

Mr. REDDITT. Not other than when I was subpoenaed by him or his colleague to court.

Mr. MCKINNEY. That is the only contact that he has tried to make with you?

Mr. REDDITT. That is true.

Mr. MCKINNEY. I have no more questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman STOKES. Counsel for the committee, Mr. Johnson.

Mr. SMOTHERS. Mr. Chairman, I believe the witness has an additional matter to add in response to the Congressman's earlier question.

CHAIRMAN STOKES. Certainly, he can be heard.

Mr. REDDITT. The second answer to that, Congressman, is that I was contacted when this book was written to come to Washington, D.C. to plug it, which I totally refused.

Mr. MCKINNEY. Thank you very much.

Chairman STOKES. The Chair recognizes counsel for the committee, Gene Johnson.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. Redditt, I want to make a couple of things clear, if you would, that, one, Dr. King had been in Memphis on the 18th of March and he had been there on the 28th of March?

Mr. REDDITT. Yes, sir.

Mr. JOHNSON. You testified in executive session testimony that during those two prior trips that you did not provide security for Dr. King?

Mr. REDDITT. Correct.

Mr. JOHNSON. So if it has been suggested, as it was in the book with the conversation allegedly had between you and Mr. Lane, that you had always provided security for Dr. King, and your answer, or at least Mr. Lane records your answer as being "Right," that is totally erroneous; am I right about that?

Mr. REDDITT. That is right.

Mr. JOHNSON. Not only is it erroneous, but my next question is, did you ever tell Mr. Lane that when Dr. King always came to Memphis, you always provided security for him?

Mr. REDDITT. No.

Mr. JOHNSON. So if it appears in Mr. Lane's book as it does, it is erroneous?

Mr. REDDITT. Right.

Mr. JOHNSON. Now you remember there was a conversation when you appeared in your executive session testimony about your leaving the firehouse approximately 6:30 that evening, going to Clayborn Temple.

Do you remember that conversation we had about your leaving, and that you had initially said in your testimony that one of the reasons that you left, you left because Dr. King's party had left and that you had followed them to Clayborn Temple?

Mr. REDDITT. Right.

Mr. JOHNSON. Do you remember the give and take—

Mr. REDDITT. Right.

Mr. JOHNSON [continuing]. With me about that?

Mr. REDDITT. Right.

Mr. JOHNSON. Then there came a time when I asked you very clearly, I said, Mr. Redditt, would you explain for the committee, if you would, if you were in a security relationship with Dr. King,

and that you left, as you did at the executive session, at how could you explain that in a security relationship with the Lorraine Motel in the

Mr. REDDITT. Yes.

Mr. JOHNSON. Do you recall that?

Mr. REDDITT. Yes.

Mr. JOHNSON. I ask you to recall where you recall you could have been in on the evening of April 3, 1968?

Mr. REDDITT. That is correct.

Mr. JOHNSON. Now there was Clayborn Temple, and remember your speech. Do you remember getting into any security relationship?

Mr. REDDITT. No.

Mr. JOHNSON. So for the rally at Clayborn Temple business, did you not?

Mr. REDDITT. Yes, sir.

Mr. JOHNSON. Your recollection was over you went any rally was over you went any?

Mr. REDDITT. Right.

Mr. JOHNSON. So the night security relationship with Dr. King, he was, and you were where you were not together; is that true?

Mr. REDDITT. That is true.

Mr. JOHNSON. Now there came in 1968, Dr. King is at the Lorraine Motel to your security post at the firehouse?

Mr. REDDITT. That is correct.

Mr. JOHNSON. At any time did you see or to talk with Dr. King?

Mr. REDDITT. No.

Mr. JOHNSON. Can you recall the time, once you stationed yourself at the firehouse No. 2, that time that you were informed that you were wanted to see you downtown?

Mr. REDDITT. That is correct.

Mr. JOHNSON. Which means that he was there all day on April 4, and Dr. King was assuming arguing that he should not, that you could not provide security for Dr. King.

Mr. REDDITT. That is correct.

Mr. JOHNSON. It has become a matter of fact that I am wrong about it—on your previous testimony, Inspector Smith informed you that you were drawn, that only for a brief time