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Warren Commission Quizzing Is 'Intense'

By **SETH KANTOR**
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 The President's commission on the assassination of President Kennedy operates on the undistinguished fourth floor of the Veterans of Foreign Wars building, two blocks from the Capitol.

Witnesses, more than 400 of them so far, still are coming. Of the three who testified yesterday, I was one.

I was summoned for two basic reasons. I accompanied the President to Texas as a reporter last Nov. 21. I spoke with Jack Ruby in Parkland Hospital within 90 minutes after Mr. Kennedy was shot.

KNEW RUBY

As a reporter in Dallas before moving to Washington, I had been acquainted with Ruby. He had steered me into leads on Dallas "characters" for the feature stories I wrote.

Mainly questioning me was Burt W. Griffin. He has one of the toughest jobs in American legal history—a key role in trying to solve the crimes committed more than six months ago against Mr. Kennedy and his alleged killer, Lee Harvey Oswald.

An attorney from Cleveland, Mr. Griffin has been an investigator on the Commission headed by Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren since late last autumn.

"Is your work harder now?" I asked Mr. Griffin after he swore me in. "Isn't it tougher for people to remember now the minute details you need of that week-end last November than it would have been a half year ago?"
 "After a couple of months passed," said Mr. Griffin, "it began to make no real differ-

ence. It has been hard for four months."

Here and in Dallas, Mr. Griffin has questioned many witnesses to the murders; has interrogated police; has talked with many who knew Oswald and Ruby.

INTENSIVE

Mr. Griffin's questioning was thoro. It was intensive. It required two hours.

Previously, I had been interrogated by the Dallas Police, superficially, about what I had seen thru the nightmarish week-end.

Twice I had been questioned

by three FBI men—professionals in their work.

But Mr. Griffin is a craftsman. He exacted from me the look and smell of the murder settings. I drew a diagram for him of my routes thru Parkland Hospital—nearly two hours' time reconstructed. I filled in for him my movements in the Dallas City Jail basement, before and after Oswald was shot.

REASSURED

Toward the end of the questioning, Mr. Griffin was joined by Leon D. Hubert Jr., a New Orleans attorney who is another chief investigator serving the

Commission. They worked on my memory like two surgeons drilling for delicate particles of a human brain. And I feel reassured about the way the Commission is digging into the crime of the century.

One thing I hope they clear up. Ruby has denied to the FBI that he went to the hospital on the day of the Kennedy shooting. But I was there too, and Ruby stopped me to talk about the slain President and tell me he was shutting down his strip joint as a token of respect. There is no doubt about his being there. But why would he deny it?

Jack Ruby
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