

MR. DANACEAU:

That is all, sir.

(Witness excused.)

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Thereupon LUCILLE WILLIAMS, being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF LUCILLE WILLIAMS:

BY MR. GARMONE:

Q Will you state your name, please?

A Lucille Williams.

Q And where do you live?

A 2209 East 71st Street.

Q And you were a juror in the case of the State of Ohio versus Sam Sheppard?

A Yes, sir.

Q Did you during the course of the trial get a letter?

A I think I did, but I brought it down.

Q Who did you turn the letter over to?

A The bailiff.

Q And approximately when, in reference to the final adjudication of this case, did the letter come into your possession?

A Oh, it was during the trial.

Q Was it a matter of a week or 10 days?

A I don't recall. It could have been two weeks or better.

Q How many letters did you receive during that period?

A Just the one.

Q Do you have the letter now?

A I turned the letter in to the bailiff.

Q Mr. Francis?

A Yes, sir.

MR. GARMONE: Do you have the letter,
Mr. Francis?

BAILIFF FRANCIS: No, I have not, Mr.
Garmone. I have turned everything over to the Judge.
They were handed to me, I took them right in chambers.

THE COURT: Well, I am not sure
that I remember any such thing at all, but surely
if there was, it is here and it will be produced.
I wouldn't know just where to find it now.

MR. GARMONE: Well, I will continue
my examination and give the Court an opportunity to
produce the letter.

THE COURT: Yes. Then we will just
check and see.

Q Now, Mrs. Williams --

THE COURT: The Court will be perfectly
willing to have Mrs. Williams state what the contents
were, if she remembers.

MR. GARMONE:

No. We'd like to see

the letter before we go into it.

Q Mrs. Williams, during your examination as a prospective juror, you testified that sometime during your period of employment you did some housework, is that right?

A I don't think so. I only recall telling that I worked at the one place, and that was Thompson Products.

Q Did you ever do any housework?

A Years ago I worked about two or three weeks.

Q Well, do you know a family whose name is Honeycutt or some such name?

A I don't recall.

Q You don't recall?

A I don't recall no such name.

Q Well, did you ever prior to the trial do some housework for a family by the name of Honeycutt?

A I don't recall ever working for anyone -- in fact, I haven't worked a day excepting in election booth or something like that since 19 and 45 when I quit working at Thompson Products, and I worked there almost three years. Prior to that I worked for the W.P.A.

Q Who?

A W.P.A.

THE COURT:

W.P.A.

Q W.P.A.

A Yes, sir.

Q Now, you were asked during the course of your examination as a prospective juror whether or not you had ever expressed an opinion in this matter, and I believe your answer was that you hadn't?

A That's right.

Q Did you express an opinion to another lady that should you be accepted as a juror in the case of the State of Ohio against Sam Sheppard, that you would fry him?

A No, sir.

Q Are you certain of that?

A I am certain.

Q You appreciate the fact that you are under oath now, Mrs. Williams?

A I certainly do.

Q And you say that you did not make that expression?

A I did not. I did not.

Q Now, coming back to the letter that you have informed me about that you have received during the course of this trial, were there any other such letters received by other members of the jury?

MR. DANACEAU: Objection.

THE COURT: Objection sustained.

Q Were there any other letters similar to the letter that you received that were shown you by other members of the jury?

A I saw no one's letter except my own.

Q Except your own?

A That's right.

Q Now, after you had turned the letter over to Mr. Francis, were you ever asked into the Court's chambers regarding the contents of that letter?

A In here? Do you mean in here?

Q Were you ever taken into Judge Blythin's office?

A No, sir.

Q Did he at any time interrogate you as to what, if any effect, the contents of that letter would have on your judgment in this case?

A I never had a talk with Judge Blythin.

Q Never had a talk with him?

A No, sir.

Q After you had received this letter, were you ever in open court questioned about the contents of it by Judge Blythin in the presence of Sam Sheppard or any of his lawyers?

A No, sir.

MR. GARMONE: Before I go any further with the examination, why, I'd like your Honor sometime during the day to make a search of his records and see if he can produce the letter or not.

THE COURT: Sure. Mrs. Williams, I have a question. Was that a letter signed by a

particular person, or was it just a mere drivel as we had so much of?

THE WITNESS: I don't recall anything that was on the inside. I think on the outside of the envelope it had like a return address.

THE COURT: Did it have any effect at all upon your judgment?

THE WITNESS: It did not have any effect upon me at all.

THE COURT: All right. Now, will you keep yourself available, please, because counsel may want to question you further.

THE WITNESS: Yes.

BY MR. GARMONE:

Q You say that the letter did have a return address on it?

A I think it did.

Q Did the letter have the name of the person who had sent --

A I think it did. I am not for sure.

Q And can you search your memory at this time and try to recall who the writer of the letter was?

A I wouldn't be able to recall.

Q Would the name of Montbille strike any significance in your mind regarding this letter? M-o-n-t-b-i-l-l-e.

A I wouldn't remember.