

committee exactly what

Dr. King and his party  
Lorraine Motel.

you that assignment?

When you went to the

airport, will you tell  
what really happened?

Remember every detail, the  
pointed finger threat  
corridor. The second  
tried to break in the  
contact with the party.

Redditt, who was in

reports. In security it  
to think about that  
Memphis Police Depart-

you were at the airport  
individual about some  
threat of your being

Could you tell us basi-

arriving at the Lor-

you went to the party,  
use the phone and  
to move behind the  
don't want security.

Protection from Inspector  
been assigned to the  
after the conversa-  
do you remember  
ing the conversation

Smith even saying

well we were there  
disperse; that's it in

to Inspector Smith  
make relative to the

member who made  
station—or setting

to that?  
reply was.

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Mr. JOHNSON. Have you ever had an occasion to set up a surveil-  
lance detail in the firehouse before?

Mr. REDDITT. Not in the firehouse; no.

Mr. JOHNSON. So there came a time when Smith, Inspector  
Smith informed you that the security detail was being disbanded,  
am I right about that?

Mr. REDDITT. Right.

Mr. JOHNSON. Then you are not sure who suggested, either you  
or someone in the party, that some kind of surveillance be set up  
in the firehouse which is across the street from the Lorraine Motel;  
is that right?

Mr. REDDITT. Right.

Mr. JOHNSON. What happened then?

Mr. REDDITT. The next step would be I had to call my supervisor  
and indicate where I was and what I had to do and I undoubtedly  
was given an OK. Because at the time either we went back to  
headquarters or someone brought us binoculars. I don't remember  
what transpired.

Mr. JOHNSON. So now, once the security detail is withdrawn, you  
are physically in the fire station across the street from the Lor-  
raine?

Mr. REDDITT. Right.

Mr. JOHNSON. Once you took your post in the fire station, were  
you in any physical proximity to Dr. King, where you would have  
been in a position to protect him from any physical harm?

Mr. REDDITT. No.

Mr. JOHNSON. Did you maintain your surveillance in the fire-  
house the evening of the 3d and all day on April 4, until you were  
removed?

Mr. REDDITT. Yes.

Mr. JOHNSON. Now, just tell the committee, if you would, Detec-  
tive Redditt, what did you do? You went to the back of the fire-  
house. Did you put anything up in the back of it like paper?

Mr. REDDITT. Yes; at one point firemen began to come back and  
peer out the window. So we put up a newspaper and cut it out so  
people couldn't see, peering from the window, because you could  
see even with the paper up there.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. Chairman, that concludes my questions.

Chairman STOKES. The Chair will now recognize the gentleman  
from Connecticut, Mr. McKinney, for such time as he may con-  
sume.

Mr. MCKINNEY. Detective Redditt, you were there on the 3d and  
4th until your removal on the 4th. Did you leave the firehouse and  
go to the Clayborn Temple on the 3d?

Mr. REDDITT. I don't remember, sir.

Mr. MCKINNEY. You don't remember going to the temple on the  
3d, at some time at about 6:35, 8:35?

Mr. REDDITT. Yes, sir. I recall that.

Mr. MCKINNEY. Did you have anyone go with you? Did Lieuten-  
ant Richmond go with you at that point?

Mr. REDDITT. Yes, sir.

Mr. MCKINNEY. When you went to the temple, wasn't it a fact  
that Dr. King was still at the Lorraine?

Mr. REDDITT. I don't recall, sir; I am not really sure.