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Mr. SCHLESINGER. This is the same exact situation. The accounts—she told us she had the cash and she was depositing it in there to make those balances meet what they'd been in those earlier years. They had been relatively small amounts. At that time, I think it was the sixth accounting in 1962, which was not given us until 1964, and the amount again was so large it was obvious that she did not have the money.

Mr. EDMONDSON. And, this statement:

When we discussed these findings with the attorneys, they did not deny knowing of the shortages prior to disclosure to the court but contended that they subsequently disclosed the matter to the court's satisfaction and that the shortages were made up by the guardian.

Mr. SCHLESINGER. No; that's not a correct statement.

Mr. EDMONDSON. That is not a correct statement?

Mr. SCHLESINGER. No; because we did not know there were any shortages, because she represented to us that the money was on hand and the balance needed to bring the account up to the amount that she should have been accountable for. Upon finding this one accounting in 1962 where the substantial—where she would not account for us for a year and a half; at that time we immediately reported it to the court when we realized how large the amount was, after we spent a great deal of time with her, establishing the amount and getting her to agree finally that she did not have this money.

Mr. EDMONDSON. So, what this boils down to is, when you discovered that the shortage was substantial, you did report it to the court, but when you discovered shortages that you did regard as substantial, you did not report it to the court?

Mr. SCHLESINGER. No; that's not correct.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Is that right?

Mr. SCHLESINGER. No; because we did not know in the previous years whether there were shortages. She told us the money was on hand and she had it, and was putting it in and in the 1962 accounting, she admitted that she did not have the money.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I think this all boils down to whether your reports made to the court were accurate reports that reflected a savings account balance of so much, and cash in hand that is to be put in the savings account as so much, or whether you simply reported to the court an inaccurate savings account balance. Can you tell us what you did?

Mr. SCHLESINGER. Yes; we took the client's word that they would be deposited in there, and we put—lumped it together without differentiating what was on hand and what was in the account.

Mr. EDMONDSON. So, in that respect, the savings account balances that were reported to the court were not accurate reports; were they?

Mr. SCHLESINGER. That's correct.

Mr. EDMONDSON. When you did, in 1964, discover one you thought was so substantial that the court needed to be informed of the situation, you then informed the court; is that right?

Mr. SCHLESINGER. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Thank you. I don't think I have further questions. Gentlemen?

Mr. BURTON. No; I don't think so.

Mr. EDMONDSON. The gentleman from California?