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Police Queried About CIA Role in JFK Slaying

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The Rockefeller Commission investigating the CIA has questioned several Dallas policemen about three unidentified men being escorted through Dealey Plaza soon after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Dallas News learned Friday.

Robert Olsen, an investigator for the commission, told The News he has talked to several Dallas policemen who were in the plaza area on Nov. 22, 1963.

Comedian Dick Gregory and other critics of the Warren Report's conclusions about the assassination have asked whether photographs of two of the men are convicted Watergate burglars E. Howard Hunt and Frank

Sturgis. Both are former CIA operatives. Hunt and Sturgis have denied they are in the photograph. Olsen refused to discuss the inquiries he made to Dallas policemen last month.

"All I can tell you is that the commission is limiting its investigation to matters of alleged CIA involvement," Olsen said in a telephone interview from Washington. "And beyond that, I guess you will have to wait until our report comes out (June 8)."

Asked whether the commission is still actively investigating the three unidentified men, Olsen said he was "not at liberty to discuss what is going on in the activities of the commission on that score."

"There have been allegations, as

you know, that these photographs represented Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis . . . There's been a good deal of publicity about that particular accusation."

Dallas Police Sgt. David Harkness was contacted by Olsen by telephone April 1. Harkness was on his motorcycle in Dealey Plaza when the three men were photographed.

"He was interested in those three people that were in that picture," Harkness said. "But I couldn't help him on that."

Harkness said he gave Olsen the names of Billy L. Bass and Marvin L. Wise, the two officers photographed escorting the trio. Neither Bass, who now works for the Dallas County dis-

trict attorney's office, nor Wise could be reached Friday to determine whether Olsen spoke to them.

Harkness said he thought Olsen was involved in "a very poor way of investigating" by telephone. He said he asked Olsen if he had read the Warren Report's interview with him, and Olsen said he "didn't have time."

United Press International on March 30 quoted reliable sources as stating the Rockefeller Commission in its final report, will "have to speak to those recurring allegations of CIA involvement in the Kennedy assassination, and it could not do that without looking into it"

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