

INTERVIEW WITH WES WISE KRLL-TV NEWSMAN

I interviewed Wes Wise at 7:30 p.m. on November 29, 1963, at 1107 Camp, the KRLL-TV Newsroom.

Wes Wise said that about 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 23, 1963, he was trying to retrace Lee Oswald's steps of the day before, as far as they could. He had parked his mobile unit on Houston Street across from the Texas Depository Book Building. His unit was parked headed diagonally in a southeasterly direction. Wise stated that he returned to his unit and as he was using his radio to communicate with his office, he saw someone walking to the unit from the direction of the railroad tracks which were located north of him.

Mr. Wise stated he rolled the window up as the figure neared his unit but the person remained outside until he completed his message. Wise said he then rolled the window down and the man stuck his hand in the window and said "I'm Jack Ruby". Wise then recognized him. Jack Ruby then said "All this was a shame and particularly for the President's children". Wise said he then told Ruby about going out to the Trade Mart and taking pictures of the box of saddles that had been a present to be given to the President for his children. He said that upon hearing this, Ruby's eyes misted over. He did not start crying, however.

Mr. Wise said that on Friday night, November 23, 1963, about 11:00 p.m. or later he heard a broadcast over KLIIF that gave what the announcer thought was some exclusive lead or material. It concerned Mr. Henry Wade, the District Attorney, and gave Jack Ruby the credit for the lead.

Mr. Wise asked Ruby about this Saturday afternoon and Ruby said "yes, he had given that to them and would have done the same thing for him if he had been there". Wes thought the announcer's name might have been Russ Knight. He was not sure about this and does not know a "Russ Knight".

Mr. Wise also said that the only time he was in the City Hall was from 1 1/2 to 2 hours or more before the shooting, when he drove through the basement of the City Hall and let some cameraman off. He did not see any officers at the Main Street entrance at this time. He did not see Jack Ruby at all and there were very few people in the basement.

Mr. Wise promised to let me know if he remembered anything farther.

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