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or it would not be in our department. I was to look through the papers, get whatever information there was and bring it, which I intended to do, but when I went to look for the papers they were in the other committee.

Q. You had not inquired anywhere else?

A. Nowhere else.

Q. You have made no effort?

A. None whatever.

Q. Are you aware that any effort is being made?

A. Not that I am aware of.

Q. To get the information you were asked for?

A. No, I think not.

Q. Nobody that you are aware of was seeking to obtain that information?

A. No, sir.

Q. Mr. Scott was not, to your knowledge, seeking to obtain that information?

A. No, he was not seeking to obtain it.

Q. The names of the people composing this company?

A. Mr. Scott had a memorandum which he brought down the other day, and which he showed to me, I think it was written by Mr. Monk, but there was no order of the committee.

Q. I do not say that, stick to my question. Are you aware if any person was seeking that information?

A. No, sir.

Q. I will ask you about that order in a moment.

A. All right, sir.

Q. Are you aware that any other person was seeking information that we asked you to get?

A. No, sir.

Q. Mr. Scott was not seeking to obtain that information.

A. Not otherwise than the memorandum I spoke about.

Q. Well, was that memorandum for the purpose of getting that information?

A. I think so.

Q. It was?

A. I think so.

Q. Did you assist him to get that in order to give us that information?

A. No, sir, I did not.

Q. Did you prevent him?

A. No, I did not prevent him. When we left the committee here we went over to see the Minister but there were others in who kept the Minister till a very late hour, and it was well on to 1.30 or 2 o'clock before we were able to get to him. I knew that the Minister had his things on ready to go, and although Mr. Scott was waiting to see him I did not think he would see two persons, so I kept that memorandum. It was, as I understood it, for the purpose of having the Minister authorizing the sending of that cablegram. I took it in and submitted it to the Minister and he said: 'Is there an order of the committee?' I said I did not understand that there was any order of the committee, that it was simply a request of a member of the committee for us to send a telegram and that Mr. Scott said he would not send it unless the Minister authorized it, and I told the Minister, that it was for the purpose of seeing whether he wished it to be sent or not. The Minister said: 'The committee have power to send a telegram if they want it, or they have power to order us to send a telegram.'

Q. Are you sure he said that?

A. That is my recollection.

Q. Are you sure that he said: 'If they order it to be sent I will send it.'

A. I cannot remember his exact words, because I was not paying much attention to them, he had his coat on and was going out at the time and I was going out.