

Saturday noon
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Dear David,

Well, I have survived my first week here, and have managed to get hold of a manual typewriter, which is a great relief.

I have read the Jim Underwood interview, Phil Vinson's interesting recollections of the schoolboy Oswald (how that must have annoyed the WC and Jenner, who if I recall took Vinson's testimony), and the AP news item about the clothing purchases.

The AP story appeared contemporaneously in either the NY Times or the NY Post or both. The NY Times, now that I think about it, because I remember re-reading the story on the microfilm viewer at the UN Library, which stocks only the Times. I was alert for any follow-up on this intriguing press story at the time that I first read the 26 volumes, and subsequently when I got some CDs from the Archives.

At no time did the WC attempt to investigate this important report of Oswald's movements en route to Mexico. The Dallas Police were never asked whether a receipt from the Laredo clothing store was in fact found on Oswald or among his possessions; the FBI was never asked to corroborate the alleged attempt to trace Oswald's movements in Laredo; yet the story is specific enough to include the expenditure of \$32.00, which does not figure in the phoney reconstruction of Oswald's finances in the appendix in the WR.

Nor does the WR attempt to dismiss the incident under "Speculations and Rumors."

The intriguing question is, why this absolute blackout on a wire service story that was widely read and noted? I did not deal with this in ACCESSORIES, partly because I was attacking what was actually in the WR and the H & E to show the total falsification of Oswald's movements by the WC (although I did mention the equally blacked-out press report from the NY Post that Oswald was seen in a Dallas bus depot during the period of the supposed Sylvia Odio visit).

If you intend to dig into this, it might be interesting to ask the Archives if they have any CDs on the Laredo clothing purchases; and, if not, to write direct to J. Edgar and see what kind of gobbledegook he sends in reply. I wonder if Penn Jones or the others in or near Texas ever tried to get further dope on this?

Boston is very isolated from the real world, for those of us who are confined to the Prudential Center complex for the Health Assembly. The daily routine is such that we either don't get the newspapers, or don't have time to read them. But I do get radio news and sometimes TV news programs, and am having the New Orleans States-Item delivered to me here for the month. It will be a mitzvah (good deed, in case you are a pagan) to write me or send me those lovely sets of documents. Eighteen more days to go, and then New York. How glad I will be to get on that plane. All the best,

Sylvia