

Mr. Melvin Belli

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For some time since he had always large amounts of money on him, in this case \$1600.00 in cash. It flashed through his mind as he saw Oswald that Oswald was "smirking, cunning, a commie, a rat ...". He took another stride, his hand in his pocket (by this time he was within two feet of Oswald), the next thing he knows he is on the ground with men over him. He does not remember saying what he is said to have said; he recalls saying, "You don't have to beat my brains out, I'm Jack Ruby." He felt curiously relieved while he was wondering why he was on the ground.

From then on throughout the interrogation his tension decreased. He had no thought of murder, of the consequences of it, until he got in the cell later. He never thought of Oswald and his family.

In retrospect the episode in the Assembly room of the police station made him think he was "looking on history" and as he stood on a ledge he thought, "I am above everybody. They cannot move me." He felt like a "big guy". He also had a strong feeling that he was in with the police, he was a "right guy".

EXAMINATION - MENTAL

The prisoner talked excitedly but with concentration. He started the interview by discussing his involvement with a deal in Cuba with one Mack Willey, a gambler, and explained how this was a chance to make a quick dollar and had no relation to the Communists. His speech was rapid, expressive and obviously full of malapropisms. He talked about Willey having "lots of class", how he learned to eat and to live from this gentlemen. His manner was dramatic with occasional flashes of aggressiveness. He related how he was known as the "tough Jew that Mack Willey knew ... he was a live one." His talk was hyperbolic, entirely circumstantial, with the

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