

Notes on CDs dealing with the Tippit murder

(Meagher 7/6/70)

Scoggins told B. Odum on 11/23/63 that he had picked LHO out of a police lineup and that he was positive that LHO was the individual who did the shooting (CD 5 p 76). On 11/25/63 Scoggins told FBI agent R.T. Rabideau --after viewing a photo of LHO--that he could not be sure the person he had observed was actually identical with LHO (CD 5 p 77).

Helen Markham on 11/22/63 told B. Odum that the Tippit killer was "a white male, about 18, black hair, red complexion, wearing black shoes, tan jacket, and dark trousers" (CD 5 p 79).

FBI report by R.C. Lish dated 11/29/63 states that records of Dudley M. Hughes Funeral Home reflect that Tippit was pronounced dead at 1:25 p.m. at Methodist Hospital by Dr. Liguori (CD 5 p 82).

Harold Russell told 2 FBI agents on 1/21/64 that he had been with L.J. Lewis and Pat Patterson when the Tippit killer ran by. Russell positively identified a photo of LHO (CD 385 p 88). However, L.J. Lewis on the same date advised the same 2 FBI agents that because of the distance from which he had observed the suspect, he would hesitate to state whether he was identical with LHO (CD 385 p 89). B.M. Patterson, interviewed on 1/22/64, did identify photo of LHO as the individual he had observed running south on Patton with a weapon in his hand. (CD 385 p 90)

Robert Brock on 1/22/64 told 2 FBI agents that a "police officer, name unknown, had located a jacket underneath a 1964 Oldsmobile which was parked in parking space # 17." Brock was shown a photo of LHO but advised that he could not positively identify same as being identical with the individual who had passed him at the Texaco service station (CD 385 p 92). Mary Brock on the same date did identify a photo of LHO as the same person she had observed on 11/22/63 (CD 385 p 93).

Francis Kinneth on 1/21/64 advised 2 FBI agents that while working on a construction job at Denver and 10th on 11/22/63 at approximately 1:00 p.m. he had heard 2 or 3 shots, had observed an individual running west on 10th Street...Kinneth was shown a photo of LHO but he couldnot identify Oswald as the individual he had seen leaving the scene (CD 385 p 96).

Helen Markham on 3/16/64 told FBI agent R. M. Barrett that she had left the washateria at 1:04 p.m. according to a clock on the wall, walked south on Patton, stopping at the intersection of Patton and East 10th hoping to catch a bus at about 1:15 p.m., at which time she had observed a police squad car and "some other cars, the exact number not recalled" pass by (CD 630 c).

Julia Postal on 2/27/64 told FBI agent A.E. Carter that she "saw a man, later identified as LHO, duck into the lobby." "She said she was unable to recall whether or not he bought a ticket..." She recalled there were 24 patrons in the theater when the police entered...As the police took the man from the theater, an officer remarked, "We have our man on both the counts." She asked what he meant and he said "Officer Tippit as well." This was the first time she had heard of Tippit's death, and the officers arresting Oswald had identified him, Oswald, to her by calling his name. (CD 935 p 266)

FBI agent Robert Barrett on 3/16/64 ascertained that the distance from the front door of the washateria at 328 East 9th St to the intersection of Patton and East 10th was walked and timed at 2 minutes and 30 seconds and that a bus was scheduled to pass the corner of Patton and Jefferson at 1:12 and every 10 minutes thereafter (CD 897 p 240). NB: If Markham left a 1:04, she would have arrived at the intersection at 1:06:30. Tippit's car was already passing the intersection. Give 5 minutes for him to stop and converse with the pedestrian, which comes to 1:12 at latest, leaving 13 minutes for ambulance to be summoned, arrive, remove body, drive to hospital, and have body pronounced dead at 1:25 p.m.

W.W.Scoggins on 3/16/64 told R.M. Barrett that after the Tippit suspect had passed him and proceeded about 60 feet, he attempted on his cab radio to reach the company dispatcher and tell him what had happened. At that time, the dispatcher was talking to another cab driver and it took "a little while" to get through (CD 897 p 242). NB: Dispatcher, Edward S. Virgil, on 11/28/63 told FBI agent Ellington that the message from Scoggins was received at 1:25 p.m. (CD 5 p 78)