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U. S. House of Representatives,
Select Committee on Assassinations
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7 The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:32 ~~o'clock~~
a.m., in Room 2167, Rayburn House Office Building, the
Honorable Louis Stokes (Chairman of the Committee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Stokes (presiding), Preyer,
Fauntroy, Burke, Dodd, Ford, Fithian, Edgar, Devine, Anderson,
McKinney, and Thone.

Also Present: Richard A. Sprague, Chief Counsel and
Staff Director; Ms. Rebecca Martin, Clerk of the Committee,
and Mr. Tanenbaum.

The Chairman. The Committee will come to order.

At this time we will ask the witness if he will rise and
be sworn.

Will you raise your right hand?

Do you swear or affirm that the testimony you will give
before the Select Committee on Assassinations shall be the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, as you shall
answer unto God?

1 // Mr. Trafficante. Yes, sir, I do.

2 The Chairman. You do. Thank you, you may be seated.

3 Sir, would you please identify yourself for the record.

4 Mr. Gonzalez. Mr. Chairman, at this time I would like
5 to identify myself. My name is Henry Gonzalez. I am an
6 Attorney at Law in Tampa and Miami with offices at 620 Madison,
7 Tampa, Florida, in Suite 1922; 1 Biscayne Tower, Miami, Florida.

8 The gentleman to my right is Mr. Santos Trafficante,
9 Jr., and he is here pursuant to the authorized subpoena,
10 subpoenas that were served on him last Friday.

11 At this time, Mr. Chairman, I would like to invoke the
12 provisions of Rule 6.3(2) relative to the taking of photographs,
13 etc., as provided for in your rules, and on behalf of that
14 witness I so request.

15 [Pause]

16 The Chairman. Under the provisions of the Rules of the
17 Select Committee, Rule 6, and specifically subsection 6.3 which
18 provides that no witness served with a subpoena by the Committee
19 shall be required, against his or her will, to be photographed
20 at any hearing, or to give evidence or testimony while the
21 broadcasting of that hearing by radio or television is being
22 conducted. At the request of any witness who does not wish
23 to be subjected to radio, television or still photography
24 coverage, all lenses shall be covered, and all microphones
25 used for coverage turned off.

1 7 The request of counsel is hereby granted.

2 Mr. Gonzalez. Thank you, sir.

3 The Chairman. All news media will cease at this point to
4 do any photographing of any type, and you will in accordance
5 with this provision, cut off all microphones and cease any
6 photography whatsoever.

7 We will have to provide about ~~ten~~ minutes for the removal
8 of this equipment before we can proceed.

9 [A brief recess was taken.]

10 The Chairman. I have been assured that all equipment is
11 off, and at this point we will proceed with the hearing.

12 Mr. Gonzalez. Mr. Chairman, I would like to make one
13 further comment.

14 Mr. Trafficante was served with two subpoenas, one to
15 appear personally, and the other, a subpoena duces tecum for
16 production of certain records. I want to advise the Committee
17 that none of the requested documents does Mr. Trafficante
18 have, and there is no production at all pursuant to that
19 subpoena, and I just want to advise the Committee to that
20 fact, sir.

21 The Chairman. All right, thank you very much, Counsel.

22 I will direct at this point that Counsel and the witness
23 be provided with a copy of the Rules of this Committee.

24 Mr. Gonzalez. Thank you.

25 The Chairman. At this time we will ask that the Clerk

1 read the two subpoenas which have been previously referred to,
2 which were issued by this Committee on March 16, 1977, and
3 which were subsequently served upon Mr. Trafficante.

4 ^{[reading]:} Ms. Martin. By authority of the House of Representatives
5 of the Congress of the United States of America, to Richard
6 A. Sprague or any assistant designated by him, you are hereby
7 commanded to summon Santos Trafficante, Jr., Tampa, Florida,
8 to be and appear before the Select Committee on Assassinations
9 of the House of Representatives of the United States, of which
10 the Honorable Louis Stokes is Chairman, in their chamber in the
11 City of Washington on March 16, 1977, at the hour of 10 ~~00~~
12 ~~o'clock~~ a.m., then and there to testify touching matters of
13 inquiry committed to said Committee, and he is not to depart
14 without leave of said Committee. Herein fail not and make
15 return of this summons. Witness my hand and the seal of
16 the House of Representatives of the United States at the City
17 of Washington this 9th day of March, 1977, Louis Stokes,
18 Chairman. □

19 The Chairman. All right, you may proceed to read the
20 other one.

21 Ms. Martin. By authority of the House of Representatives
22 of the Congress of the United States of America to Richard A.
23 Sprague or any assistant designated by him, you are hereby
24 commanded to summon Santos Trafficante, Jr., Tampa, Florida,
25 to be and appear before the Select Committee on Assassinations

1 of the House of Representatives of the United States, of which
2 the Honorable Louis Stokes is Chairman, and to bring with you
3 any and all notes, materials, documents, receipts, vouchers,
4 memoranda, correspondence from January 1958 to December 1964
5 relating to attempts to assassinate Fidel Castro, relating
6 to attempts to assassinate or the assassination of President
7 John F. Kennedy, relating to the groups and organizations known
8 as Alpha 66, International Anti-Communist Brigade, Nonanke
9 Group, and the Cuban Revolutionary Council, and relating to
10 release from prison in Havana Cuba, in their chamber in the
11 City of Washington on March 16, 1977 at the hour of 10:00
12 o'clock, then and there to testify touching matters of inquiry
13 committed to said Committee, and he is not to depart without
14 leave of said Committee. Herein fail not, and make return of
15 this summons. Witness my hand and the seal of the House of
16 Representatives of the United States at the City of Washington
17 this 9th day of March, 1977. Louis Stokes, Chairman. □

18 ¶ The Chairman. Thank you.

19 Does counsel for the witness have any further motions at
20 this time?

21 Mr. Gonzalez. No further motions at this time, Mr. Chair-
22 man.

23 The Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez.

24 At this time, then, we will ask Mr. Richard Sprague,
25 Chief Counsel for the Committee, to propound questions to the

1 witness.

2 7 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Trafficante, have you at any time
3 been an employee, a contract employee, or in any manner been
4 in the service of the Central Intelligence Agency, or any other
5 agency of the Federal Government of the United States?

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TESTIMONY OF SANTOS TRAFFICANTE, JR. (ACCOMPANIED BY HENRY GONZALEZ, ESQ.)

Q Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ^{1st} ~~first~~, ^{4th} ~~fourth~~, ^{5th} ~~fifth~~ and ^{14th} ~~fourteenth~~ Amendments.

Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I request that you direct the witness to answer the question.

The Chairman. The witness is directed to answer the question.

Mr. González. Mr. Chairman, he is at this time upon advice of counsel exercising the rights under ¹/_M pursuant to those provisions of the Constitution of the United States.

The Chairman. Counsel may proceed.

Mr. Sprague. Mr. Trafficante, did you know John Rosselli?

Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ^{1st} ~~first~~, ^{4th} ~~fourth~~, ^{5th} ~~fifth~~ and ^{14th} ~~fourteenth~~ Amendments.

Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I request that you direct the witness to answer the question.

The Chairman. The witness is directed to answer the question.

Mr. Gonzalez. Mr. Chairman, likewise, as previously announced, upon representation and advice of Counsel, Mr. Trafficante shall maintain his constitutional rights to answer that question ¹/_M to refuse to answer that question.

1 // The Chairman. Counsel for the ~~Committee~~ may proceed.

2 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Trafficante, did you know Sam Giancana?

3 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that
4 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ~~First~~,^{1st}
5 ~~Fourth~~,^{4th} ~~Fifth~~^{5th} and ~~Fourteenth~~^{14th} Amendments.

6 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I request that you direct
7 the witness to answer the question.

8 The Chairman. The witness is directed to answer the
9 question.

10 Mr. Gonzalez. Mr. Chairman, for the sake of brevity, I
11 do make the same representations previously made and with the
12 same directions.

13 The Chairman. Counsel may proceed.

14 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Trafficante, do you know Robert Maheu?

15 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that
16 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ~~First~~,^{1st}
17 ~~Fourth~~,^{4th} ~~Fifth~~^{5th} and ~~Fourteenth~~^{14th} Amendments.

18 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I request that you direct
19 the witness to answer the question.

20 The Chairman. The witness is directed to answer the
21 question.

22 Mr. Gonzalez. Counsel for the witness is directing,
23 pursuant to the representations made by myself previously.

24 The Chairman. Counsel for the ~~Committee~~ may proceed.

25 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Trafficante, prior to November 22, 1963,

1 did you have information that President Kennedy was going to
2 be assassinated?

3 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that
4 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the
5 ^{1st} ~~First~~, ^{4th} ~~Fourth~~, ^{5th} ~~Fifth~~ and ^{14th} ~~Fourteenth~~ Amendments.

6 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I request that you direct
7 the witness to answer the question.

8 The Chairman. The witness is directed to answer the
9 question.

10 Mr. Gonzalez. Same directive by counsel for the
11 witness.

12 The Chairman. Counsel for the ~~C~~ommittee may proceed.

13 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Trafficante, prior to November 22, 1963,
14 did you advise other people of the assassination of President
15 Kennedy?

16 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that
17 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ^{1st} ~~First~~,
18 ^{4th} ~~Fourth~~, ^{5th} ~~Fifth~~ and ^{14th} ~~Fourteenth~~ Amendments.

19 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I request that you direct the
20 witness to answer the question.

21 The Chairman. The witness is directed to answer the
22 question.

23 Mr. Gonzalez. The same directive by counsel for the
24 witness, Your Honor ¹/₇ Mr. Chairman.

25 The Chairman. Counsel for the ~~C~~ommittee may proceed.

1 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Trafficante, prior to November 22, 1963,
2 did you know Jack Ruby?

3 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that
4 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ^{1st} ~~First~~,
5 ^{4th} ~~Fourth~~, ^{5th} ~~Fifth~~ and ^{14th} ~~Fourteenth~~ Amendments.

6 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I request that you direct
7 the witness to answer the question.

8 The Chairman. The witness is directed to answer the
9 question.

10 Mr. Gonzalez. Same directive pursuant to the request of
11 counsel for the witness.

12 The Chairman. Counsel for the ~~Committee~~ may proceed.

13 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Trafficante, have you ever met with
14 representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency to discuss
15 the assassination of various world leaders, including Fidel
16 Castro?

17 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that
18 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ^{1st} ~~First~~,
19 ^{4th} ~~Fourth~~, ^{5th} ~~Fifth~~ and ^{14th} ~~Fourteenth~~ Amendments.

20 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I request that you direct
21 the witness to answer the question.

22 The Chairman. The witness is directed to answer the ques-
23 tion.

24 Mr. Gonzalez. Upon the directive of counsel for the
25 witness, the same remarks previously made would apply to that

1 question also.

2 ~~The~~ Chairman. Counsel for the ~~Committee~~ is directed to
3 proceed.

4 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Trafficante, is any agency of the ~~United~~
5 ~~States~~ Government giving you any immunity with regard to any
6 plans to assassinate any world leaders?

7 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that
8 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ^{1st} ~~First~~,
9 ^{4th} ~~Fourth~~, ^{5th} ~~Fifth~~ and ^{14th} ~~Fourteenth~~ Amendments.

10 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I request that you direct
11 the witness to answer the question.

12 The Chairman. The witness is directed to answer the
13 question.

14 Mr. Gonzalez. At this time, ~~Counsel~~ for the witness also
15 has the same directive as previously announced to that
16 particular question.

17 The Chairman. Counsel for the ~~Committee~~ may proceed.

18 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Trafficante, did you ever discuss with
19 any individuals plans to assassinate President Kennedy prior
20 to his assassination?

21 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that
22 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ^{1st} ~~First~~,
23 ^{4th} ~~Fourth~~, ^{5th} ~~Fifth~~ and ^{14th} ~~Fourteenth~~ Amendments.

24 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I request that you direct
25 the witness to answer the question.

1 The Chairman. The witness is directed to answer the
2 question.

3 Mr. Gonzalez. Counsel for the witness has the same
4 directive to that question as previously announced to the other
5 questions.

6 The Chairman. At this time I would like to have the
7 Committee recess for a few moments in order to discuss the
8 matter now under consideration before us.

9 We will adjourn to the room to my right.

10 The Committee will be temporarily recessed for that
11 purpose.

12 [A brief recess was taken.]

13 The Chairman. The meeting will come back to order.

14 At this time I will yield to Counsel for the Committee for
15 one additional question.

16 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Trafficante, while you were in a
17 prison in Cuba, were you visited by Jack Ruby?

18 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that
19 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ^{1st} ~~First~~,
20 ^{4th} ~~Fourth~~, ^{5th} ~~Fifth~~ and ^{14th} ~~Fourteenth~~ Amendments.

21 Mr. Sprague. Mr. Chairman, I request that you direct
22 the witness to answer the question.

23 The Chairman. I direct the witness to answer the question.

24 Mr. Gonzalez. Counsel for the witness has the same direc-
25 tive as previously announced to the other questions with

1 respect also to this question.

2 The Chairman. Mr. Trafficante, to the extent that your
3 claim of privilege is deemed inappropriate by the Chair, as
4 indicated by my directing you to answer the questions that have
5 been propounded to you, I advise you that this Committee may
6 recommend to the House of Representatives that you be cited
7 for contempt.

8 In light of this, do you care at this time to change your
9 answer to any of the questions propounded to you?

10 Mr. Gonzalez. Pursuant to the directives, the same
11 response would be to that directive of the Committee.

12 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully ~~refuse~~²

13 The Chairman. Would counsel permit the witness also to
14 answer the question?

15 Mr. Gonzalez. Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman, he is just about
16 to.

17 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that
18 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ^{15th} ~~First~~,
19 ~~Fourth~~, ^{4th} ~~Fifth~~ ^{5th} and ^{14th} ~~Fourteenth~~ Amendments.

20 The Chairman. Thank you.

21 Do any other members of the Committee have any questions
22 to propound to the witness?

23 Mr. Devine. Mr. Chairman?

24 The Chairman. The gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Devine.

25 Mr. Devine. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 A Mr. Gonzalez, I recognize your responsibility to advise
2 your client on his rights under the Constitution, and the
3 protection against self-incrimination. However, would you
4 advise this select committee how a response from the witness
5 to a question about whether he knew Jack Ruby would be
6 incriminating or violate his constitutional rights?

7 Mr. Gonzalez. At that point, Mr. Devine, I feel that a
8 determination has been made relative to that question, and I
9 would have to most respectfully say that that would be within
10 the attorney-client relationship which I am not at liberty
11 at this time to disclose. It is a determination that has been
12 made and would be sustained at this time on behalf of Mr.
13 Trafficante.

14 Mr. Devine. A determination has been made by whom?

15 Mr. Gonzalez. After consultation by directive of myself
16 concerning the nature of the inquiry and the questions
17 propounded.

18 Mr. Devine. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19 The Chairman. I believe the gentleman from Connecticut,
20 Mr. Dodd, has a question.

21 Mr. Dodd. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

22 Mr. Trafficante, as a result of your appearance here
23 today, have you been threatened by anyone, any group or agency?
24 Has your life been threatened in any way?

25 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that

1 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ~~First~~,^{1st}
 2 ~~Fourth~~,^{4th} ~~Fifth~~^{5th} and ~~Fourteenth~~^{14th} Amendment.

3 // Mr. Dodd. Mr. Trafficante, have you been contacted by
 4 any agency ~~in~~^{within} the executive branch, ~~or~~^{for example,} the CIA or FBI, in
 5 connection with your possible testimony before or after you
 6 received formal subpoena to appear before this Committee?

7 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that
 8 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the ~~First~~,^{1st}
 9 ~~Fourth~~,^{4th} ~~Fifth~~^{5th} and ~~Fourteenth~~^{6th} Amendments.

10 Mr. Dodd. Mr. Chairman, I would respectfully ask that
 11 the witness be directed to respond to both of those questions.

12 The Chairman. The witness is hereby directed to respond
 13 to both of the questions propounded by Mr. Dodd of Connecticut.

14 Mr. Trafficante. I respectfully refuse to answer that
 15 question pursuant to my constitutional rights under the
 16 ~~First~~,^{1st} ~~Fourth~~,^{4th} ~~Fifth~~^{5th} and ~~Fourteenth~~^{14th} Amendments.

17 The Chairman. Any other members have any further
 18 questions of the witness?

19 In the opinion of the Chair, in light of the present
 20 state of the witness' refusing to answer the questions propounded
 21 to him in the exercise of his constitutional rights, I would
 22 at this time recognize the gentleman from North Carolina, Mr.
 23 Richardson Preyer, who is Chairman of the Kennedy Subcommittee,
 24 for any motion he would care to make at this time.

25 Mr. Preyer. Mr. Chairman, at this time I move that the

1 ~~C~~ommittee excuse this ~~W~~itness, the Witness to remain under
2 the sub~~p~~ena issued by this ~~C~~ommittee, subject to further
3 call by the Chair.

4 The Chairman. You have heard the motion.

5 Are you ready for the question?

6 All those in favor $\frac{1}{2}$ Mr. Devine?

7 Mr. Devine. Is it my understanding that this will be a
8 continuing sub~~p~~ena, it will not be necessary to reserve him,
9 that it is a continuing sub~~p~~ena, he is under the jurisdiction
10 of this ~~C~~ommittee, subject to the call of the Chair.

11 The Chairman. Would the gentleman care to $\frac{2}{11}$

12 Mr. Preyer. Yes; that is the intent of the motion.

13 Mr. Devine. Thank you.

14 The Chairman. Are you ready for the question?

15 All those in favor say aye.

16 [A chorus of ayes.]

17 The Chairman. Those opposed?

18 [No response.]

19 The Chairman. The motion is carried, and it is so
20 ordered.

21 Mr. Trafficante, do you understand that you are under
22 the continuing sub~~p~~ena of this ~~C~~ommittee?

23 Mr. Trafficante. Yes, sir.

24 The Chairman. All right, thank you very much, ~~C~~ounsel.

25 Mr. Gonzalez. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman and member.

1 of the committee.

2 // The Chairman. At this time $\frac{2}{27}$

3 Mr. Gonzalez. Mr. Chairman, may we be excused at this
4 time?

5 The Chairman. Yes; Counsel, you and your witness may be
6 excused.

7 Thank you very much, sir.

8 [Whereupon, Mr. Trafficante and Mr. Gonzalez left the
9 hearing room.]

10 The Chairman. Members of the committee, on March 16th
11 this committee issues subpoenas on four other persons that
12 were returnable today $\frac{1}{11}$ I am sorry. They were issued ~~on the~~
13 ~~24th day of March,~~ ⁹ 1977, returnable on March 16, 1977 on the
14 following persons: Captain Jack LeGrand, Birmingham Police
15 Department, Birmingham, ~~Alabama~~; Hugh Stanton, Jr., District
16 Attorney General, Shelby County, ~~Tennessee~~; Gene Barksdale,
17 Sheriff, Shelby County, ~~Tennessee~~; E. Winslow Chapman, Director
18 of Police, Memphis, ~~Tennessee~~.

19 I request at this time that the committee grant the
20 authority to extend these subpoenas at this time for an
21 indefinite period.

22 Do we have such a motion?

23 Mr. Fauntroy. Mr. Chairman.

24 The Chairman. Mr. Fauntroy.

25 Mr. Fauntroy. I so move.

1 The Chairman. It has been properly moved that an
2 extension of time be granted as it relates to each of these
3 subpœnas.

4 Are you ready for the question?

5 Those in favor say aye.

6 [A chorus of ayes.]

7 The Chairman. Those opposed?

8 [No response.]

9 The Chairman. The motion is carried and so ordered.

10 [Pause.]

11 The Chairman. In light of the answers which have come
12 to the ~~Committee's~~ questions this morning, it would seem to
13 me at this time that the ~~Committee~~ ought to have further
14 dialogue with reference to the state of the investigation as
15 it relates to the Kennedy matter, and I would think that this
16 would be appropriate in executive session rather than public
17 session, and I would at this time entertain a motion.

18 Mr. Thone. Mr. Chairman.

19 The Chairman. Yes; Mr. Thone.

20 Mr. Thone. Mr. Chairman, I am certainly not going to make
21 that motion, needless to say, but while our broadcast media
22 and the electronic media are out of the room, so it isn't
23 considered too self-serving, I would say we had a dramatic
24 example here this morning of a double standard that I think is
25 terribly unwise and unfair, and almost just assinine. We have

1 our friends over here from the print media who were allowed
2 to attend this entire session this morning, while the members
3 from the broadcast media were excluded, and I just think it is
4 basically unfair, and I just bring it up again to call attention
5 to it.

6 ¶ I understand that it is a rule of the House, which was
7 incorporated in our rules, but as I said, I think it is just
8 basically and patently unfair.

9 The Chairman. Any further comments before we ask for a
10 motion?

11 Mr. Fauntroy. I expected to hear some cheers from the
12 left there, but I heard none.

13 Mr. Preyer. Mr. Chairman, I will move at this time, if
14 there are no further questions, that the Committee go into
15 executive session.

16 The Chairman. You have heard the motion.

17 Are you ready for the question?

18 All those in favor ¹/₇ the clerk will call the roll.

19 ^r/_A Ms. Martin. Mr. Stokes.

20 The Chairman. Aye.

21 ^r/_A Ms. Martin. Mr. Devine.

22 Mr. Devine. Aye.

23 ^r/_A Ms. Martin. Mr. Preyer.

24 Mr. Preyer. Aye.

25 ^r/_A Ms. Martin. Mr. Anderson.

1 Mr. Anderson. Aye.

2 Ms. Martin. Mr. Fauntroy.

3 Mr. Fauntroy. Aye.

4 Ms. Martin. Mr. McKinney.

5 Mr. McKinney. Aye.

6 Ms. Martin. Mrs. Burke.

7 Ms. Burke. Aye.

8 Ms. Martin. Mr. Thone.

9 Mr. Thone. No.

10 Ms. Martin. Mr. Dodd.

11 Mr. Dodd. Aye.

12 Ms. Martin. Mr. Ford.--

13 Mr. Ford. Aye.

14 Ms. Martin. Mr. Fithian.

15 Mr. Fithian. Aye.

16 Ms. Martin. Mr. Edgar.

17 Mr. Edgar. Aye.

18 Ms. Martin. Mr. Chairman, the vote is eleven aye, one
19 nay.

20 The Chairman. This meeting is recessed subject to the
21 call of the Chair, without objection.

22 [Whereupon, at 11:14 ~~o'clock~~ a.m., the ~~C~~ommittee recessed
23 subject to the ~~c~~all of the Chair.]

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