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Memorandum for Esquire re
Some Unusual Events

WARREN REYNOLDS
and BETTY MACDONALD

Saw man flee from scene of Tippit killing.
Man had gun in his hand. Would not say the
man was Oswald when interviewed by FBI agents
according to FBI report. Reynolds shot through
the head. Man arrested, charged with attempting
to kill Reynolds was released when he secured an
alibi witness - BETTY MACDONALD. She was a
former stripper at Ruby's club. She made statement
to Dallas police and suspect was released. She
was arrested within 48 hours for fighting with
her room mate, room mate not arrested. Her body
found in Dallas jail within one hour of her ar-
rival there. Police say she hung herself.
Reynolds recovered. Lived in a state of
terror -lights around his house, big watch dog,
never went out at night. Then testified that
he believed the man was Oswald.

MEETING AT RUBY'S
APARTMENT - NOV 24

Present two of Ruby's lawyers, Tom Hoard and Jim Martin. Also Ruby's room mate, George Senator and two reporters, Jim Koethe, Dallas Times Herald and Bill Hunter. Senator said he was afraid to go to the apartment. Was induced to go there for the meeting, the afternoon just after Ruby killed Oswald. Senator refused to sleep there that night. Has since left Dallas. Howard died. Heart attack. Koethe was killed. Strangled in his apartment in Dallas, karate chop to the throat. Case unsolved. Hunter shot to death by a police officer in a police station in California.

LINCOLN-MERCURY
AGENCY INCIDENT

Did Oswald wish to purchase a car just before the assassination? The Commission said no. Albert Bogard, a car salesman said Oswald had. Pizzo, his supervisor, and Brown, another salesman, offered confirmation. I filmed interviews with Pizzo and Brown. They said that they were very reluctant since obviously some one does not want the story known. They cited the deaths of the reporters in general and the terrible beating that had been given to Bogard by known Dallas hoodlums. Bogard, after being released from the hospital, left town. We were unable to locate him.

TIPPIT MURDER WITNESSES
CLEMONS, BENAVIDES and
MARKHAM

These are the only three witnesses to the murder of Tippit. The Commission denied that Mrs Clemons existed. I have conducted a filmed interview with her. She said two men, one short and heavy, the other the gunman, were involved in the killing. She was told by a man, presumably she said a Dallas police officer, he wore a gun, that is she talked about what she saw to anyone, even the Warren Commission, she might be killed. The Commission never called her.

Domingo Benavides was the closest person to the Tippit killing, fifteen feet from the killer. He was never taken to lineup to see Oswald - he had told the police that the killer was short, had bushy hair. Commission explained this lapse by stating that Benavides was not sure he could identify the killer - that is why he was not taken to lineup. Of course that is the purpose of lineup ordinarily. I interviewed him in Lancaster Texas. He told me that he could have identified the killer, that he had told that to the Dallas police and he agreed to a filmed interview for the next morning.

That night two Dallas detectives, homicide squad, came looking for me. Found deAntonio, I was out looking for more witnesses. They said that Benavides would not be there next morning, he wasn't, and that they had begun an investigation into our activities.

Mrs Markham said that the Tippit killer was short, stocky had bushy hair. (Oswald was medium height, almost painfully thin, with thin and receding hair line) After thorough questioning she changed her story, identified Oswald as the killer. Her son told an investigator that she had lied. The next day another son was arrested by the Dallas police, charged with robbery and he "jumped" from a window in an attempted escape. Mrs Markham and her family have not been heard from since regarding the Tippit murder.

TIPPIT AND RUBY Harold Williams, employed as a chef at a Neiman Marcus restaraunt, was arrested two weeks before the assassination by Officer Tippit. In the front seat, going along for a joy ride, was Jack Ruby. The Commission had found that Ruby and Tippit did not know each other. Williams told his story about, was picked up by the police and told he would be charged with a crime if he ever repeated the Tippit-Ruby story. Williams told me this in a filmed interview.

Nancy Rich, formerly a bartender for Ruby told me that she had seen Tippit and Ruby together more than once. This was in a filmed interview in Maine - she is now an owner of the Hamilton stables at Lewiston Raceway. She told the Commission that she too had been threatened before she testified.

RUBY AT THE
HOSPITAL

Wilma Tice testified that Ruby was at the Parkland Hospital when the President's death was announced. Although she was corroborated by Seth Kantor, Scripps Howard Washington correspondent, the Commission accepted Ruby's denial that he was there. As soon as she was invited to testify Mrs Tice received a series of threatening phone calls, "It would pay you to keep your mouth shut", she told the Commission. Her doors were barricaded from the outside in the middle of one night, her phone rang and then her doorbell rang. Hysterically she called the police.

LOVELADY

PHOTOGRAPH

A photographer went from Fort Worth to Dallas to photograph Billy Lovelady, the man in the doorway allegedly. According to the Herald Tribune he was arrested by the police without cause, his film taken from him and he was ordered to leave Dallas at once. He did. No picture.

NELSON DELGADO was with Oswald in the Marine Corps. He testified and also told us in a film interview that the FBI agents were angry when he told them that Oswald was a very poor rifle shot - Delgado fired with him on the range. He said that the FBI agents argued with him, insulted him in order to get him to change his story. Delgado was on his way to Viet Nam, we questioned him just before he left.

DEAN ANDREWS is a New Orleans lawyer. Had met Oswald and gave testimony of a non-conforming nature. Said to the Commission that the FBI hounded him, "like the plague, eternal, never ending" until he permitted them to say that his truthful statements were inaccurate. He said he could not permit a filmed interview as he had "checked with Washington" and had been "ordered not to talk".

STEPHEN WILSON vice president of major publishing house in Depository building. Told the FBI that the shots did not come from above him and the left (the famous 6th floor window - he was on the 4th floor) but from below and west - the railroad yards. Never called as a witness. Afraid to talk for the camera he said, for the FBI will return and be onto him for weeks. "I have a bad heart as it is" he said.

JEAN HILL a Dallas public school teacher testified that the Secret Service tried to influence her to change her testimony as to the number of shots fired and the origin of the shots. She was perhaps the closest spectator to the President - said there were 4-6 shots, came from grassy knoll, not Depository. She declined a filmed interview, "My principal said no". She said. "Look I know the Warren report is all wrong, I was there, but I am just afraid to say anything. Did you know that Roy Vaughn, the police officer who let Ruby into the basement has moved just next door to me."

WILLIAM WHALEY taxi driver, allegedly drove Oswald from the scene. Told several different and conflicting stories. Died in a violent automobile accident. First death for taxi company in 30 years.

EARLENE ROBERTS houskeeper where Oswald lived. Testified that a police car stopped in front of rooming house on Nov 22, between assassination and Tippit's death and just when Oswald was in the house. Car stopped, hooted horn twice, as if giving a signal, and then drove off. Oswald then left the house. Mrs Roberts left her job. No reporter could find her (check with Penn Jones) she is now dead. Heart attack.

PENN JONES editor of Midlothian Mirror, Midlothian Texas just a few miles from Dallas. Most active investigator on the local scene. Writes an article a week attacking Commission findings. Has been threatened by a former police officer, allegedly carry^{ing} the threat from the Dallas police - to drop the whole matter. He was awarded the medal for courage or some such thing by the Illinois school of Journalism I believe after his office was fire bombed and he stayed on to oppose bigotry. He is an excellent source of data. He tried to see Mrs Roberts and others.

Even if all of the events are unrelated and co-incidental they tend to establish a fear to speak freely in the minds of the witnesses and tend to discourage non-conforming testimony. Since the Commission never really grappled with this series of un-solved crimes it did little to reassure the witnesses. The orders issued by the Dallas Police, the FBI and the Secret Service to witnesses - "don't talk", didn't help much. Marina herself told the Commission (she was held in custody for months and permitted to see almost on one other than FBI agents) that she had believed her husband to be innocent at first and that the FBI agents in effect threatened her with deportation if she did not cooperate.

The NY Times reported that witnesses were not talking, evidently on orders. According to a Secret Service report a witness, employed by the shop where the alleged assassination weapon was purchased, refused to talk to agents of the US Secret Service since the FBI agents who had arrived there first had ordered him not to talk to "anyone."