

EDWARD MURPHY, called as a witness,

being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

BY MR. STERN:

Q What is your name, sir?

A Edward Murphy.

Q And where do you live, Mr. Murphy?

A 2402 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City.

Q What do you do for a living?

A Security officer. Security officer, New York Hilton Hotel.

Q Which is located where?

A Rockefeller Center, Sixth Avenue.

Q Now, Mr. Murphy, I direct your attention to Saturday, February 20, 1965. On that day did Malcolm X, or Malcolm Little, check into that hotel?

A Yes, he checked in under the name of Shabazz.

Q Under the name of Malcolm Shabazz?

A Right.

Q That was the afternoon of that Saturday?

A That's right.

Q Now, I direct your attention to the early morning hours of Sunday, February 21st, at approximately

2 in the morning, were you on duty at that time?

A I was, sir.

Q And where were you at that time?

A Main lobby, in my office.

Q Now, did you see anything at that time and place?

A I at about that time, when I come off my round, my check round, in the lobbies, in the public areas, I noticed two Negroes in the front lounge, and going back to the social lounge in the rear by the elevator cars, that's where we watch the cars, the elevator cars for the floors going up, one -- first they were together, then they separated. One sat on the left side, and one sat on the right side. One was reading. One was reading a paper, and I was -- I say he was reading, but he has it this way, holding the paper, looking that way.

Q He was looking, the paper in front of him, and looking in each direction?

A Directions.

Q I direct your attention to the four photographs before you, labeled Grand Jury Exhibits 1, 2, 3 and 4, and ask you if you recognize any of the men

portrayed in those photographs?

A This gentleman.

Q You are holding up and you are indicating Grand Jury Exhibit 2, and what do you recognize the man portrayed in that photograph as?

A He was the smaller, the lighter of the two, and --

Q Was he reading the paper?

A No, he was, the other fellow.

Q Then what did you see?

A They would go to the phone booths. It was obvious that they --

Q You can't tell us what was obvious. Just tell us what they did.

A Well, they went to the phone booths, and looked back if I was watching, and one would go in one booth, one would go in another. They would make believe they were dialing.

Q Were they dialing? You don't know whether or not they were?

A No.

Q Go ahead.

A Then they'd come out, say something fast, one would go back to the lounge, the other one would walk in front of

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the lobby, by the cashier's counter, or up to the front by the flower shop, and look around by the paintings and stuff. Then about -- they did this for about an hour, maybe an hour and a half.

Q In the lobby area?

A In the lobby area.

Q Continue.

A Then they went out to the rear entrance, which is the garage entrance, and I followed them from the side, to the -- through the curtains, you could see through the curtains, and they went down 54th Street, like they were checking cars, looking at plates and cars.

Q Did you actually see them bending over the license plates?

A The bigger fellow, one car in particular. Theother fellow was ahead of him. He called him back. They had a conversation. Then they went down to 6th Avenue, over to 53rd Street, and up 53rd, around the hotel area. This is around the same block as the hotel, checked cars on both sides. One went on one side of the street, one went on the other, and they went up toward 7th Avenue, and that's when I lost them, that's when they disappeared.

Q Did you ever again see the man portrayed in this photograph?

A That man, I seen him, give or take ten minutes, about 7 o'clock, when I come off the high-rise elevator from the penthouse on a call. He was at the house phones in the main lobby. By the time I got to my desk, where I could cut in on the conversation on the lobby phone, he hung up already, and I come out fast, down the main lobby, he was going to the rear again, the same place he went out before, and he was laughing to himself.

Q You saw him apparently laughing?

A Right.

Q And did he leave the hotel at that time?

A He went out the back, and by the time I got there he disappeared. I assumed he got in a car or something.

Q That was the last you saw of him?

A That was the last I saw of him.

MR. STERN: Thank you very much. Are there any questions? Thank you very much.

Mr. Murphy.

THE FOREMAN: Thank you.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)



Edward  
Murphy

Security for Heaton

Sgt - Malcolm checked  
in -

2 AM - Sunday -  
Mon in lobby - Walks out  
and looks at Car

picks Norman ~~Mott~~  
Mottimer - Associate of  
Heyer in N.Y. & Nov 7 1963  
Heyer arrested in Patterson for  
Crim etc. Both were arrested  
for Burg in Passaic

John Henry McKenney  
Horace Wright  
Robert Chappel.

These 3 broke into Liberty  
Firearms Co in Passaic. Stole  
Guns & Ammo. 3 days later  
Heyer arrested in Port  
in poss of 21 of the weapons.  
1.45 Still missing  
some model but no list of

Am  
Lugers  
missing

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