

...er met Weissman, the man ...
...ible for the anti-Kennedy ad?

...: Yes, I do. And it's the same story
...: With-w after witness told either
... the FBI on the Commission that Weiss-
... man was a frequent visitor to the Car-
... nel Club in November of 1963. On
... August 21, 1964, the FBI showed Curtis
... Grafard several photographs of Weiss-
... man, and Grafard said that Weissman
... had been in the Carousel "on a number
... of occasions." The FBI report on the
... interview states that Grafard revealed he
... "has heard Ruby refer to Weissman by
... the name of 'Weissman' and on several
... occasions has served Weissman drinks at
... the Carousel Club." It goes on and on
... like that, but despite all this evidence,
... the Commission claimed that Ruby
... knew neither Tippitt nor Weissman.

...: In any case, the Commission
... concluded that Ruby was too "moody
... and unstable to have encouraged the
... confidence of the persons involved in a
... sensitive conspiracy." Do you think they
... have a point there?

...: Well, that's an interesting bit of
... speculation. I personally don't know who
... a conspiracy would pick as its assassin,
... perhaps the conspirators, if they exist,
... could have preferred a college professor
... or a Rhodes scholar. But I do know that
... Ruby killed Oswald quite effectively,
... although the odds were very much
... against it, with just one well-placed shot
... in the stomach. Unlike the Warren
... Commission, I can't psychoanalyze a
... hypothetical group of conspirators and
... determine their recruiting practices. All
... I can say is that if Ruby was ordered to
... kill Oswald, his employers would have
... a reason to be dissatisfied with the way
... he did his job.

...: How did Ruby explain his motivation
... for killing Oswald when he testi-
... fied before the Commission?

...: Ruby's appearance before the
... Commission is one of the most fantastic
... aspects of the whole investigation. In the
... first place, the Government was far from
... eager to have him testify at all. The Com-
... mission was formed during November
... 1963, but Ruby wasn't interrogated
... until June of 1964, even though he re-
... peatedly asked the Commission for per-
... mission to testify. And when he was
... finally called, only two members of the
... seven-man Commission were present—
... Earl Warren and Gerald Ford. The lo-
... cation for his interview was, of all places,
... the Dallas County jail, and in attendance
... were Dallas Sheriff J. E.
... Ecker, Assistant District Attorney Jim
... ... and Robert G. Storey, special
... attorney to the attorney general of Texas.
... Perhaps the Commission assumed Ruby
... might be more comfortable in familiar
... surroundings. If so, they were wrong,
... because Ruby begged over and over to be
... taken to Washington, where he could
... speak freely, but Earl Warren repeatedly



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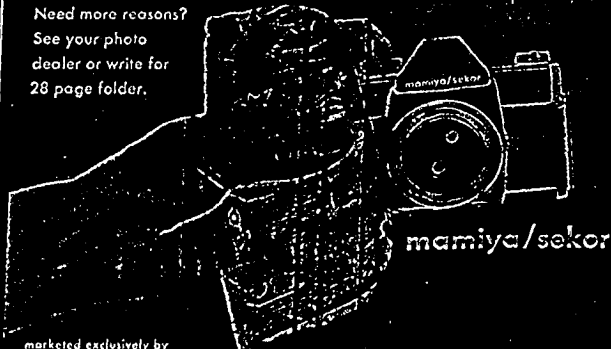
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