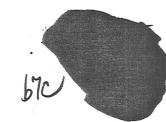
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PERCY FOREMAN; EDWARD J. HUDSON; NELSON BUNKER HUNT; W. HERBERT HUNT; RALPH SHANK; CHARLES TESSMER; B. H. TIMMINS, JR.; ET AL; IOC; OOJ - CONSPIRACY; OO: DALLAS.

TRIAL OF SUBJECTS WAS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN

U. S. DISTRICT COURT, DALLAS, TEXAS, BEFORE U. S. DISTRICT

JUDGE HALBERT O. WOODWARD ON CHARGES OF OBSTRUCTION OF

JUSTICE AND CONSPIRACY, ON APRIL 19, 1976. ON THE MORNING

OF APRIL 19, 1976, U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE WOODWARD SEVERED

EDWARD J. HUDSON AND PERCY FOREMAN FROM INSTANT TRIAL.

JUDGE WOODWARD HAD ALREADY PREVIOUSLY SEVERED RALPH

SHANK FROM THE TRIAL, AND HAD SEVERED THE TWO PERJURY

COUNTS ON CHARLES TESSMER.

ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 19, 1976, NELSON BUNKER
HUNT; CHARLES TESSMER, AND B. H. TIMMINS, JR., EACH PLED
NOLO CONTENDRE TO AN INFORMATION CHARGING THEM WITH A
VIOLATION OF TITLE 19, U. S. CODE, SECTION 401 (CONTEMPT).

JUDGE WOODWARD FINED EACH SUBJECT \$1,000 AND DISMISSED
THE CHARGES IN THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENT OF JULY 21,

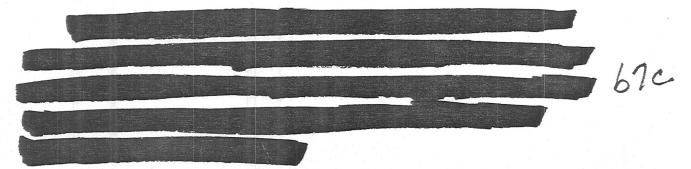
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1975, ON THEM. JUDGE WOODWARD ALSO DISMISSED ALL THE CHARGES IN THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENT AGAINST W. HERBERT HUNT.



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Nemo to Mr. Gallagher RE: PERCY FOREMAN

DFTAILS: Captioned case is an outgrowth of the Interception of Communications case in which Nelson Bunker Hunt and W. Herbert Hunt were found not guilty of wiretapping by a jury in the Northern District of Texas on 9/26/75. On 4/21/75, a Federal Grand Jury indicted Hunt, and the other named individuals, for Conspiracy and Obstruction of Justice. On 4/19/76, Judge Woodward severed Edward J. Hudson and Percy Foreman from the above scheduled trial. Following this action, Melson Bunker Hunt, Charles Tessmer, and B. H. Timmins, Jr., pled nolo contendre to an information which charged them in violation of Title 18, U.S.C., Section 401 (Contempt). Thereafter, Judge Woodward fined Hunt, Tessmer, and Timmins \$1,000 each. Woodward dismissed all other charges against them. Prior to this time, Judge Woodward severed Ralph Shank, Dallas Attorney from the trial.

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