

THE COURT: Counselor Bailey
or Sherman?

MR. SHERMAN: The defense will
call Mr. James C. Redinger, your Honor.

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THEREUPON the defendant, further to
maintain the issues on his part to be maintained,
called as a witness JAMES C. REDINGER, who,
having been first duly sworn, was examined and
testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF JAMES C. REDINGER

By Mr. Sherman:

Q For the record will you state your name, please?

A James C. Redinger.

Q How do you spell your name?

A R-e-d-i-n-g-e-r.

Q Where do you live?

A 974 Cahoun Road, Westlake, Ohio.

Q How long have you lived at that address?

A Three years.

Q Going back to 1954, where did you live at that time,
Mr. Redinger?

A 29503 Lake Road, Bay Village.

Q At the present time, Mr. Redinger, where are you

employed?

A At Hayden-Miller and Company.

Q How long have you been in that position?

A Going on seven years.

Q And what is your position with Hayden-Miller?

A Stockbroker.

Q Now, previous to 1954 did you know the defendant in this case, Doctor Sam Sheppard?

A Yes, I did.

Q How did you come to know Doctor Sheppard?

A I had an injury when I broke my leg, down in Huntington Beach, and I believe it was shortly thereafter I met Doctor Sam who at that time set my left leg.

Q Do you know what date this was, approximately?

A It was in the summer of 1952.

Q Did you thereafter know Doctor Sheppard other than as a physician?

A Yes, I did.

Q And did you know where Doctor Sheppard lived?

A Yes, I did.

Q Did you have occasion on the morning of July 4, 1954, to go to Doctor Sheppard's house?

A Yes, I did.

Q Do you recall what time this was?

A It was between, I would estimate, 8:30 the earliest,

and 9:30 the latest.

Q With whom did you go to Doctor Sheppard's house?

A I went down with Matthew Clark, Stan Feeley, and Larry Houk.

Q When you arrived at Doctor Sheppard's house, would you tell the Court and jury what you did, what did you do when you arrived?

A We arrived at the house, we looked around the grounds, and we walked around the grounds free will.

We did walk into the house, I personally walked into the house through the front door, went into the living room, and I sat down in a chair for a very short period of time, I would say a minute at the most.

I came back out, looked in the den, and I saw a black satchel overturned in the den, and a man bending over the satchel and the contents doing something.

I walked towards the kitchen, I looked into the kitchen, and at that time somebody had said, "We better get these people out of the house."

Q And did you then leave the house at that time?

A That's correct.

Q Was there anyone in the house with you at that time that you know of?

A There was one I explicitly remember.

Q And who was that?

A Matthew Clark, Junior.

Q Do you know if Matthew Clark, Junior, had any official business in the house at that time?

A I did not know if he had any official business, no, sir.

Q Was he a man about your age at that time?

A That is correct.

Q By the way, Mr. Redinger, how old were you at that time?

A Seventeen.

Q After you left the house would you tell the Court and jury again what you did at that time?

A We walked out of the house, we walked around the grounds again at free will.

I remember explicitly looking into the back of an automobile that had some sheets with blood that was on the sheets.

There was a period of time that passed before we were asked to go down and search the bank.

Q Now, as you first entered the house and as you later walked around the grounds, did anyone attempt to stop you from walking around the grounds in any way?

A No, they did not.

Q Do you have in mind the number of people that were on the grounds at that time?

A I couldn't give you a definite number but there were

numerous people.

Q Did you then later have an occasion to go down on the bank behind Doctor Sheppard's home?

A That is correct, I did.

Q Do you recall about what time that was?

A It was in the morning, again I would estimate before twelve o'clock before noon.

Q Who was with you when you were down on the bank?

A There were numerous people. People I explicitly remember, of course, was Larry Houk, Stan Feeley, Matt Clark, and Dave Heintz.

Q What were you doing on the bank?

A We were searching the bank for anything to be found on the bank.

Q Do you recall anyone finding anything on the bank?

A Yes, I do.

Q And who was that?

A Larry Houk.

Q Do you recall what Larry found?

A He found a green bag.

Q Now, handing you what has been marked as State's Exhibit Number 26, can you recall if that is the green bag that was found at that time?

A I cannot definitely recall if that is the green bag. It looks similar to the one I remember that was found.

Q Now, did you see Larry Houk find this bag?

A Yes, I did.

Q Where were you at the time he found the bag?

A I was slightly behind him and to his right.

Q What did Larry Houk do with the bag when he picked it up?

A He picked the bag up, I walked up next to Larry, he took the contents and dumped, I remember explicitly, the watch and the ring that were in the palm of his hand.

Q After dumping the watch and the ring in the palm of his hand, what if anything did you do?

A I remember reaching over and grabbing the watch with the thumb and forefinger, not taking it out of his hand, but just more or less grasping it and looking at it.

Q Did you ever remove the watch from his forehead?

A I did not.

Q Did you ever remove the ring from his hand?

A I did not.

Q What, if you know, did Larry Houk then do with the watch and the ring?

A The contents were put back in the bag, and Larry walked over to the stairs and handed -- this is the stairs to the beach -- and handed it to a man who was standing on the stairs at that time.

Q Do you recall what time this was?

A I cannot give you a definite time, no.

Q In relation to the top of the bank, how far down was this bag located?

A Again, this is an estimate. I would estimate twenty, fifteen to twenty yards from the top of the bank, and --

Q Excuse me. Do you know where the stairway is proceeding down from the top down to the beach?

A Yes, I do.

Q In relation to the stairway, where was this bag found?

A I would estimate ten to twelve yards, facing up the bank, left of the stairway.

Q Which would be then ⁱⁿ an easterly direction, is that correct?

A That's correct, yes.

Q After finding the bag, what did you do at that time?

A We searched more until somebody had said that is enough, we just dispersed.

Q What time did you leave the residence on that day?

A It was sometime between one and two o'clock, I would estimate.

Q Up until that time, if you recall, had the area been roped off in any manner?

A No, it had not, to my estimation, to my knowledge.

Q Did you have an occasion after July 4th to see Doctor Sam Sheppard?

A Yes, I did.

Q And when was that?

A It was either the next day or two days later at his brother's house.

Q Would you describe how Doctor Sheppard looked when you observed him at that time, his physical appearance?

A Doctor Sheppard came out of the house, talked to us, he looked very puffed. He had a neck brace on at the time.

It appeared that the left side of his face seemed larger than his right side.

He just looked like his face was oversized.

MR. SHERMAN: You may inquire.

THE COURT: Counselor Corrigan
or Spellacy?

CROSS EXAMINATION OF JAMES C. REDINGER

By Mr. Spellacy:

Q What brother's house did you see him at two days later?

A I don't know which, I don't remember which brother it was. I know it is the house to the left facing the lake of the hospital.

Q And you went over there to visit him?

A That is correct.

Q And you are sure it was the left side of his face that was puffy, is that correct?

A ~~If I remember rightly, it was the left side.~~

Q When Larry Houk found this bag, it was found it was found in the brush, wasn't it?

A We had been using a grass cutter, if I remember right.

Q Do you understand, it was down in the brush on the side of the hill?

A This is correct, yes.

Q And the brush was quite thick down there, wasn't it, prior to going down there?

A This is what I wanted to explain. We used a grass cutter to cut the brush down.

Q But prior to cutting it down, it was two or three or even maybe four feet high, is that correct?

A That's correct, yes, sir.

Q And after Larry Houk found the bag, he gave it to a detective, isn't that right?

A Yes, he did.

Q And he called the detective over and he pointed out the area in which he found the bag to the detective, didn't he?

A I don't remember this.

Q At this time Larry Houk and you were good friends?

A This is correct.

Q You know, of course, that Larry Houk is in Korea, don't you?

A Yes, I do.

Q Now, going back to the two days later, you don't recall what brother's house it was at?

A No, I do not.

Q But you did go over there to see Doctor Sam, is that correct?

A That's correct.

MR. SPELLACY: Nothing further.

MR. SHERMAN: Nothing further,
your Honor.

THE COURT: You are excused,
Mr. Redinger.

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, it is now four o'clock and rather than commence with another witness, we will adjourn for the day. We have a long day.

While you are away, ladies and gentlemen, on your overnight adjournment, your pre-holiday adjournment, you will bear in mind the instructions given you on each occasion when you leave this room, that is, you shall not discuss this case or what you have heard of it amongst yourselves.

You shall not permit anyone else to discuss it with you; nor shall you permit yourselves to overhear anything that relates to this case by any means of communication, bearing in mind the

details specifically given you with respect to newspapers, radio and television.

We will stand adjourned until 9:15 tomorrow morning.

(Thereupon an adjournment was taken to 9:15 a.m., Friday, November 11, 1966, at which time the following proceedings were had:)