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## Oswald in the frame: Chronology 2

### Oswald's Last 46 Hours on Earth

11/22/'63 12:45 CST Dallas time) plane carrying Cabinet members to conference in Tokyo that 3 shots were fired at Kennedy motorcade in Dallas.

Robert Manning of the State Department was on this flight. In short order the Cabinet members learned that Kennedy had died of his wounds.

Manning continued to record the information coming from the White House Situation room. He provides no time but notes that "someone named Oswald was the presumed assassin. . . and he had been in the Soviet Union. [Source: Gerald S. & Deborah Strober, "LET US BEGIN ANEW (PP. 450-51)

Newsman Teddy White and chronicler of Presidential elections noted in his The Making of the President 1964 that during the flight of the Cabinet to Tokyo that there was no conspiracy and that the assassin was Oswald and that he was under arrest. (White had limited access to the flight logs of AF-1 and this was the source of his information).

@ Note that before AF-1 touched down at Andrews A.F. Base about 6:01 EST that FBI agents Sibert and O'Neill had been directed by the Agent in Charge of the Baltimore Office to get to the Bethesda Naval Hosp. and observe the JFK autopsy and prepare a report on the autopsy. Indicates that LBJ was in touch with Hoover while in flight in AF-1 on way back to Washington. (The conventional account is that LBJ did not make contact with Hoover until later that night at about 7:30 or thereabouts. (According to account Hoover would give Wm. Manchester ("Death of a President).

OSWALD IN THE FRAME: THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT : SAC, Dallas to Director, FBI, 1/9/'63 105-82555-1354 (section 64) Dallas Police Inspector J. H. Sawyer who was at the TSBD was approached by right after the shooting and told Sawyer that he had seen the shooter run from the TSBD building and he described him as a

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white male, approximately 30., slender build, 5 Ft. 10", 165 pounds, carrying what looked like a 30 30, or some type of Winchester rifle.

Despite all these somewhat specific facts about the shooter there is not word one about what he was wearing. (Oswald is the man in the frame)

Sawyer, a 23 year veteran on the Dallas police did not get the name of the witness. But once he got this description he broadcasted it to all police units.

Interestingly, the CIA had several files on Oswald and one of the files under the name of "Lee Henry Oswald" included similar vitals as Sawyer received from the alleged witness. Except Oswald probably never in his entire life weighed 165 pounds and was 24 years old not 30 years. At the time of his death he weighed about 130 pounds. (Make note that Dr. Rose's autopsy report Rose did not weight the body). Note according to Dr. Rose 's autopsy report Oswald was 5'9" tall..... . . . Apparently his weight varied (during 1956-1963) between 131 and 135 lbs. The day after his death Oswald's weight was 131 pounds. Doc. 18 in Brennan file)

Ironically, I believe the first newsman to introduce the assassin of JFK was Walter Cronkite and he names the assassin as Lee Henry Oswald." {Cronkite was named as one of the press personalities as being part of the CIA's Mockingbird Projects). @@@@ I will need to explain/see what its my files)

[I think it was David Kaiser who first brought this to public attention].

no Kaiser

Very shortly, the name of the alleged witness and source for the description surfaced. It was Howard Leslie Brennan.

11/22 events moved quickly placing Oswald in the frame. A Police Report notes that Oswald was booked for the murder of Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit at 1:40 p.m. CST and under "other details of the arrest: This man shot and killed President John F. Kennedy . . . and shot and wounded Governor John Connally." [Source:

JFK/Dallas Police Department Collections Records of City of Dallas Municipal Archives, Arrest Report on Investigative Prisoner, 11/22/'63.

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All the pieces of the assassination coming together in record time. For example, SS Agent Roy Kellerman noted that Bobby Kennedy remarked to him while they were enroute to Bethesda Naval Hospital (about 7:00 P.M. ) Bobby said to the agent “. . . did you hear they caught the fellow who did it.” Zimmerman Collection, ARRB , RG 541, Box 1. NARA.

#### #####Interrogation of Oswald/and Murder of Oswald

After his arrest Oswald was brought to Captain Will Fritz's office. At 4:05 he faced his first line up. (Make case here: Oswald was almost always no. 2 in line ups and he appeared in the T-shirt he wore to work that day and he had a mouse over his left eye and a bruise over the right side of his face the other men in the line-up were in shirts and generally neatly dressed. Oswald protested this but to no avail.

He faced 2 more line ups on 11/22. . . .Finally after 1:30 A.M. on 11/23 he was arraigned for the murder of President Kennedy.

I have to add here that Mr. Brennan witnessed at least 2 of these line ups but could not identify Oswald as the man he saw as the sniper in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor SE window of the TSBD were the shots were alleged to have originated.

(#) Use w/ MS chapter only) Example of FBI altering testimony. Both Frazier saying that package Oswald carried to work on 11/22 was big enough to hold a rifle broken down. Frazier never said that. . . And Dougherty was said to “recall only vaguely seeing Oswald” on 11/22 (not entering the building. This was directly contrary to what Dougherty testified that he saw Oswald enter the building and he had no package in his hands (BOT cite). Doc. # 10 in Oswald in frame). Be sure to check out Meagher's 4 pages on interrogation by Fritz in “Accessories.”

Key doc. \*\*#22A docs indicating that SS had a tape recorder. Provide other citations confirming this assertion.Doc. 23 A Hal notes on interrogation w/o (alleged) any tape recording. That a police stenographer was one of the persons entering the room where the interrogations took place. (Source) ? He notes that Oswald in the framethe failure of the WC to look into this classic malpractice in



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the murder of a president was a scandalous piece of negligence and another crowning piece of neglect and shortcomings in its report.

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Doc. 5 Lawyer Levy (Houston Lawyer) 4/12/'64 in The Dallas Times Herald charges that Oswald had been "nailed to the cross." \*\*\* use w/ future chpt on Oswald's last 46 hours. Doc. 22 \*\*\*\* Stern & Ely to Rankin, 4,13, 1964 RG 200, Rankin Papers, Folder 291, box 18, NARA note on p. 3 where they cite Comm. Doc. No.81b, pages 136a-138e contain Fritz's NOTES prepared after interview sessions. . . .Fritz slipshod (and a lie) explanation of why he operated in this fashion. . .all BS but might want to use. Fritz noted that Oswald had to handled calmly. Fritz said he was "not a nut." The only exception here was Lee's outburst against Hosty accusing him of abusing Marina. . . Then the piece de resistance: "Fritz wishes that the interrogation sessions had been recorded. He had asked, unsuccessfully, for a tape recorder in his last two annual reports." Point here is that this incredible explanation went without any recorded response from the Warren Commission. Here was the crime of the century and the sole suspect in the case under 12 hours of interrogation and all we have are a few pages of Fritz's notes. (I need to play this up in Chapter/ hard assed writing required). Doc. 6 Commission staffer John Hart Ely, 4/3/'64 to Samuel A. Rankin Papers, RG200, Box 17, folder 283, Stern notes he notes that the duration of interrogation on 11/22 (he has 12 hrs/but that was total). . . .must have been close to 8 hours. . . ."was or could be regarded as coercion." Doc. 7 Hal's notes on Kelley and Oswald and notes especially Kelley's session w/ Oswald on 11/24. . . . But he and Oswald had a civil exchange and Oswald noted that once he had a lawyer, if the lawyer was agreeable, he would speak frankly with Kelley. Doc. 16) Oswald also agreed to a polygraph once he had counsel. Maybe here where I can use what I had about Kelley in BOT. Oswald was the guy who directed the news men (Allman)to the

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phones. . .Doc. 8 p. 3 lists all the PD personnel who were in the basement during the planned transfer. The number according to Revill was 64. FBI file 44-1639-1A , 12/16/'63 Doc. 2 There were 9 SS men at interrogations of Oswald. Doc. # 16 Rosen to Belmont 12/6/'63, 62-109060-1868 . FBI meaningless ENDEAVORS. Here is recorded FBI interviewing of all Dallas cops in basement when Oswald was murdered. At this point interviewed 98 Dallas cops. Some 150 news reporters were in the basement. HOW TO USE: Compare with FBI's failure to interview any of the bike jockies who were part of the motorcade. (Ease into patrolman Jackson and this issue). . .Doc. 6 Ian Griggs piece on Harry D. Holmes esp. p. 2 final interrogation of Oswald which he was invited to sit in on. Also attached Hal's notes on Holmes. Doc. # 16 Holmes' statement re: interview with Oswald on 11/24. Doc. 13 Will Fritz's affidavit, deposition, and testimony locations cited. Doc. 7 Rankin to Sam A. Stern, March 6/1964 RG 200, box 7, Folder 108 Rankin Papers, NARA, . . .he notes that Oswald thought that his private conversations with Marina, Robert, and mother were being recorded. Doc. 4 RG 200, Rankin Records, Box 11, folder 193 NARA, Robert Lee Oswald's handwritten memorandum of 11/24/'63 in his Diary of January 13 and 19t, 1964. After Lee's death Marina, Margarete, and Robert were whisked off in a car by SS agents to the Inn of Six Flags, Arlington, Texas. After they had eaten, Robert noted that the 2 SS agents grilled Marina on tape recorder for several hours (p. 21); Doc. 3 S.A. tern & J.H. Ely to Rankin, RG 200, Rankin Papers, Box 18, folder 292, these staffers insist that Oswald was interrogated on 11/22 for 12 hours. . . . Doc. 3A Mae Brussell's piece "Last Words of LHO." (I did not read. But I will review piece). Doc. # 1 Account by David Flick of the Dallas Morning News [dflick@dallasnews.com](mailto:dflick@dallasnews.com) 11/22/2007 account by the two police officers Richard M. Sims and Elmer "Sonny" Boyd who escorted Oswald through the police station from interrogation to interrogation. Whenever Oswald was outside his cell they were with. They reported: The iconic image of LHO raised fist—interpreted by press and others as symbol of Communist solidarity. . . Both Boyd and Sims explained it was simply Oswald was reacting to the jostling crowd of newsmen in the hallway. . .p. 2. Most of the time he was a model prisoner. He gave them no trouble at all. On the

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transfer of Oswald on Sunday. Both Sims and Boyd were working late on Sunday morning (at about 3:00 A.M. ) and both agreed that was the time to move Oswald to the county jail. P. 2 bottom of p. for exact quote. They noted that the press knew everything about the move: where he was going to be moved and when. It was in the press and on TV. \*\*\* Some excellent material here from close in sources. \*\*\* Doc. 12 Note: Fritz WC testimony in Vol. IV . . .will want to review.\*\*\*\*Loaded stuff. P. 212 comments on LHO's first "show up" or line up. Helen Markham who id him as the Tippit shooter was there at the 4:45 line up. Oswald was No. 2 in line. He was dressed in a T shirt; he had a "mouse" over his left eye and a bruise on the right side of his face. And was the only one in the line up with handcuffs. Fritz could not say one way or another. P. 212. (Markham was as scattered as possible. She needed extreme prompting to id Oswald). For chapter might want to review Meagher on Markham's iding Oswald. Oswald had three line ups on 11/22. . .(p. 217 of Fritz testimony). Note shift. Doc. 12 Vol. 4 Hearings has Curry q/a session. Rankin asks Curry if he any tapes of the interrogation of Oswald. He said he did not have any. Perhaps the FBI or SS did but he did not know. (p. 153)\*\*\*\* good stuff. Doc. 9 James W. Bookout WC Vol. 7 4/8/'64 notes LHO's condition when brought in for line ups. "one eye swollen and a scratch mark on his forehead." (p. 309). Oswald complained that he was the only one in the lineup w/o a jacket like the others. He was in his dirty t-shirt. Bookout said he (and Hosty) destroyed their notes of the line up after they made their report. This proved a lie when Hosty's book on Oswald came out. (Need to check this source). Note: despite all this Brennan failed to pick him out at the line up. ....Read Hal's account of the line ups.

Finally, see attached file "Threats to Kill Oswald" for Hoover's immediate response to Oswald's own assassination. He is highly critical of the Dallas PD. Worth a close review.

#####Treatment of Brennan's testimony: Segregated docs featuring Belin and Ball's championing Brennan as the "star" of the whole production.



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Note\*\*\* Rankin to Hoover 11/28/'64 RG 200, Rankin Papers, Box 22, folder 348, Rankin hits on the whole business of Brennan's role in the conviction of Oswald. Rankin hits the nail here: Two explanations, he notes, that Brennan is both credited with providing the description that Sawyer sent out on the police radio. . .seeing the assassin leaving the building with rifle. . . . and the Brennan that Belin and Ball champion as the guy who saw Oswald firing from the 6<sup>th</sup> floor window of the TSBD. . . . If that was the case then why didn't the police make a bee line for the 6<sup>th</sup> floor SE corner window area when entering the building. . .

Also 19C Rankin to Hoover 7/24/'64 RG 65, Box 116, 62-109060-8307x, bulky part 8, folder 170 NARA, Rankin raises troubling inconsistencies in Brennan's account of the shooting. .

14. FBI Hoover to Rankin 8/3/'64 Hoover to Rankin RG 272, Box 24, entry 44, office files of Howard Willens, NARA (Commission Exhibit 1437) graph indicates that Brennan was 120.2 ft. away from 6<sup>th</sup> floor SE corner window when he alleges what he saw. Note SAC, Dallas to Director, 1/9/'64 105-82555-1354 (section 64) Here we have the concoction that Oswald was only missing employee from TSBD after shooting (says Fritz). Here Fritz trashes Sawyer's account of identifying the subject on p. 2. Fritz does not buy Sawyer's explanation (of course not, it made no sense). . .But . . . .Time for a new accounting: Now Fritz's Brennan is the guy who spotted Oswald firing gun at JFK and was the source of all the description of the shooter from eyeballing him from 90 feet away . . .

Note: Clay said that Brennan had cataracts(?) Source this. I need to get to Wrone's book to check on this. Brennan was never able to pick Oswald out of a line up. Check Wrone on Brennan's eyesight. . .14

WC Report notes that Brennan saw the shooter "from the waist up." Cite pixs in WCR Exhibits 477 on p. 62; Exhibits C & D on pp. 66-7; Exhibit 887 on p. 99; exhibit 887 on p. 99; ex. 485 on p. 69; exhibits C & D on pp. 66-67\*\*\*\* all key making point that Brennan could not have seen any more of the shooter than his waist because of sun on dirty windows. . .Exhibit 887 on p. 99 has Shaneyfelt w/

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rifle and camera. . . He is kneeling, , Brennan's account on 11/23/'63 105-82555-505 (section 21) Here Brennan cites Oswald as the shooter. . .p. 13 he noted that he attended a line up on 11/22 ". . .but could not identify Oswald as the person he saw fire the rifle." All of this was written by FBI agents Thompson and Lish. . .No idea what Brennan actually said. . .

Brennan's statement to Notary Public C.Jones on 11/22/'63 DMARC [Dallas Municipal Archive and Records Center]Box 5, folder 02, 1274-001 here is Brennan's formal statement. . .It is entirely different from Sawyer's account of man approaching him w/ details of the crime. . .\*\*\* Make note. This statement was made on 11/22 same time as Sawyer's account. . .

Note 2 Bill Kelly account July 25, 2010 of Brennan and Belin WC testimony. .. Also attached from Brennan's own book "Eyewitness to History (Texas Press, WACO, 1987, with Edward Cherry Holmes\*\*\* Note/ Review. . .

To the point: Oswald's statement on 11/22 as he was being taken by Fritz for another interrogation .. Lee spoke out and said he had not shot any one that "He was a patsy." We never hear any more about this from FBI or the Commissioners. (A

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But we hear this all the time. 14A Reports by police who were at Texas Theatre when Oswald was arrested. The officer who first grappled with Oswald in the theatre was M.N. McDonald. . .Officer W.R. Westbrook (Capt. Of Police) in his report notes that Detective Bob Carroll. . .Carroll said Oswald said several words "that cannot be recalled with the exception of "Police Brutality" and "I have done nothing." 62-109060-EBF -18 P. 23); Detective Bob Carroll (p. 16) notes that when they were taking the prisoner out of the theatre there was a crowd in front of the movie house yelling, "Yelling kill the dirty SOB." M.H. McDonald account where he states that as he was telling "the suspect" to get up from his seat Oswald said "Well, it's all over now." 62-109060-2074 EBF-12 Point: No other officer or detective reported hearing Oswald make that remark. (14A). See 20. See also 22B Redlich somewhat suspicious about the alleged comment by Oswald when



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McDonald confronted him in the Texas Theatre "It's all over." Redlich tasks Liebler w/ trying to get confirmation from other officers at the scene. Clearly, he is suspicious. . .

### Subsection: Belin (Ball) defends Brennan to the last. See items 20, 20A, 18A, Doc #2 FBI report notes that Brennan volunteered that his optometrist that he was far sighted. . . 89-43-136 Lish to SAC, Dallas, 11/22/'63. Lish notes that B failed to positively id Oswald in a line up as "person standing in the window with a rifle, but that of all the persons in the lineup he most closely resembled the man he observed with the rifle." Where: running from the TSBD or standing at the window??? (All crap). Doc. 4 SAC, Dallas to Director 3/30/'64 105-82555-3020 (section 124) Notes here that (p. 2) the first still photo of Oswald appeared on Ass. Press was shown "sometime around 3:00 P.M. on 11/22/'63. Doc. # 9 Hal notes at no time when Brennan viewed line up did he identify Oswald 3H147-148;

see also Brennan 3H154 Brennan tells McCloy he did not see rifle flash or recoil. Reports waffling on Brennan as "star witness" (like Marina). . . R 144 says that his description "most probably" led to description broadcast by police. R. p 5 \*\*\*\* quality. Doc. 6 Ball chimes into HSCA 12/18/1978 on "watering down of Brennan's credibility." (precious); file 8 Hal on more of Brennan's preposterous testimony. .6 credit Ed Tatro who pointed out that CE 477 and CE 479 has Brennan looking at the JFK limo in the Z film (was this on cover of Bugliosi's book)? Check.

\*\*\*\*Key doc. #7 Griffith to Conrad 12/10/'63 62-10906-1775 notes that Bronson film was examined in laboratory . . . and no images could be "interpreted as an individual or individuals were found in any of these exposures." (I think there were 90 plus exposures.) On 12/2 SA Frederick E. Webb took roll of film to Navy Photographic Interpretation Center at Suitland, MD. The findings at the Center were the same as the FBI's lab findings." (case closed: No one at the 6<sup>th</sup> floor SE corner window. No shot from the so-called "sniper's nest." Add here Belmont to Tolson re: Oswald according to paraffin tests did not fire a rifle (see copy in Key Docs. folder).

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XXXXXXXXX Oswald Only One Missing from TSBD after Shooting.

Doc. 1 FBI file 62-109060-2720-EBF notes some 72 employees who were at work in the TSBD on 11/22. Doc. 20 Statement from O. V. Campbell (pick up cite at bottom of page if used). Truly came up to him and said "one of the employees was missing, a man named Oswald." (All sounds like a setup) . Doc. 16 This is a doc. about the chicken bones on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. (one of several); Doc. 15 62-109060-1211, section 15. . .There are 15 reenactments getting Oswald from 6<sup>th</sup> floor to front of TSBD. Doc. 2 account by Spear of role Givens played in the framing of Oswald being on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor by Pat Spear who notes Sawyer's WC testimony 4H315-325. . . where he credits Givens w/ testimony that Oswald was on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor (at or about 12:25. . .check the alleged time). Doc. 4 Shanklin to File 100-10461-2418, 1/9/64 Notes that Rankin wants to know how Police got description out so fast about Oswald (at 12:43). . .Malley added that (non sequitar) that Oswald was the only worker in building who had left w/o reporting to police. . .\*\*\*See attached press stories by Dudman 11/26/'63 St. Louis Post Dispatch that a muster of employees revealed that Oswald was the only missing employee; also 4B Kent Biffle story in Dallas Morning News 11/23 notes "that an employee [no name] and he was gone. . . .Oswald only absent employee fiction . . Point here is that the lie was circulated. . . Doc. 10 Mark Bridger's Key article on this matter\*\*\*\*\*

Points he makes: TSBD housed many different employers. . . .Truly's responsibility was with a staff of a dozen or so of the 72 employees in the building on 11/22. . . .He had no knowledge (could not expect to have) of the other 60 or so employees in the building that day. There were many employees absent from the building after the shooting. Some of these were outside at the time of the shooting and when the building was sealed off they were not permitted back in. There was no legitimate evidence of any Depository "roll call" ever happening.. He notes that Truly did see Oswald some 2 minutes after the shooting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (along w/ officer Baker[note: the only bike jockey the FBI ever questioned).