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TRANSLATION FROM ITALIAN

From "L'Ora," a daily newspaper published in Palermo, Italy, issue dated October 9-10, 1964, page 1.

**Found Strangled a Journalist Who
Was Investigating the "Oswald Case"**

(From our correspondent)

New York, - Tim Koethe, the Dallas newspaperman, who was the first person to enter Ruby's apartment after Ruby assassinated Lee Oswald and who was writing a book on the intricate affair, was found strangled. The news was published today in only one newspaper: "The London Evening News." Koethe's body was found by the Dallas Police on September 18. A coroner established that death had occurred a few days earlier. Some time ago, the police arrested one Larry Reno, suspecting him of the journalist's assassination, but Reno was able to furnish an alibi. A girl testified that during the days in which the assassination was committed, she was with him, out of Dallas.

This is the fourth case of violence tied in with the Oswald case. The first one and, of course, the most notorious one is the assassination of the ex-Marine by Ruby at the Dallas Police Station.

The second case was the successful attempt* on the life of Warren Reynolds, a man who had seen Oswald (if it was Oswald) kill Patrolman Tippit shortly after the President's assassination, and who had pursued him for a short distance. A man arrested as a result of the Reynolds' case, Darrel Wayne Garner, was released because he was able to supply an alibi which is singularly similar to the alibi which is now being furnished by Reno:

*Translator's Note: The word used is "attentato," a term which does not indicate whether the attempt was successful or not.

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A girl (who had been working for a certain length of time as a strip teaser in a night club belonging to Ruby), Betty MacDonald (Nancy Jane Mooney), testified that at the time of the Reynolds attempt she was with Wayne at another place.

The third case of violence was the mysterious death of the above girl. She was found hanged in the city jail of Dallas where she had been placed for reasons which are still unknown.

Another case, a rather obscure one, was reported by Mrs. Helen Markhan, an eyewitness to Tippit's assassination:

The woman accused the Dallas Police of having arrested one of her two sons after he had spoken with private investigators and of having thrown him out of the prison window (the young fellow fell from a height of six meters on a cement road, suffered nonfatal injuries and was taken to a hospital from where, after being discharged, he was taken back to jail). If this episode is authentic, Koethe's assassination would not be the fourth, but the fifth act of violence connected with the Oswald case.

TRANSLATION OF CAPTION UNDER PHOTOGRAPH:

The assassination of journalist Tim Koethe is the fourth case of violence tied in with the Dallas tragedy. Koethe, who was the first newspaperman to enter Ruby's apartment soon after Oswald's assassination, was writing a book on the intricate "Dallas Affair."

The caption also states parenthetically that the man appearing in the picture is Tim Koethe.