFETY, MEMPHIS, TENN.**

Chairman STOKES. Thank you. You may be seated. The Chair recognizes counsel for the committee, Mr. Mark Speiser.

Mr. SPEISER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Holloman, I welcome you to Washington.

You have had the opportunity to hear our chief counsel, Mr. Blakey, briefly allude to your career with the FBI. I would like to ask you some more penetrating questions about your career with the Bureau and begin with that area of questioning on this point.

Would you state for the record what your professional occupation is. I am led to believe that you are a lawyer by training. Is that accurate?

Mr. HOLLOWAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. SPEISER. When did you first join the FBI?

Mr. HOLLOWAN. June of 1937.

Mr. SPEISER. While with the Bureau, did you succeed to positions of a supervisory nature?

Mr. HOLLOWAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. SPEISER. Isn't it a fact that you were appointed agent in charge of the Memphis field office?

Mr. HOLLOWAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. SPEISER. Can you recall that you were assigned to the field office where you served as the SAC, Memphis?

Mr. HOLLOWAN. This is from far as specific dates are concerned. Jackson, Miss., in 1943. I was there 15 months. Then I was transferred to Memphis in 1944, and then I was transferred to Cincinnati in 1945, and I resigned from the Cincinnati office in 1946. I was agent in charge of the Memphis office from March, or the spring of 1960.

Mr. SPEISER. What are the dates of your time in the field office?

Mr. HOLLOWAN. He is the in-charge of the Memphis office and has general overall responsibility for the office, its operations, and those of the Memphis area.

Mr. SPEISER. Who within the Memphis office would be able to answer that question? Was it Mr. Hoover? At the Memphis office?

Mr. HOLLOWAN. I would say yes. Mr. SPEISER. Did there come a time when you were very close professionally with Mr. Hoover?

Mr. HOLLOWAN. Yes, sir. Mr. SPEISER. Can you elaborate that? Mr. HOLLOWAN. I was inspecting the Memphis office when I was in Washington going back now from August of 1959.

Mr. SPEISER. For a period of 7 years you were agent in charge of Mr. Hoover's office. What was your title as incumbent with that position?

Mr. HOLLOWAN. I supervised the Memphis office. I was the only agent in the office of the office itself, and I also reviewed the work of the Memphis office that went into his office, except for the Memphis office. Mr. Hoover was very close to his secretary, his executive charge of people seeing Mr. Hoover.

Mr. SPEISER. This lasted for a period of 7 years. Mr. HOLLOWAN. Seven years, yes.

Mr. SPEISER. How were you selected for that position? Mr. HOLLOWAN. He selected me.

Mr. SPEISER. Prior to being selected as agent in charge of several Memphis offices, Mr. HOLLOWAN. Before that, I was in the Memphis office in a supervisory position in what was then called the Memphis division of the FBI.

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seated. The Chair asked Mr. Speiser.

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Mr. SPEISER. Isn't it a fact that there came a time when you were appointed agent in charge of certain field offices of the FBI?

Mr. HOLLOMAN. Yes, sir.  
Mr. SPEISER. Can you recapitulate for the committee the dates that you were assigned to field offices and the offices themselves where you served as the SAC, that is, the special agent in charge?

Mr. HOLLOMAN. This is from memory and I will be inaccurate as far as specific dates are concerned. But I was agent in charge in Jackson, Miss., in 1943. I was there for a very short time, several months. Then I was transferred to Atlanta, Ga., and was there in 1943, 1944, and then I was transferred to Cincinnati probably in 1945, and I resigned from the FBI in 1946 while I was agent in charge of the Cincinnati office. After that, when I went back to the FBI, I was agent in charge of the Memphis office for a few months. I went there in August of 1959 and was agent in charge until March, or the spring of 1960.

Mr. SPEISER. What are the general functions of a SAC of an FBI field office?

Mr. HOLLOMAN. He is the individual who is in charge of the office and has general overall administrative supervision of the office, its operations, and those who are assigned to it.

Mr. SPEISER. Who within the Bureau were you directly reportable to? Was it Mr. Hoover? At least while you were serving in the FBI.

Mr. HOLLOMAN. I would say yes. Yes.

Mr. SPEISER. Did there come a time when you in fact became very close professionally with Mr. Hoover during your career with the FBI?

Mr. HOLLOMAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. SPEISER. Can you elaborate on that, please?

Mr. HOLLOMAN. I was inspector in charge of his office here in Washington going back now from 1959—I believe from about 1952 until August of 1959.

Mr. SPEISER. For a period of 7 years you were inspector in charge of Mr. Hoover's office. What are the duties and responsibilities incumbent with that position?

Mr. HOLLOMAN. I supervised the clerical employees in the office. I was the only agent in the office and I was the general supervisor of the office itself, and I also reviewed the memoranda, documents that went into his office, except correspondence which went directly to his secretary, his executive secretary, and I generally was in charge of people seeing Mr. Hoover; making appointments, and advising him as to who he was to see or who wished to see him.

Mr. SPEISER. This lasted for a period of approximately 7 years?

Mr. HOLLOMAN. Seven years, yes, sir.

Mr. SPEISER. How were you selected for that position?

Mr. HOLLOMAN. He selected me. It was just a selection on his part.

Mr. SPEISER. Prior to being selected to that position, you had served as agent in charge of several field offices?

Mr. HOLLOMAN. Before that, I was in Washington in a supervisory position in what was then called the crime records section or division of the FBI.