

Chapter 13 January 27th Transcript. . . .

p. 190 He notes Fritz and absence of a tape recorded. . . .Fritz's absurd explanation . . .That he requested funds for one but was turned down. . . He said nothing about trying to borrow one from elsewhere in the Dept. or other city departments that suffered no scarcity of funds. . . Or buy a new one. . . .Hal notes he was attracted by something that was ignored in the official investigation and by the press. . . (He cites Whitewash pp. 64ff). . . . He notes, too, pp. 191-192 that Oswald desire for counsel and he would respond to questioning if he had counsel . . .He cites from pp73-75 from Whitewash.

P 191. The WC contended that Oswald was a liar . . .“repeatedly and blatantly lied to the police.” (no cite). . .Oswald was not only truthful but his honest was supported by the Commission's own evidence and is exculpatory. Oswald was questioned without the right of counsel . . .which he asked for. . .

P. 209 Hal notes a FBI supplement to CD-1. . . .

Hal goes on up to page 215. . . Noting that most of the 3 hr session devoted to the “dirty rumor” . . .

(Chorus of aye)
The Chairman. Contrary, no.
(No response)
The Chairman. Unanimously adopted (*Whitewash IV*, pages 90-91).

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The rest of the agenda was forgotten. The entire, almost three hours, was devoted to what Rankin described as a "dirty rumor," not to something they had to investigate vigorously to learn and report the truth. And did they agonize over it! To the point where they completely ignored that the CIA as well as the FBI was reportedly the agency for which Oswald allegedly worked. Dulles was able to tell the CIA that it was forgotten, that it had nothing to fear from any Commission inquiry or questioning.

Each and every page from which I've quoted was stamped "TOP SECRET." But there is not a word in all those pages that in any way qualified for even the least classification. It was not only improperly classified – it was classified by the Commission that lacked any legal authority to classify anything at all. It was kept Top Secret, despite Ford's theft and sale of it, until I sued for it under FOIA. When I obtained, in 1974, I published the entire thing in facsimile in *Whitewash IV*. The *Washington Post* published the story of its reporter to whom I gave a copy and then the *Post* forgot it. I know of no other paper that ever paid any attention to it. No newspaper or magazine or radio or TV reporter ever asked me about it or spoke to me about it any way in what is now more than twenty years. It should have been a major scandal but the media that always supported and protected the Commission and the official mythology protected both.

And despite all the piety, all those Fourth of July speeches, all those somber intonations about what the country would not and should not accept, that is what the Commission did, what it said and knew should not be accepted. However, thanks to the media, and to the initial secrecy, it was not and could not have been rejected by the country – which just did not know about it.

Despite what they say in this transcript they did not interview or take testimony from any of those reporters. Not one! They continue to pin it all on Hudkins when the information they had was that Dallas Country Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff Alan Sweatt started it all.