



WRITING STRATEGY FOR OSWALD AS ONLY SUSPECT

@ Careful chronology of when Oswald was charged with Tippit murder. Then when was he charged with JFK murder.

@ I need to cross-reference with Oswald as Red and Oswald Imposter files for all examples of potential/promising leads that FBI did not pursue starting on 11/23. Also see CD-1 file for x-over material. Hal's Appendix to "Oswald in NO" has case after case. This is underscored with Milteer, for example. . . .

I will need to review newspaper stories (conscious of dates) to show how Oswald was tried in the press. Check these out in Batch "A" and Batch "B" and in file with newspaper stories.

POINTS TO DEVELOP:

OSWALD WAS NOT THE ONLY EMPLOYEE OF TSBD WHO LEFT THE PREMISES AFTER THE SHOOTING.

WHO OR WHERE DID THE DESCRIPTION OF OSWALD COME FROM THAT WENT OUT OVER THE POLICE RADIO. THIS WAS NEVER ANSWERED BY FBI OR WC.

POINT ABOUT DALLAS POLICE WORK: THE POLICE DID NOT ISOLATE ELM ST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION IN ORDER TO DO A THOROUGH FORENSIC SEARCH FOR BULLETS AND BULLET FRAGS. . .TIE IN HERE THE "OTHER BULLETS" FOUND IN AND AROUND DEALEY PLAZA THAT FBI BRUSHED ASIDE BECAUSE THEY WERE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE "MURDER" WEAPON.

I COULD ADD HERE A BRIEF/SHORT REFERENCE TO THE TAGUE BULLET AND THE CURBSTONE SHOT. . . .

GO OVER NEWSPAPER STORIES OF OSWALD AND EVIDENCE THAT ALLEGEDLY TIES HIM TO THE CRIME. SEE ESPECIALLY THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, ETC. . . PREPARE TO DISMISS. . .

NOTE: FOR OSWALD AS ONLY SUSPECT I WILL NEED TO DO A SUMMARY OF NEWS STORIES FOR 11/22, 11/23, 11/24Eg., see Doc. # 17 in File A where Curry on 11/23 tells CBS news that the pic of Oswald holding the rifle "this clinches it."

Doc. " 11 SAC (NO) to File (89-69—54) Maynor called Shanklin to see if NO Office could call off vacuum cleaner search ordered earlier by Hoover. . . Now that Oswald was in the frame,etc. . . .Shanklin told him that Marina told FBI interrogators that

Oswald had a rifle while he was in Russia. . . .In short, jump on this that Oswald was proficient with rifle. . . .Oswald had loan of a shotgun no rifle in Russia. Did this prompt Curry to say “this clinches the case.”?

BATCH “C”

Writing strategy. . . .With “Oswald as Sole Suspect” do I want to let this stand alone in a chapter not yet identified? Or do I want to make this an integral part of Oswald/Lovelady controversy. . . .”The Man in the Doorway.”

1. Hal’s notes on SS Kelley’s WC affidavits. . . .The most noted was 11/24 meeting before Oswald was taken down for transfer and was assassinated. This is reported in his 11/29 dated affidavit. He drew Oswald aside to ask about the assassination. Oswald let on that he would be amenable to this conversation if his lawyer approved.

The point here is that Kelley was never called as a witness before the WC. Hal notes that this was exceptional. . . feels it has something to do with Kelley’s ability to get Oswald to talk to him in civil tones. . . Kelley may have had more to say under oath. . . that the WC did not want to hear

1. Doc. # 2 pressure from Justice on FBI to get out report. . .Nothing new here. . .

3. Hal note as reminder of Caroline Arnold and placing Oswald on 1st floor of TSBD minutes before the shooting. . .I have this in BOT along with the newsman. Allman. . . .Oswald alibis. May need to repeat again. . . perhaps in a endnote. . .

Hal’s point that FBI avoided like death first person statements. FBI preferred writing out the statements (and then to alter them if needed).

4. **From Hal’s Oswald in NO. . . .Makes point about how FBI brushed off comment by Ferrie. . .on 11/27/’63How they would have used this against Oswald if situation were reversed. . .**

5. Doc. says Oswald was taken into custody of Dallas police at 2:00 p.m. CST (I suppose)

6. Follow up on Brennan as start witness and whose description allegedly was the one that informed the Dallas police radio description that went out at 12:45 or thereabouts. . .(Check that time with WCR). Note points out what Dave points out in his Z file book. This cites CE 477 and CE 479

7. Piece by P.D. Scott review of Posner’s “Case Closed” where Scott points out contradictory evidence about Oswald’s movements and whereabouts on 11/22 . Do a careful read.

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8. Hal's WW I raises questions about when the TSBD was sealed. . . if it ever was. Review police officer J. Herbert Sawyer's WC depositions/and Belin's questioning. See Sawyer in Batch "B" Doc.# 1.

9. Batch of witness statements that show that Oswald was not the only employee who left the TSBD and went home without reporting to the police. . .

BATCH "B"

1. Police officer Sawyer and the question about the description of the shooter and the time TSBD was sealed off. . .or not sealed off. Sense is that his source for the description went out over police radio at 12:43 or 12:45. . . The source was Brennen. . . .

!A More on Sawyer. . . .Also attached is Curry's testimony.

2. JD Record of names of FBI and SS agents present at Oswald's interrogations. The point here is that no tape recorder was present during these interrogations. The document lists only 2 interrogations. SS Kelley in WCR in deposition lists three.

3. Howard Roffman File pointing g out that Oswald asked Frazier for ride home on Thurs before the route of the motorcade appeared in the press that morning. This conflict never addressed by WC. Doc. # 3 is files in Howard Roffman File in TD of file cabinet under the copier. . .

4. **1/9/1964 100-10461-2418** Rankin notes that description of the suspect in the shooting went out over police radio at 12:43 P.M. Rankin wanted FBI to check with police for the source of the physical description. Contains the myth that all the employees were in the building except Oswald. . . .This lie was established and became the conventional wisdom when there were no grounds for itPart of putting Oswald in the frame. See attached news stories carrying the same charge that Oswald left the scene; he was the only one. . . .\

5. Patch of news stories with "EVIDENCE" That was not accurate the placed Oswald in the frame. . . .

5. Batch of docs that have been refilled under CD-1 Chronology in Box # 4

6. Greider piece with a good description of the "true nature of govt decision making"

8. Note by me that I check FBI FO Index under Joe Molina. . . who was a FBI suspect

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9. FBI Bookout and Fritz accounts of interviews with Oswald. Especially focus on Oswald and the police line up. . . . Check Bookout's account that it was all out of the book, all normal etc. See Oswald's account in Hal's pages attached from (I suspect) White Wash I. . . See attached sheet for more from Whitewash pp. 75-76
10. another account of Oswald's belligerence. Point here is to match with other accounts of Oswald's composure and resentment about his arrest and charges. . . . See this in the Kelley account of session when he had quiet words with Oswald. Bill White mentions Holmes' account of Oswald confronting Fritz. . . Ex. #4 , XX180; and Holmes Vol. VII 290. . .
11. Gets into whether Oswald said he was a "patsy" or not. . . . Also attached is Holmes' account of Oswald's interchange with Fritz on 11/24 before scheduled transfer to county jail and his assassination by Ruby. Holmes' account is a positive one of Oswald. . . Holmes also includes Oswald explaining to Fritz about the map found in his room. FBI will conclude he was telling the truth in that the map marked out places of possible employment. . . Check this against how the press with police encouragement used this as part of Oswald's planned attack on JFK. See also Doc. # 12 with attachment of Curry's exchange with Rankin where he describes the hallway from Fritz's office to the elevator to take prisoners back to the lockup . . . was it here where Oswald responded that he was a patsy. . . .

THE Map is a good item on how Oswald was tried in the press. Also refer to my file on the Map in File Cabinet under the copier. . .

12. Fritz WC testimony Vol. IV for some chronology of Oswald's arrest and when charged with JFK murder, etc. Also when asked whether Oswald was in the line up and the only one with handcuffs when Helen Markem id him, Fritz could not recall. Check this p. 212 of Vol. 4. . . .

13. Hoover memo 11/22/1963 62-109060-59 Hoover's 4:01 call to Bobby Kennedy where he declares Oswald as one with communist leanings. . . and went to Cuba on several occasions

13A. Several FBI docs reflecting LBJ's unhappiness with the statements out of Dallas from authorities that were trying Oswald in the press. Esp. Fritz and Curry. There is a NY Times story on 11/24 trying Oswald and full or erroneous allegations. **NOTE: ONE OF THE AREAS TO DEVELOP FOR OSWALD AS SOLE SUSPECT IS HOW HE IS TRIED IN THE PRESS BY THE AUTHORITIES. . . BOTH OUTRIGHT AND BY FBI VIA NEWSPAPER SOURCES. . .**

14. KEY POINT: POLICE/FBI/SS QUESTIONED OSWALD FOR 12 HRS AND NEVER (WROTE DOWN ONE LINE OF QUESTIONS) TAKING SHORTHAND NOTES OR BOTHERING GETTING A TAPE RECORDER.

Attached from White Index. . . Oswald exchange with Fritz (as stated by Holmes) indicating that Fritz did take notes.

15. Pierce Allman SS report on Oswald/Allman meeting on 11/22. Allman could not say yes or no to whether it was Oswald who showed him the phone. Attached is statement by Terrance Ford. . . Key to Oswald's story to SS Kelley. . . .

16. Key: Could this explain where the description of the shooter that came from Sawyer at 12:45 ??? Scott suggests that it was the description of Oswald in FBI and CIA files under name of Lee Henry Oswald. It is matched in the FBI file on Lee Harvey Oswald as well. . . This from P.D Scott. . . He makes more of this in Deep Politics II.

17. Two pager on Roffman's piece "When Did Oswald Plan to Shoot JFK?" I should have copy of this 2-sheeter in my Roffman file. .

18. Check with Ted White's "Making of the President" for cites on identity of Oswald that went out over police radio.