

**DIARY-- BILL KNOWLES
JANUARY 28, 1964 – MARCH 2, 1964**

ON JANUARY 28, 1964, ABOUT 3:30 OR 4:00 P.M. A DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL VISITED ME AT COULTER'S BARBER SHOP, 701 DODDS AVENUE, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, WHERE I WORKED FOR MY FATHER-IN-LAW.

HE INFORMED ME THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE JAMES R. HOFFA JURY, WHICH WERE PATRONS OF MINE, HAD RECOMMENDED ME TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY BARBERING SERVICES DURING THE TIME OF THEIR SEQUESTERED JURY SERVICE. I ASKED HIM IF HE WANTED ME TO SERVE ONLY MY TWO PATRONS. HE SAID, "NO, THE ENTIRE TWELVE MALE MEMBERS." HE THEN ASKED IF I COULD COME TO THE READ HOUSE HOTEL WHERE THE JURORS WERE HOUSED TO PERFORM THIS SERVICE. I INFORMED HIM THAT IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT, AS WELL AS MORE EFFICIENT, IF I WERE PERMITTED TO WORK AT THE BARBER SHOP. THE MARSHAL SAID THAT THEY COULD BRING THE

ENTIRE TWELVE IN ONE NIGHT, IN THREE SEPARATE CARS, ESCORTED BY MARSHALS. HOWEVER, HE SAID, "WE'VE GOT TO KEEP IT KIND OF QUIET SINCE THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH TALK ABOUT ALL THE MARSHALS." I SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE DESIRABLE IF THEY COULD BRING ABOUT FOUR PER NIGHT.

BEFORE THE MARSHAL DEPARTED, I ASKED HIM HOW LONG THE CASE WOULD PROBABLY LAST. HE SAID HE THOUGHT AT FIRST IT MIGHT RUN UNTIL APRIL, BUT BELIEVED NOW THAT IT MIGHT BE MAY. I FURTHER ASKED THE MARSHAL IF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PAY FOR THE SERVICES. HE SAID, "NO, THE INDIVIDUALS WILL."

THE AGREEMENT WAS MADE AND THE MARSHAL'S PARTING WORDS WERE, "JUST DON'T DISCUSS THE CASE." TO THIS I INQUIRED, "WILL I BE PERMITTED TO TALK TO THEM AT ALL?" HE INFORMED ME THAT I WOULD.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1964 – (FIVE JURORS
ACCOMPANIED BY ONE MARSHAL)**

ABOUT 6:50 P.M. A MAN CAME TO THE BARBER SHOP DOOR, PRESENTED HIS BADGE AND SAID; “YOU’VE BEEN CLEARED FOR THE JOB.” AS HE TOOK THE NEWSPAPER FROM MY HAND, HE TOLD ME TO TURN THE TV OFF, AND MOTIONED TO THE JURORS TO ENTER. I TOLD HIM THAT I COULD PUT THE PAPER UP; HE THEN GAVE IT BACK, AFTER WHICH I TURNED OFF THE TV. I MET THE JURORS AT THE DOOR, ADVANCING A HANDSHAKE. THEY SEEMED JOLLY AND VERY HAPPY TO BE OUT OF THEIR ROUTINE. AS THEY WERE SEATED, ONE JUROR BEGAN READING A MAGAZINE, BUT ASSURED THE MARSHAL THAT IT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CLEARED. A SON OF ONE OF THE JURORS CAME TO THE DOOR BRINGING CLOTHES AND A PACKAGE. THE MARSHAL INSPECTED THE PACKAGE AND ASKED THE JUROR IF THE CLOTHES WERE FROM THE CLEANERS. HE SAID, “YES.” HOWEVER, THE MARSHAL PROCEEDED TO INSPECT POCKETS, ETC.

THE MARSHAL STATED HE HAD TO CANCEL A DENTAL APPOINTMENT TONIGHT TO BRING THE JURORS. HE SAID THAT THIS DUTY WASN'T SO GOOD, BUT THAT IT WAS BETTER THAN OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI.

TONIGHT BEFORE A JUROR WAS PERMITTED TO ENTER RESTROOM IN BACK OF SHOP, MARSHAL FIRST INSPECTED; ONLY THEN TO HOLD DOOR OPEN SO HE COULD SEE BOTH SECTIONS OF SHOP.

ONE JUROR SAID, "DON'T CUT MINE TOO SHORT, I WANT TO COME BACK NEXT WEEK."

THE MARSHAL RELATED A STORY ABOUT ONE OF THE HOTEL PORTERS. THE PORTER CAME TO THE TENTH FLOOR OF THE READ HOUSE, WHICH HOUSED THE JURY, TO BRING SOME COFFEE CUPS. THIS MARSHAL STOPPED HIM TO VERIFY HIS IDENTIFICATION AND INFORMED HIM TO ALWAYS REPORT TO ONE OF THE MARSHALS ON THE FLOOR. THE PORTER WAS SO FRIGHTENED THAT HE

**DROPPED SOME OF THE CUPS, LEFT THE FLOOR,
AND QUIT HIS JOB.**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1964, APPROXIMATELY 7:00
P.M. – (FOUR JURORS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO
MARSHALS)**

**WHILE I WAS SERVING THE SECOND JUROR OF
THE EVENING, AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT
OCCURRED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE SHOP. ONE
OF THE TWO MARSHALS WENT OUTSIDE AND
IMMEDIATELY TOOK UP GUARD AT THE FRONT DOOR
AS THE CROWD GATHERED. THEY DIDN'T THINK
ANYONE WAS HURT, BUT WE PROCEEDED TO
REPORT THE ACCIDENT. HOWEVER, BEFORE WE
COULD CONTACT POLICE HEADQUARTERS A MAN
CAME TOWARD THE SHOP DOOR AND ASKED TO USE
THE PHONE – SAID THEY NEEDED AN AMBULANCE.
THE MARSHAL TOLD THE PERSON THAT THE
BUILDING WAS UNDER SECURITY AND ASKED ME TO
LOCK THE DOOR. I DID, BUT INFORMED THE MALE
CITIZEN THAT I WOULD CALL THE AMBULANCE. THE
MARSHAL REMAINED AT THE DOOR UNTIL THE**

CROWD DISBURSED; CAME INTO THE SHOP LAUGHING; SAID HE SURE GOT TICKLED WHEN THE PHOTOGRAPHER WAS MAKING PICTURES OF THE ACCIDENT WHEN ALL THE TIME THE “BIG STORY” WAS BEHIND HIM.

THE JURORS TONIGHT WERE FRIENDLY AND JOKED ABOUT THE HAIRCUTS MAKING THEM BEAUTIFUL. ALSO, TONIGHT I WAS TOLD THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO PAY FOR THE DRY CLEANING AND LAUNDRY OF THE JURORS. SOMEONE STATED THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY BEING DONE SO THAT THE JURORS WOULD NOT HAVE TO MAKE AS MANY TRIPS HOME.

THE MARSHAL AGAIN TOLD ME THAT I WAS “CHECKED OUT” AND CLEARED FOR THE JOB.

I TOLD THE JURORS AND MARSHALS THAT YESTERDAY I VISITED THE COURTROOM TO HEAR PART OF THE CASE. ONE JUROR SAID, “I DIDN’T SEE YOU.” I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS AFRAID TO SMILE AT

HIM, AS THE “SECRET EYE” MIGHT SWOOP DOWN ON ME. TO THIS, THEY LAUGHED.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1964

THIS DATE ONE JUROR WAS SCHEDULED FOR A HAIRCUT. AROUND 7:00 PM WHEN THE JUROR WAS DUE, OR SHOULD I SAY PAST DUE, THE MARSHAL PHONED THE SHOP SAYING THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE A LITTLE LATE – THAT SOMETHING HAD COME UP. I EXPLAINED THAT OUR SHOP HAD CLOSED AT 6:00 PM AND THAT I HAD JUST BEEN “WAITING AROUND” SINCE THAT TIME. HE SEEMED TO APPRECIATE MY COOPERATION AND WAS VERY APOLOGETIC. I SUGGESTED THAT WE CANCEL FOR TONIGHT.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1964

ONE OF THE MARSHALS VISITED THE SHOP TODAY FOR A HAIRCUT, SHAMPOO AND TONIC. HE INFORMED ME THAT SUPPER WAS LATE LAST

EVENING. (PERHAPS THIS WAS THE REASON FOR THE CANCELLATION ON FRIDAY).

THIS PARTICULAR MARSHAL RELATED SOMETHING TO ME THAT I THOUGHT WAS INTERESTING. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ESCORTED A LADY-MEMBER OF THE JURY TO THE BEAUTY PARLOR AND WAITED FOUR HOURS AND THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES ON HER TO RECEIVE DESIRED SERVICES.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1964 – (THREE JURORS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO MARSHALS)

THEY ARRIVED AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 PM. I WAS TOLD TONIGHT THAT NEW MARSHALS HAD COME INTO TOWN TO RELIEVE SOME OF THOSE WHO HAD BEEN HERE A COUPLE OF WEEKS OR SO.

THE FIRST JUROR I SERVED TONIGHT INFORMED ME THAT I WOULD BE THE FIRST BARBER OTHER THAN HIS REGULAR BARBER TO CUT HIS HAIR IN SEVEN YEARS. UPON COMPLETION OF MY JOB, HE WAS COMPLIMENTARY OF MY WORK.

ON THIS NIGHT, ONE OF THE MARSHALS POLISHED OR SHINED THE JURORS' SHOES. JOKINGLY HE SAID, "THIS IS PART OF THE SERVICE." AT FIRST HE BROUGHT THE PORTABLE "SHINE BOX" TO THE BARBER CHAIR, BUT HE COMPLIED WITH MY SUGGESTION THAT HE USE THE REGULAR SHINE STAND AND BEGIN WITH THOSE WAITING TO RECEIVE HAIRCUTS. ONE OF THE JURORS OFFERED TO POLISH THE MARSHAL'S SHOES, BUT THE MARSHAL REFUSED.

THE MARSHAL ALSO SUGGESTED TO ME THAT AFTER THE TRIAL WAS COMPLETED THAT I SHOULD CONTACT THE "TOP MARSHAL" AND CLEAR A NEWS RELEASE ON MY SERVICE TO THE JURORS. HE SAID THAT I SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY.

WHILE THE JURORS WERE VIEWING A TV COMEDY PROGRAM, ONCE THE FILM SEEMED TO HAVE A MALFUNCTION AND FOR A FEW SECONDS THERE WAS NO PICTURE VISIBLE. THE ANNOUNCER

SAID, "ONE MOMENT, PLEASE." THE MARSHAL WHO WAS SHINING SHOES AND HAD HIS BACK TO THE TV SHOUTED TO THE OTHER MARSHAL AS IF HE THOUGHT A NEWS FLASH WAS ABOUT TO APPEAR. THE JURORS WERE NEVER PERMITTED TO VIEW A NEWS PROGRAM AT THE SHOP. I LEARNED THAT ALL OF THE TV PROGRAMS AT THE HOTEL HAD TO BE MONITORED, NEWSPAPERS CLEARED, AND ALL TELEPHONES REMOVED FROM THEIR VARIOUS HOTEL ROOMS. AT THE SHOP WHEN A JUROR CHOSE TO READ ONE OF THE MAGAZINES AVAILABLE FOR CUSTOMERS, HE HAD TO TAKE IT TO THE MARSHAL FOR CLEARANCE. THE MARSHAL WOULD ACTUALLY "FLIP THROUGH" THE ENTIRE PUBLICATION BEFORE RELEASING IT TO THE JUROR.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1964

APPOINTMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR TWO JURORS TO VISIT THE SHOP TONIGHT. HOWEVER, ABOUT 5:00 PM THE MARSHAL PHONED TO SAY THAT

SOMETHING HAD COME UP AND THAT THE APPOINTMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE CANCELLED. SAID THAT HE WOULD CONTACT ME LATER. I HAD JUST READ IN THE CHATTANOOGA NEWS- FREE PRESS ABOUT SOME ENCOUNTER THAT HAD OCCURRED BETWEEN ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS IN THE CASE. THE CALL FROM THE MARSHAL CONFIRMED THAT, "SOMETHING WAS UP."

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1964 – (FOUR JURORS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO MARSHALS)

THE JURORS SEEMED IN A GOOD MOOD, BRAGGED ABOUT THEIR FOOD AT THE HOTEL AND WERE APPRECIATIVE TO ME FOR ACCOMMODATING THEM DURING THEIR JURY DUTY.

ONE OF THE JURORS MENTIONED TO ME ABOUT THE FACT THAT HE WANTED TO COME LAST FRIDAY NIGHT BUT HE THOUGHT THAT I WASN'T AVAILABLE. I INFORMED THE JUROR THAT IT WAS NOT I WHO CANCELLED FRIDAY NIGHT. I TOLD HIM THAT ABOUT 5:00 PM A MARSHAL CALLED AND CANCELLED OUT.

THE JUROR SAID, “YOU PROBABLY KNOW WHEY THEY CANCELLED.” I TOOK IT THAT HE THOUGHT EITHER THE MARSHAL TOLD ME OR THAT MAY BE THE NEWS HAD MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT FRIDAY NIGHT. THE JUROR PROCEEDED TO TELL ME THAT FRIDAY NIGHT WAS A “CLOAK AND DAGGER” NIGHT. HE SAID FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON THE MARSHALS RUSHED ALL THE JURORS OUT OF THE HOTEL AND INTO PRIVATE CARS. I DID NOT FURTHER QUIZ HIM ABOUT THE MYSTERY.

ONCE A JUROR SPEAKING ABOUT THE MARSHALS SAID, “THERE MUST BE A BLUE MILLION OF THEM HERE.”

AGAIN, THIS NIGHT, ONE OF THE MARSHALS POLISHED THE SHOES OF ALL THE JURORS PRESENT, INCLUDING THE OTHER MARSHAL.

ONCE A JUROR JOKINGLY SAID, “BILL, WHERE’S THE NEWSPAPER,” AS IF HE WANTED TO READ IT. IN JEST I SAID, “ARE YOU KIDDING? THEY WON’T EVEN LET ME READ THE PAPER.”

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1964

TODAY ONE OF THE MARSHALS WHO HAD ESCORTED SOME OF THE JURORS TO THE SHOP VISITED THE SHOP FOR A HAIRCUT. I DID NOT CUT HIS HAIR AND MY ASSOCIATE BARBERS DID NOT KNOW HIS IDENTITY UNTIL I STARTED TALKING TO HIM. HE WAS DRESSED IN BLUE JEANS, PLAID SHIRT, AND RED CAP. I TOLD HIM THAT HE LOOKED MORE LIKE AN ATU AGENT THAN A UNITED STATES MARSHAL.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1964 – (FOUR JURORS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO MARSHALS)

AGAIN, THIS NIGHT A MARSHAL POLISHED ALL OF THE JURORS SHOES EXCEPT ONE WHO WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO THE MARSHAL'S INSISTENCE.

ONE OF THE JURORS TOLD ME THAT HE HAD GAINED SIX POUNDS SINCE BEGINNING HIS JURY DUTY. HE STATED THAT THE FOOD WAS GOOD AND

WAS ALREADY ON THE PLATES WHEN BROUGHT TO THEIR DINING ROOM, A CONVERTED HOTEL BEDROOM THAT WAS REALLY TOO SMALL. HE FURTHER STATED THAT SIDE DISHES WERE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR "SECONDS," AND THAT IF THE FOOD SERVED AT ANY PARTICULAR MEAL WAS NOT DESIRED BY A MEMBER OF THE JURY THEY WERE PERMITTED TO ORDER WHAT THEY WANTED FROM THE HOTEL MENU.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE DINING, I WAS TOLD THAT A MARSHAL OBTAINED A REGULAR HOTEL DINING ROOM DOWNSTAIRS THE PAST SUNDAY FOR "SORT OF A CHANGE" FOR THE JURORS.

ALSO, I WAS TOLD THAT A MARSHAL HAD OBTAINED A PHONOGRAPH AND SOME RECORDS FOR THE JURORS TO LISTEN TO IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE THEIR STAY MORE COMFORTABLE.

I COULD TELL THAT THESE PARTICULAR JURORS WERE MISSING BEING AT HOME WITH THEIR FAMILIES. I ASKED IF MEMBERS OF THE JURORS

FAMILIES WERE PERMITTED TO VISIT THE TRIAL. I WAS TOLD THAT THEY WERE AND THAT SOME HAD ATTENDED.

BEFORE I FINISHED SERVING THE LAST JUROR OF THE EVENING, THE MARSHAL TOLD ME THAT HE WANTED TO TALK WITH ME. THE MARSHAL AND I WENT TO THE BACK SECTION OF THE SHOP. HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN "CLEARED" TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE JURORS AT THE HOTEL, TELLING ME THAT HE HAD A SMALL CAMERA AND HAD ALREADY TAKEN SOME 8 TO 10 SHOTS WITH THE CAMERA. HE ASKED ME IF I WOULD TRY AND BORROW A LARGER CAMERA FOR HIM TO TAKE GROUP PICTURES OF THE JURORS, SUCH AS IN THE DINING ROOM. I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD; HOWEVER, I WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN MY ATTEMPT.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1964, APPROXIMATELY 7:10 PM – (TWO JURORS ESCORTED BY ONE MARSHAL)

ACTUALLY, FOUR JURORS HAD APPOINTMENTS FOR TONIGHT, BUT THE MARSHAL TOLD ME THAT I

HAD “LIBERACE BUCKING ME” AND THAT A NUMBER OF THE JURORS WERE GOING TO ATTEND LIBERACE’S CONCERT. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY TALKED TO LIBERACE DURING THE DAY.

TONIGHT I DISCUSSED WITH THE MARSHAL ABOUT THE JURORS ATTENDING CHURCH. I ASKED HIM WHAT HE WOULD DO IF THE PREACHER MENTIONED THE TRIAL WHILE THE JURORS WERE PRESENT AT A SERVICE. HE SAID THAT THIS WOULDN’T HAPPEN BECAUSE HE ALWAYS PHONED THE MINISTER WHOSE CHURCH WAS INVOLVED THE NIGHT BEFORE AND INFORMED HIM THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE PRESENT.

TONIGHT THE MARSHAL WHO HAD BEEN MY PRIMARY CONTACT FROM THE BEGINNING TOLD ME THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON GIVING HIM A NEW ASSIGNMENT AND HE WAS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE TOMORROW. HE SEEMED VERY DISPLEASED, AND SAID THAT HE HAD SO MANY ARTICLES BORROWED THAT HE JUST

**DIDN'T SEE HOW HE COULD LEAVE SO FAST.
HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY BE
BACK.**

**THE TWO JURORS PRESENT ALSO SEEMED
DISAPPOINTED THAT HE WAS LEAVING AS HE HAD
BEEN WITH THEM FROM THE BEGINNING AND HAD
DONE A LOT TO MAKE THEIR EXPERIENCE MORE
PLEASANT.**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1964, AM

**THE MARSHAL WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN A NEW
ASSIGNMENT PHONED ME AT THE SHOP THIS
MORNING AND SAID THAT HE WAS COMING OUT FOR
A HAIRCUT, BUT ASKED ME NOT TO REVEAL HIS
IDENTITY OR TO TELL THE JURORS THAT HE WAS
STILL IN TOWN. BY THE TIME HE ARRIVED ANOTHER
MARSHAL HAD COME TO THE SHOP AND WAS IN MY
CHAIR GETTING HIS HAIR CUT, SHAMPOOED, ETC.
WHEN HE ARRIVED. MARSHAL NO. 1 GOT A
SHOESHINE AND THEN ENGAGED ONE OF THE OTHER
BARBERS FOR A HAIRCUT.**

WHEN I HAD FINISHED WORKING ON MARSHAL NO. 2 HE TOOK A SEAT IN THE WAITING CHAIRS AND STAYED UNTIL MARSHAL NO. 1 WAS READY TO LEAVE. THEY WENT TO THE SIDEWALK FOR A CONVERSATION, AND, OF COURSE, MY FELLOW BARBERS KNEW THEN THAT HE ALSO WAS A MARSHAL AS THEY WERE AWARE OF WHO THE OTHER PERSON WAS.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1964, PM

THREE JURORS ARRIVED IN ONE AUTOMOBILE ESCORTED BY ONE MARSHAL. THE JURORS WERE IN A JOVIAL MOOD AND AT ONE TIME JOKED ABOUT ONE OF THE DEFENSE LAWYERS BUILDING A HOME IN CHATTANOOGA.

THESE THREE JURORS WERE PLANNING TO GO BOWLING AFTER LEAVING THE SHOP. BEFORE THE THREE LEFT, ANOTHER AUTO ARRIVED WITH TWO JURORS ESCORTED BY ONE MARSHAL. IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE TWO JURORS WERE PLANNING TO JOIN THE OTHERS AT THE BOWLING ALLEY.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1964

TWO MARSHALS AT SEPARATE TIMES VISITED THE SHOP FOR HAIRCUTS. THEY TOLD ME THAT A GOOD NUMBER OF THE JURORS WERE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE LISTON-CLAY HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING MATCH TONIGHT.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1964 – (JURORS FINAL VISIT TO BARBER SHOP)

TWO JURORS ARRIVED WITH ONE MARSHAL. LATER THREE MORE ARRIVED WITH ANOTHER MARSHAL. SOME JURORS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS MIGHT BE THEIR FINAL TRIP TO THE BARBERSHOP SINCE THE CASE HAD NOW BEEN RESTED. HOWEVER, ONE JUROR SAID, “WE’LL PROBABLY BE BACK.”

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1964

I PHONED A MARSHAL AT THE HOTEL TO WORK OUT A SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK, AS I HAD A TRADE MEETING THURSDAY EVENING AND A CHURCH MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT. THE MARSHAL SAID, “THE JURORS WILL NOT VISIT THE SHOP AGAIN, THE TRIAL IS VERY NEAR ITS END.” I SAID, “I GUESS YOU’LL BE GLAD WHEN IT IS OVER.” THE MARSHAL EMPHATICALLY SAID THAT HE WOULD AND THAT HE WOULD TRY TO VISIT ME BEFORE HE LEFT TOWN.

FROM THAT TIME UNTIL THE VERDICT WAS SUBMITTED, I DID NOT HAVE ANY OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH ANY JUROR OR MARSHAL.