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~~U.S.~~ House of Representatives, []

Select Committee on Assassinations, []

Washington, D.C. []

9 The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:50 ~~o'clock~~ a.m.
10 in Room 1310, Longworth House Office Building, the Honorable
11 Louis Stokes (Chairman of the committee) presiding.

12 Present: Representatives Stokes (presiding), Fauntroy,
13 Dodd, Ford, Fithian, Edgar, McKinney and Sawyer.

14 Also present: G. Robert Blakey, T. Howarth, E. Berning and
15 R. Morrison, Professional Staff Members.

17 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman. The committee will come to order.

18 The Chair will recognize Mr. Blakey for a statement.

19 Mr. Blakey. Mr. Chairman, the subject to be brought before
20 the committee this morning basically deals with the nature of the
21 investigation. It would be appropriate to go into executive
22 session.

23 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman. The Chair will entertain a motion.

24 Mr. Fauntroy. So move.

25 The Chairman. It has been properly moved that the committee

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1 go into executive session at this time for the reasons stated.

2 ¶ The clerk will call the roll.

3 Ms. Berning. Mr. Stokes.

4 Mr. Stokes. Aye.

5 Ms. Berning. Mr. Devine.

6 [No response.]

7 Ms. Berning. Mr. Preyer.

8 [No response.]

9 Ms. Berning. Mr. McKinney.

10 [No response.]

11 Ms. Berning. Mr. Fauntroy.

12 Mr. Fauntroy. Aye.

13 Ms. Berning. Mr. Thone.

14 [No response.]

15 Ms. Berning. Mrs. Burke.

16 [No response.]

17 Ms. Berning. Mr. Sawyer.

18 Mr. Sawyer. Aye.

19 Ms. Berning. Mr. Dodd.

20 Mr. Dodd. Aye.

21 Ms. Berning. Mr. Ford.

22 Mr. Ford. Aye.

23 Ms. Berning. Mr. Fithian.

24 Mr. Fithian. Aye.

25 Ms. Berning. Mr. Edgar.

1 9 Mr. Edgar. Aye.

2 Ms. Berning. Seven ayes, Mr. Chairman.

3 ~~The~~ Chairman^{Stokes}. Seven members having voted in the affirmative,
4 this meeting is now in executive session and all members of the
5 public ~~are~~^{are} asked to exclude themselves.

6 [Whereupon, unauthorized persons left the hearing room, and the
7 Committee proceeded in executive session.]

8 Mr. Blakey. Mr. Chairman, the first issue that the Committee
9 ought to address itself to is two immunities on the King side.
10 The Committee has before it a resolution asking for staff permis-
11 sion to go to court to secure immunity for Clarence Hanes^y and
12 Naomi Denny.

13 I note that it will be required that we have eight committee
14 members present during this. Might I suggest the parliamentary
15 procedure that the matter be considered and a slow vote be
16 undertaken. I understand that a proxy from ~~Chairman~~^{Mr.} Preyer is
17 on the way to the Committee at this time.

18 [Pause]

19 Mr. Blakey. My suggestion was that after the Committee has
20 considered the suggestion for immunity for these two individuals,
21 it might be appropriate to undertake a slow vote. I understand
22 that Mr. Preyer's proxy is under way, and we need eight votes on
23 the issue.

24 We have seven people present now.

25 I would be glad to answer any questions about either of the

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1 two immunities.

2 ~~The~~ Chairman, ^{Stokes} Any, questions?

3 We may move on to something else and then come back to
4 this?

5 Do we have a motion?

6 Mr. Fithian. I so move, Mr. Chairman.

7 The Chairman. It has been properly moved, then, that the
8 Committee authorize the requested immunity order.

9 The Clerk will call the roll.

10 Ms. Berning. Mr. Stokes.

11 The Chairman. Aye.

12 Ms. Berning. Mr. Devine.

13 [No response.]

(A Ms. Berning, Mrs. Preyer
A [No response])

14 Ms. Berning. Mr. McKinney.

15 [No response.]

16 Ms. Berning. Mr. Fauntroy.

17 Mr. Fauntroy. Aye.

18 Ms. Berning. Mr. Thone.

19 [No response.]

20 Ms. Berning. Ms. Burke.

21 [No response.]

22 Ms. Berning. Mr. Sawyer.

23 Mr. Sawyer. Aye.

24 Ms. Berning. Mr. Dodd.

25 Mr. Dodd. Aye.



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1 9 Ms. Berning. Mr. Ford.
 2 Mr. Ford. Aye.
 3 Ms. Berning. Mr. Fithian.
 4 Mr. Fithian. Aye.
 5 Ms. Berning. Mr. Edgar.
 6 Mr. Edgar. Aye.

7 *Chairman Stokes*
~~Ms. Berning~~

We will suspend the counting of the roll call until a subsequent time, and we will come back to the roll call.

Mr. Blakey. Mr. Chairman, the next and probably most important item on the agenda is the Committee's supplemental funding request.

The Committee has before it a memorandum outlining the nature of that request, coupled with a number of supporting pages. Basically the outline is where we have been and where we can reasonably expect to go between now and December 31~~st~~st. The budget has been cut by the staff really about as deep as we can. I think it is fair to say that it is razor thin with the expectation that we go through December 31~~st~~st continuing both investigations, frankly, or at least keeping the options open to continue them both right through December. It is particularly important on the King side that that option be kept open.

I note that over the two-year period what had been estimated as a \$5 million budget, would be, if this supplemental



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1 were adopted, be only 1.8 percent off the original estimate.
 2 In fact, I would commend on the record Tom Howarth for having
 3 estimated the budget so well on all occasions. If the House
 4 had given us the money we had originally asked for, of \$500,000,
 5 the only amount that we really would have been off was the
 6 value of the basic scientific projects, and that, indeed, was
 7 a matter brought to their attention at the time. We didn't
 8 include it in the original budget because we did not know in
 9 January and February exactly what those figures would be?

10 *9* We did, I remember specifically Mr. Preyer indicated to them
 11 that we would probably come back for a supplemental on that.
 12 So in effect, what we are doing is coming back for a supplemental
 13 on the scientific projects, and the relatively minor cost
 14 overrun which is primarily attributable to the cost of travel
 15 and telephones.

16 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman Questions of any members?

17 Mr. Fithian?

18 Mr. Fithian. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19 I would just ask that Mr. Blakey and Mr. Howarth provide
 20 us with some information as to what happens in December. I
 21 haven't gotten all the way through the budget, but obviously
 22 our whole investigation will be done and public hearings will
 23 be done. We will still have the need for staff to do the
 24 reporting, ^{et cetera,} ~~et cetera,~~ but I would trust that the phase out ²/_M

25 Mr. Blakey. In the best of all possible worlds, which



1 this is not, we will end on December 31~~st~~, hand in our report,
 2 and quit. Because this is not the best of all possible worlds,
 3 the likely result will be is that the ~~Committee~~ will have to go
 4 back to the Congress for probably 90 days extension into the
 5 next Congress and spend an as yet undetermined amount of money,
 6 certainly a relatively small figure to maintain a skeleton
 7 force, to process the report through the agencies, through
 8 the Government Printing Office, and to transfer its files
 9 to wherever they will ultimately be transferred. This budget
 10 aims to end us at the end of this Congress when technically
 11 our life is over with anyway.

12 ¶ If, in fact, we determine in December when it will
 13 be appropriate to determine that there is a need for a wind-up
 14 time, this is a practice virtually universally followed by
 15 ~~Committees~~. For example, all of our bills won't come in
 16 in December for the month of December ¹/₄ there will have to
 17 be the skeleton force around for 60 ~~to~~ ¹/₂ 90 days just to process
 18 the bills, but what we are talking about is a relatively routine
 19 process of cleanup in the next Congress, certainly no hearings,
 20 certainly no investigation after December 31~~st~~.

21 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman Mr. Fithian?

22 Mr. Fithian. And one further question.

23 Might it be possible to never have to go back to the
 24 House for that final mopping up operation if we could get
 25 House Administration simply to take on the responsibility of

1 payment of the remainder of the staff to finish out the
2 purely routine?

3 Mr. Blakey. No; I think what happens is that all
4 Committees of the House die at the end of the Congress, and
5 technically every committee around here doesn't exist for one
6 day, and then you must be reauthorized in the new Congress.
7 This Congress cannot bind anything beyond the 31st.

8 Mr. Fithian. No; I understand that. I didn't make my
9 question clear, obviously.

10 The House Administration Committee sometimes lumps in
11 a whole series of little incidental type expenditures, rather
12 than to retain or ask that this committee be reconstituted for
13 any part of the next Congress, do you follow me? ~~by~~ **I** In other
14 words, whoever was doing the mopping up-exercises would be
15 employees of the House Administration Committee.

16 Mr. Blakey. I suppose that could be done. It would
17 probably be just as simple to have the continuing resolution
18 and put us in, and having explained at the time this was
19 mop-up. It would be appropriate to have our life continued for
20 legal purposes so that the staff could represent the committee
21 in negotiations with the agencies. That is what I think may
22 happen. The commitment has always been from the agencies to
23 disclose the information to us subject to a review before
24 final declassification. The memorandums of understanding are
25 between this committee and the Department of Justice, this

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1 Committee and the CIA. It would be appropriate to have this
2 Committee finally negotiate those positions.

3 Mr. Edgar. Mr. Chairman.

4 ~~The~~ Chairman. ^{Stokes} Mr. Edgar.

5 Mr. Edgar. Just a point following up on Mr. Fithian's
6 comments ^I I would hope that some research has been done on
7 exactly how to do what you are talking about. ~~because~~ ^I If I
8 remember the last two Congresses, we took the first ² two weeks
9 of January off, and the first legislative day was not until
10 mid-January at the earliest, 18th, 19th, 20th, ~~and~~ ^I there is a
11 great deal of organizational work that is done there, and I
12 would hope that we wouldn't find ourselves in a position where
13 we die on the 31st and have to ask our staff to be volunteers
14 for a month.

15 Mr. Blakey. It is unlikely that the staff would, given
16 the history of the last similar request. Nevertheless, there
17 has to be a resolution introduced by House Administration for
18 all Committees, Judiciary on, and it would be appropriate to
19 put us in there, and it would be extremely unusual for us to
20 be taken out. It would require a vote for us to be taken
21 out. And if it is put simply as clean-up, which is what it would
22 be, I doubt that it would present an issue of controversy.

23 ~~The~~ Chairman. ^{Stokes} I think maybe what Mr. Edgar has in mind
24 is a pay lag system that occurs in January.

25 Mr. Blakey. It is only a day and every Committee suffers

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1 it. This Committee would be no different than any of the
2 others.

3 ^{Stokes}
4 ~~The~~ Chairman. Well, we would undergo a period where in
5 the Democratic Caucus we go through the process of electing
6 chairmen of committees, etc., and so forth, and until such
7 time as you have approval of that, there are no committees,
8 I don't believe, in operation.

9 Mr. Blakey. The staffs continue from year to year, though.
10 They are paid continuous from year to year.

11 Mr. Edgar. ^B But the staff continues because the jurisdiction
12 and the authority for the staff, for the committee, goes from
13 Congress to Congress.

14 Mr. Blakey. No. At the beginning of each Congress
15 there must be a new, in the House, a new resolution creating
16 each committee anew, including the Judiciary Committee. It
17 does not continue.

18 ^{Stokes}
19 ~~The~~ Chairman. That is the first order of business?

20 Mr. Blakey. Yes.

21 Mr. Howarth. Also, ~~of course,~~ ^{pass} they have to ~~put in~~
22 a resolution to finance the committees on a temporary basis,
23 which covers all committees that are in existence. If you
24 recall, the resolution continues the committees more or less
25 at the same level of expenditure that they had the previous
year until the House acts on their funding resolution for the
current year. So all committees have to be extended



1 financially. ~~I mean,~~ ^{No} Committee has any funds until this
2 general resolution is passed.

3 ^{Stokes}
4 ~~The~~ Chairman. As that applies to select committees,
5 standing committees I can understand having to be funded in that
6 way, but how about select committees?

7 *The resolution applies to all committees.*
8 Mr. Howarth. Well, ~~it is in the resolution.~~ It has
9 ~~happened each year.~~ ~~That is how we had a problem,~~ ~~if you will~~
10 ~~remember the first year,~~ ^{problem we had} last year, when we were restricted
11 ~~to about \$83,000,~~ ^{our level of expenditure, until we received our}
12 ~~the thing is we would have to be created again like any other~~ ^{permanent funding. Of course we would have to be re-created,}
13 ~~committees,~~ ^{that is done,} but once ~~we were created,~~ we would come under the
14 general funding resolution.

15 ^{Stokes}
16 ~~The~~ Chairman. Anything further?

17 Mr. Fauntroy?

18 Mr. Fauntroy. Mr. Chairman, I am not sure that this is
19 the point at which you would want to consider some amendments,
20 but I have now had an opportunity to look over this budget
21 and I would agree with counsel that it is razor thin, but in
22 that regard, we certainly have to commend the staff for the
23 very tasteful way it handled the very difficult task of reducing
24 staff so that we come in at this level, but I think that it
25 is perhaps too razor thin a budget to take forth at this time,
and particularly in light of some of the things that I am
concerned about in the King investigation. I feel we need
a little more latitude for some contingencies, and therefore I

1 would simply recommend and will make a motion at the appropriate
 2 time to add, oh, a \$60,000 contingency fund, that would bring
 3 it up to \$750,000 and would afford us some latitude to carry
 4 out what appeared to me to be potentially productive follow-up
 5 leads that we are now continuing to pursue.

6 9 Mr. Blakey. That would be very useful, Mr. Fauntroy.
 7 Obviously what we don't spend we will give back. This
 8 Committee has a unique history of, in fact, not spending money
 9 given to it. We turned ~~back~~ ^{back} \$450,000 the first session, and
 10 if there is a little flexibility in the budget, that shouldn't
 11 cause any trouble.

12 Mr. Sawyer. Why not make it \$100,000 so we go \$790,000?
 13 I don't like those round figures like \$750,000. You never bill
 14 legal bills that way. It always looks too arbitrary.

15 Mr. Fauntroy. I would have no objection to that. I suspect
 16 that once our submission is made, those of our detractors in
 17 the press will say it is more than a half-million dollar
 18 request. If it got up to \$750,000, they would say three-quarters
 19 of a million. So \$790,000 wouldn't make much difference.

20 ~~The~~ ^{Stakes} Chairman, And they are probably going to cut us some
 21 anyway, so I think that whatever the Committee feels is appro-
 22 priate ought to be entered as the budget figure.

23 Mr. Blakey. I might add, Mr. Chairman, this budget was
 24 not framed with a notion that there was need to cut it, as
 25 indeed, the last budget was not framed with the notion that there

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1 was room to cut it.

2 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman. As I say, with the realization that this is
3 a barebones budget, your figure of \$690,000, I think Mr. Fauntroy
4 is right and Mr. Sawyer, we ought to have some leeway for
5 some contingencies.

6 Mr. Fauntroy. If it is therefore appropriate, Mr. Chairman,
7 I will move that we add the contingency item of \$100,000 to
8 the budget proposed by staff.

9 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman. You are talking about a total figure of
10 \$790,000?

11 Mr. Fauntroy. We are talking about a total figure of
12 \$790,000.

13 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman. Is there any discussion?

14 If not, then the clerk will call the roll.

15 Mr. Ford. This is on the \$790,000? It is on the
16 \$790,000 rather than the additional?

17 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman. The motion is for a total figure of
18 \$790,000 for the submission of the budget.

19 Ms. Berning. Mr. Stokes.

20 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman. Aye.

21 Ms. Berning. Mr. Devine.

22 [No response.]

23 ~~Mr.~~ ^A Berning. Mr. Preyer.

24 [No response.]

25 Ms. Berning. Mr. McKinney.



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1 7 [No response.]

2 Ms. Berning. Mr. Fauntroy.

3 Mr. Fauntroy. Aye.

4 Ms. Berning. Mr. Thone.

5 [No response.]

6 Ms. Berning. Mrs. Burke.

7 [No response.]

8 Ms. Berning. Mr. Sawyer.

9 Mr. Sawyer. Aye.

10 Ms. Berning. Mr. Dodd.

11 [No response.]

12 Ms. Berning. Mr. Ford.

13 Mr. Ford. Pass.

14 Ms. Berning. Mr. Fithian.

15 Mr. Fithian. Aye.

16 Ms. Berning. Mr. Edgar.

17 Mr. Edgar. No.

18 Ms. Berning. Four yeas, one no, and one pass.

19 Mr. Blakey. Mr. Chairman, I would suggest it might be

20 appropriate to take that vote over.

21 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman. All right, then without objection, the

22 previous vote will be expunged from the record, and the clerk
23 will call the roll.

24 Ms. Berning. Mr. Stokes.

25 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman. Aye.



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1 9 Ms. Berning. Mr. Devine.

2 [No response.]

3 Ms. Berning. Mr. Preyer.

4 [No response.]

5 Ms. Berning. Mr. McKinney.

6 [No response.]

7 Ms. Berning. Mr. Fauntroy.

8 Mr. Fauntroy. Aye.

9 Ms. Berning. Mr. Thone.

10 [No response.]

11 Ms. Berning. Mrs. Burke.

12 [No response.]

13 Ms. Berning. Mr. Sawyer.

14 Mr. Sawyer. Aye.

15 Ms. Berning. Mr. Dodd.

16 Mr. Dodd. Aye.

17 Ms. Berning. Mr. Ford.

18 Mr. Ford. Pass.

19 Ms. Berning. Mr. Fithian.

20 Mr. Fithian. Aye.

21 Ms. Berning. Mr. Edgar.

22 Mr. Edgar. No.

23 Ms. Berning. Five ayes, one no, and one pass, Mr. Chairman

24 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman. What is the parliamentary situation?

25 Mr. Blakey. That is sufficient, Mr. Chairman.



1 ~~The~~ Now, we have one vote in process waiting for ²/₂₇
 2 ~~Chairman~~ ^{Stokes} On this, also?

3 Mr. Blakey. I am sorry. It would be appropriate to
 4 state that the resolution passes.

5 ~~The~~ ^{Stokes} Chairman, All right, then, five members having voted
 6 in the affirmative, the resolution is adopted.

7 Professor Blakey?

8 Mr. Blakey. Mr. Chairman, we have one vote in process
 9 awaiting the arrival of Mr. Preyer's proxy. In that interim
 10 it might be appropriate for me to note for the benefit of
 11 the ~~Committee~~ several items. One, Charlie Mathews will be by
 12 to see each of the ~~M~~ members individually to discuss the question
 13 of specialization for the upcoming King and Kennedy hearings.
 14 The hearings have been outlined by subject matter. I made an
 15 effort myself to specialize people and I found it just simply
 16 wasn't appropriate for me to do it without getting your judg-
 17 ments first about the areas where you would like to specialize,
 18 and with a clear idea of when that material may come up in the
 19 hearings.

20 By the end of this week or certainly the middle of next,
 21 Mr. Mathews will certainly be around for you and he will ask
 22 you to set out your preferences ~~one~~ ¹ through 17. I will come
 23 back and shuffle them to try to maximize your preferences, and
 24 then come back to you with a tentative list of specialization,
 25 and then you people can work among yourselves to make sure

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1 everybody gets basically what they are most interested in.

2 9) Second, you ought to be aware that yesterday the Committee
3 secured a writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum for James
4 Earl Ray to appear in the August hearings. It was done over
5 the objections of Mark Lane. Fortunately, Judge Bryan ruled
6 in favor of the Committee. What you ought to be aware of is
7 the end of next week, with the Chairman and a small delegation
8 of the Committee will go down to Brushy Mountain to speak with
9 Mr. Ray, in an effort to secure his cooperation in the hearings
10 and perhaps to take a polygraph.

11 You also ought to be aware that we will try to schedule
12 next week probably on Monday night an optional briefing for
13 all the membership to bring you up to date exactly where the
14 investigations are on both King and Kennedy. Outlines of the
15 final reports have been prepared in both. Summaries of the
16 investigations have been prepared on both sides. The King case
17 is in a very dynamic situation, and the Chairman has said
18 it is appropriate that all of you ought to be brought up to
19 date, and we will try to do that, as I said, Monday night at
20 the briefing. It is optional. There won't be any business
21 discussed, but you may want to hear exactly where we are.

22 Mr. Edgar. Would counsel yield?

23 Mr. Blakey. Yes.

24 Mr. Edgar. The briefing is this Monday night?

25 At what time?

1 9) Mr. Blakey. It would be after Congress goes out of
 2 session, about 5^{P.M.}~~00~~, and we will find an appropriate room.

3 You ought to also be aware that the Committee is moving
 4 to a situation where there may be a confrontation between
 5 it and the Department of Justice. The Committee has asked
 6 for and not received access to certain informant files in
 7 Memphis. It has ¹/₄ well, Mr. Chairman, I was just reminded
 8 by the Clerk that that amendment was an amendment to the
 9 budget but not an adoption of the budget itself.

10 ^{Stokes}
~~The~~ Chairman. Well, it is a question of interpretation.
 11 The motion, as I understood it, by Mr. Fauntroy was that we
 12 submit the budget in the amount of \$790,000 rather than
 13 amending it as such.

14 Mr. Blakey. All right, then we are okay.

15 To go back, it is likely that the Department of Justice
 16 will deny us access to those informant files, and it may be
 17 necessary for the Committee to subpoena them. You will
 18 probably receive that subpoena application sometime next week.
 19 There will be a detailed justification on it. I simply draw
 20 it to your attention at this time.

21 You ought also to be made aware that the Committee has
 22 made an effort to interveiw a man named Maxie, Dr. Maxie in
 23 Missouri who apparently was one of James Earl Ray's physicians
 24 inside the prison and who we have information that leads us
 25 to believe that he was involved in the drug traffic in the

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1 prison. Dr. Maxie's doctor has told us now that he is too
 2 old and too senile to talk to us. This comes after his family
 3 had first told us that he is bright and chipper and would be
 4 glad to talk to us. We will make an effort to secure an
 5 independent doctor's examination of Dr. Maxie.

6 ¶ I do not think we need a specific resolution for that, but
 7 since this moves us into a potential confrontation, I thought
 8 it would be appropriate to bring it to the attention of the
 9 Committee.

10 The Committee also ought to be aware that the discussion
 11 of what to do about the Russians, any possible resolution being
 12 introduced in the House calling on their cooperation is
 13 proceeding at pace. A meeting is to be set up between the
 14 Department of State and the Committee to secure their help
 15 in going to the Russian embassy as a kind of a one last
 16 effort before a resolution is introduced.

17 ^{Stokes}
~~The~~ Chairman. Let me interrupt, counsel. I just had
 18 a thought with reference to the possibility of a subpoena
 19 for the files of the Department of Justice. What would the
 20 legal situation be in that event?

21 Mr. Blakey. If we subpoenaed them on a day certain, the
 22 Department would either have to produce them or have an
 23 adequate legal reason for not doing so.

24 And it would be my judgment that they have none, in which
 25 case, the Committee would be in a posture much like the United

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1 States District Judge in the Southern District. We would be
 2 facing a situation where the Attorney General might well be held
 3 in contempt, this time in contempt of Congress as opposed to contempt
 4 of court in the Southern District.

5 ~~the~~ ^{Stakes} Chairman, I see.

6 Mr. Blakey. It would be a very interesting contempt. We
 7 would have one or two choices. We could either recommend to him
 8 that he prosecute himself for contempt, or that he appoint a
 9 special prosecutor to prosecute him for contempt, or that we
 10 bring him before the bar of the House for a hearing on contempt.

11 I add, at this point, that this suggestion is ~~not~~ malicious
 12 on my part, as much as I have indicated on the record that I
 13 would like to see this ~~Committee~~ have an inherent contempt, this
 14 isn't one being pressed by me for personal reasons.

15 Mr. Ford. Mr. Chairman, ~~while we are waiting~~ while we
 16 are waiting I would like to know if it would be all right for
 17 this ~~Committee~~ to move in a direction where starting Monday
 18 night with the briefing of the full ~~Committee~~ and the ~~Committee~~
 19 members, that we would be able to bring at least one of our
 20 people, a staff person connected with our office, inasmuch as
 21 we are moving into ~~the~~ August, you know, the public hearings,
 22 if we are going to do that, I personally would like to have a
 23 staff person that I could work constantly with, ~~you know~~ here
 24 in Washington while I'm back home in the district.

25 Mr. Blakey. There would be two elements, Mr. Ford, inasmuch

