

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY -
QUESTIONS POSED BY HARRY LONGMUIR,
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At approximately 9:30 A.M., Thursday, 4/14/77,
a Mr. HARRY LONGMUIR, a Reporter for the National Inquirer,
formerly with the Daily Mail, Northcliffe House, London
E.C.4 England, called in person at the El Paso Division
and spoke to me.

Mr. LONGMUIR did not possess any specific
credentials showing him to be with the National Inquirer
but he did show his credentials with the Daily Mail.
He said he only recently had gone to work with the National
Inquirer. He gave me the name of WILLIAM DICK, Editor,
of the National Inquirer, Lantana, Florida, 00463,
telephone number (305) 586-1111, and suggested that I
may wish to speak with Mr. DICK to verify his present
status with the National Inquirer as a Reporter. I told
him I didn't think that it was necessary and that I would
wait on his questions to make a determination whether I
would respond or seek further verification of his status
as a Reporter.

Mr. LONGMUIR indicated that someone by the name
of ORESTES PENA in New Orleans had some time ago indicated
that he had seen me in the presence of LEE HARVEY OSWALD
prior to the assassination. I explained to Mr. LONGMUIR
that I had been released from the Secrecy Act for an
interview by a CBS Reporter in late 1975. I had been
advised that I could respond to any other press inquiry
having to do with questions asked and answers given by
me in that CBS documentary. For that reason, I would be
limited in my responses. Mr. LONGMUIR referred to the
CBS documentary and inquired had not that question come
up in the CBS documentary, speaking of the statement made
by Mr. PENA. I advised him that the question had arisen
and that I had categorically denied ever having known LEE

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HARVEY OSWALD personally or ever having knowingly seen him or knowingly have talked to him.

I explained that after viewing the CBS documentary on the Assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, I had been left with the distinct impression that anyone viewing that documentary conceivably could have been disposed to believe that possibly I had known OSWALD and that possibly OSWALD had been my informant. I explained to Mr. LONGMUIR that because of that conjecture on my part, I had in late 1975 or early in January, 1976, requested my Headquarters (FBI) to obtain permission from the Church Committee for me to testify under oath before that Committee that I did not know OSWALD personally and had never knowingly met or spoken to him. I mentioned that I did in effect appear before the staff of the Church Committee and responded to questions by the staff and by Senator RICHARD S. SCHWEIKER for approximately 3½ hours. I mentioned that I believed that the questioning took place in late January, 1976. I specifically commented that sometime after the questions had commenced, I estimate after a half hour or 45 minutes of questioning, I asked that I be permitted to state under oath that I did not personally know OSWALD, that I had never knowingly spoken to him, or knowingly seen him in person. I also advised Mr. LONGMUIR that I made the suggestion to Senator SCHWEIKER and to the staff of the Church Committee that they may want to consider giving Mr. PENA the opportunity to make his comments under oath to the effect that he had seen me in the presence of OSWALD prior to the assassination. I explained also that the rest of the responses which I freely gave under oath to the staff of the Church Committee had to do with other matters about which I was not free to make comment. I also explained to Mr. LONGMUIR that my release from the Secrecy Act given me by the former Attorney General of the United States was limited to responses to questions concerning any aspect of the OSWALD investigation in the New Orleans area. I was not given any release to discuss any aspects of the FBI investigation in the Dallas area. Accordingly, I told him I would decline to answer any such questions. I did state, however, that I would be most happy to give candid responses to any questions where given permission by the Attorney General of the United States. I stated that I had nothing to hide and that I thought that some of my comments perhaps could clarify some areas previously considered cloudy based on false rumors and irresponsible statements made by various people verbally or in the many books that may have been written on the assassination.

Mr. LONGMUIR asked me about OSWALD's arrest in New Orleans when he was a resident prior to the assassination. I explained to Mr. LONGMUIR that based solely on memory after the passage of almost 14 years, I was able to recall that OSWALD was arrested on Canal Street in New Orleans

because of some altercation he had gotten into with some anti-Castro Cuban or Cubans. I also recall that he had given out some pamphlets for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans, as best I could recall, about almost the same time that he was arrested for his altercation on Canal Street. Mr. LONGMUIR mentioned that he wasn't quite certain but believed that OSWALD had been interviewed by an FBI Agent in the local jail after his arrest in New Orleans for the aforementioned altercation. I told Mr. LONGMUIR that I was not the Agent who interviewed OSWALD. Mr. LONGMUIR brought up the comments that there was an allegation that OSWALD had asked to talk to an FBI Agent. I responded something to the effect that it was not unusual for persons arrested on local charges to ask to speak to an FBI Agent if some Federal aspect was involved. I did not recall specifically on what basis OSWALD may have asked to speak to an FBI Agent. I explained to him that while I cannot be certain that I received the results of such an interview of OSWALD in the First District New Orleans Police Jail, I am almost certain that anything he said at that time would have been channelized to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee case that I was investigating as OSWALD, to my knowledge, at that time was trying to form a chapter of the FPCC. In essence, I indicated that I didn't think it necessarily unusual for OSWALD to have spoken to an FBI Agent while in jail on local charges. I was unable to recall whether the Agent who spoke to him was at that time assigned to liaison with the First District Police Station and would logically have been the one to interview OSWALD or whether possibly the Agent who did interview him simply happened to be in the New Orleans Office when the First District Police Station called for an Agent to possibly interview OSWALD. In any event, I did not feel that such an interview would necessarily be unusual or significant.

I also mentioned that I recalled that I made a determination that OSWALD was the only member of the New Orleans Chapter of the FPCC. I did indicate that I recalled that on some of the pamphlets or material of the FPCC there was a name of HIDEEL. Subsequent investigation by me caused me to conclude that HIDEEL was not a real person. I mentioned that I recalled that OSWALD's widow, MARINA, had indicated that to be the case and that OSWALD had used the name HIDEEL, a fiction, because he thought it rhymed with FIDEL, the first name of FIDEL CASTRO.

All of the above questions were posed by Mr. LONGMUIR in the light of what may have been said by me in the CBS documentary. I told him that if he wanted to ask more extensive questions that he would have to first get approval through my Headquarters of the Attorney General.

I did indicate my complete willingness to openly answer any questions that he or any other reporter may have to pose. However, I reiterated my limitations were that I could only respond to questions designed to clarify CBS' inquiry of me in November, 1975, as well as my responses thereto in November, 1975. Questions posed by LONGMUIR had to do either with answers given by me to CBS interviewer in November, 1975, or whether such questions were posed to me at that time and what my answers were.