

Hodge ...so several other people came in on the elevator and this fellow who turned out to be Jack Ruby was right up against me and he turned around and he said, "Hello, there, Hodge, how are you getting along?" and shook hands, and I looked at him and I knew I knew him but it didn't dawn on me who he was. I couldn't think of his name although it had been 3 or 4 years since I'd seen him...He said, "What are you doing up here?" ...and I said, "They've got me arrested"--just like that...I felt that would be all of it--I didn't want to tell him why or go into any details as to what I was doing up there because it wasn't none of his business, and he said, "You're kidding. You fellows don't have him arrested, do you?"

Hubert Who did ~~x~~ he say that to?

Hodge To the two detectives. He said, "You fellows don't have Hodge arrested, do you?" And, they just laughed--they didn't answer back, and he turned around to me and he said, "What do you know about it?" And I said, "It's a long story." By that time he was at the main floor, so he gets off on the main floor and we go on to the basement and move my car and these two detectives escort me back ~~mm~~ up to Captain Fritz's office. We went back in there, waded back through these TV cameras back into his office, and Mr Baker--I didn't even know it was Baker until today, and he called me and told me, he said, "Mr Hodge, I'm the man that took you from Captain Fritz's office up to the fourth floor and showed you the guns," and when I looked at them, I said, "I'd never seen those guns before," and so that was all of it and I left. (15H 498)

Hubert Did the police seem to know Ruby, that is, the ones who were escorting you?

Hodge They just laughed--that's all that was said. They never answered him. (15H 499)

Hodge Well, now, yesterday and today I called Captain Fritz and also Mr Baker and they both promised to get the names of those two detectives that took me downstairs on that elevator and get them to verify the fact that--

Hubert That Ruby was there?

Hodge Yes; that Jack Ruby was there, and that he said those words, and I didn't recognize Jack Ruby on that elevator...

Hubert Have you heard from Captain Fritz about who those two men were?

Hodge No; he hasn't called me...Baker called this morning. He said, "I'm the one that ~~mm~~ took you from Captain Fritz's office up to the fourth floor..." and he said, "I'll find out who the two boys were that escorted you back down to the basement to move your ~~mm~~ car"... (15H 500-501)

Hubert ...Baker said he would try to find out who the other two men were and let you know, but he has not done so up until now; is that right?

Hodge That's right.

Hubert ...it was after you got the letter from Mr Rankin asking you to appear here today that it occurred to you that you ought to have the names of those men so that you could tell me those names if I asked you about it; is that correct? ~~mm~~

Hodge That's ~~mm~~ correct. (15H 502)