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hall and meeting?

MR. LESAR: Sure.

[whereupon, a short recess was taken.]

MR. LESAR: Back on the record.

BY MR. LESAR:

Q Are you familiar with the test that the FBI runs on rifles using a cotton swab to determine whether or not a rifle has been fired recently?

A It has nothing to do with whether the gun has been fired recently or not. It has to do with whether a gun has been fired since it was last cleaned, which may have been 30 years ago or 10 minutes ago.

Q That's correct.

A I am generally familiar with these kinds of things.

Q Is that a test that would be routinely performed in an examination of any alleged murder weapon?

A It might be. It might be routinely performed. You know, it would depend on what the interest was. You wouldn't just do it for the sake of doing it. There would be some specific request made to determine if this firearm, for instance, has been fired since it was last cleaned or something like that.

Q Would it have been done in the case of the alleged murder weapon in the King assassination?