

Significant Points

Ruby apparently was in debt, and had to pay cash for his ads in the Dallas News for that reason...He said that he owed the government "quite a bit of money..."

Re access to Dallas Jail, Ruby said that he went there on Friday night after the assassination and that it was the first time he ever entered the building..."the first time of that Friday." Not clear if he means the first occasion or the first time on that particular day. He was familiar enough with the officials, however, to be able to identify Chief Curry, Captain Fritz and Henry Wade to the reporters.

His story that he was greatly disturbed by the full-page ad inserted in the Dallas News (?) by Bernard Weissman seems inconsistent with his general attitudes and preoccupations.

Note Ruby's encounter with police officer ^{OLSEN} ~~Harry Olsen~~ and his girl-friend Kathy Kay (who worked for Ruby's club), in which "they talked and they carried on, and they thought I was the greatest guy in the world, and he stated they should cut this guy inch by inch into ribbons, and so on...they kept me from leaving. They were constantly talking and were in a pretty dramatic mood. They were crying and carrying on..."

Later, "I want to tell the truth, and I can't tell it here. I can't tell it here. Does that make sense to you?"

"Boys, I am in a tough spot. I tell you that."

"But this isn't the place for me to tell what I want to tell." He then asks or rather indicates that he would like to talk to Warren in private. States, "Gentlemen, my life is in danger here," and adds (apparently) that the danger is not that of execution of his death sentence.

States that he may not live tomorrow to give further testimony and urges that this, like his previous remarks, be accepted as rational and authentic. He wants to give "the truth of everything and why my act was committed but it can't be said here." Suggests that if he continues speaking his life will be in (greater) danger.

Refers to John Birch Society and to Major-General Edwin Walker ("is one of the top men of this organization"), saying "Unfortunate for me, for me giving the people the opportunity to get in power, because of the act I committed, has put a lot of people in jeopardy with their lives..." Then asks "Would you rather I just delete what I said and just pretend that nothing is going on." Clearly he is suggesting that he was involved in a conspiracy to seize power from the Kennedy Administration.

Later Ruby states "...I never knew Lee Harvey Oswald..." after detailing long and confused story about his visit to Cuba and his relations with one McWillie and also with Ray Brantley and Phil Bureson re purchase of guns (for Cuba?Castro?)

Later, says repeatedly that the John Birch Society and others believe that he, Ruby, was in "the plot to assassinate our President."

States that he never knew Bernard Weisman; when asked if he knew Officer Tippit, replies that there were three policemen on the force with that name and that he knew one of them, but not the one murdered on 22 November. When asked about alleged meeting in his cafe between Weisman, Tippit and rich oil man, replies with question "Who was the rich oil man?"

States, "I am the one that made such a big issue of Bernard Weisman's ad. Maybe you do things to cover up, if you are capable of doing it."

When told that Mark Lane had refused to reveal his source of information regarding the alleged meeting in Ruby's cafe because of a confidential relationship, Ruby commented:

"Isn't that foolish? If a man is patriotic enough in the first place, who am I to be concerned if he wasn't (was?) an informer. I am incarcerated, nothing to be worried about anyone hurting me."

At this point Warren indicates that he felt obliged to ask about the alleged meeting with Weisman et al, for the record, and that he considered that Ruby had answered the question. Ruby however did not consider the question closed and asked "How many days prior to the assassination was that?", apparently referring to the date of the alleged meeting.

Later, refers to Mark Lane as "the attorney that was killed in New York..." and Warren/Rankin clarify that Lane is alive. Ruby, "There was one Lane that was killed in a taxicab. I thought he was an attorney in Dallas." Warren replies, "That was a Dave Lane." Question: Was the wrong Lane shot? Subsequently Ruby refers to a dinner with a prominent attorney in Dallas, McCord, and a dinner at a Chinese restaurant at which "there was an attorney present by the name of Leon. Is he associated with McCord? And there was a McClain." Warren replies, quick as a flash, "Alfred was killed in a taxi in New York." Question: Who was "Alfred"? and how come Warren was able to have on the tip of his tongue knowledge of these two killings, Dave Lane and "Alfred"?)

What is the significance of the allegation, denied by Ruby, that he visited the Parkland Hospital ("subsequent to the assassination")?

When asked the reasons for his fears for his and his family's lives, says "some persons are accusing me falsely of being part of the plot..." and when asked by Rankin if he meant a part to the plot of Oswald (not clear if Rankin meant plot against Oswald or in collusion with Oswald), replies "That I was party to a plot to silence Oswald." Subsequently says "...the people that have the power here, they have a different verdict. They already have me as the accused assassin of our beloved President..."
Note: Throughout Ruby shows repeated concern that he is considered responsible for the death of Kennedy---spends little energy justifying his murder of Oswald and shows no remorse re Oswald.

Continuing, shows deep concern that his killing of Oswald should not be equated with the assassination of Kennedy, saying "...certain falsehoods that have been said about me to other people, the John Birch Society, I am as good as guilty as the accused assassin of President Kennedy. How can you remedy that Mr. Warren?...Bill Decker said be a man and speak up. I am making a statement now that I may not live the next hour when I walk out of this room..."

Re John Birch Society, Ruby states that unfortunately Warren does not have all the information he, Ruby, has on the subject, "because it is too late. And I wish that our beloved President, Lyndon Johnson, would have delved deeper into the situation, hear me, not to accept just circumstantial facts about my guilt or innocence, and would have questioned to find out the truth about me before he relinquished certain powers to these certain people." When Warren indicates that he is not clear on what Ruby means re powers relinquished, Ruby replies:

"I want to say this to you. The Jewish people are being exterminated at this moment. Consequently, a whole new form of government is going to take over our country, and I know I won't live to see you another time..." "...But it is a very serious situation. I guess it is too late to stop it, isn't it?..."

To Congressman Ford's question, "Is there anything more you can tell us if you went back to Washington?" Ruby replies, "Yes. Are you sincere in wanting to take me back?" and "...maybe something can be saved. It may not be too late, whatever happens, if our President...Johnson, knew the truth about me. But if I am eliminated, there won't be any way of knowing...I am the only one that can bring out the truth to our President ...But he has been told, I am certain, that I was part of a plot to assassinate the President. I know your hands are tied; you are helpless ...No. The only way you can do it (i.e., protect Ruby's people) is if he knows the truth, that I am telling the truth, and why I was down in that basement Sunday morning, and maybe some sense of decency will come out and they can still fulfill their plan, as I stated before, without my people going through torture and mutilation...I have been used for a purpose...All I want is a lie detector test, and you refuse to give it to me...because I want to tell the truth..."