The flaws in this questioning are numerous & obvious. For

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example, the emphasis on communism. No questions about any connections of any kind with rightwing groups (not covered by "other groups advocating violent overthrow") No reference to Weissman; no effort to tip him up, such as whether he was at the hospital where he was seen. Once again this could have come from only an official source. Attribution to the wash. Bureau of the paper is not proof of Washington origin.

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# Transcript of Ruby Questioning By FBI's Polygraph Operators

## Accused Killer of Oswald Denies Any Link to Communist Party

DALLAS, July 22 (AP) Jack Ruby told FBI polygraph operators that he had no intention of killing accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald until moments before he fired, the Dallas Times Herald reported today in a copyright story.

The story was from the paper's Washington Bureau and did not state how the paper obtained a transcript of the questions and answers.

The tests were made last Saturday in the Dallas County jail, where Ruby has been held since shortly after the slaying of the man accused of assassinating President Kennedy.

Ruby is under death sentence for killing Oswald Nov. 24, two days after Mr. Kennedy was shot.

The polygraph tests were given at Ruby's request. Also present was a member of the presidentially appointed Warren Commission, which is investigating the assassination.

There has been no official report made public as to whether the tests showed Ruby was telling the truth during the tests.

Following is the question and answer transcript in part:

**Q.** Did you know Oswald before Nov. 22, 1963?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Did you assist Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Are you now a member of the Communist Party?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Are you now a member of any group who advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government or have you ever been?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Were you born in the United States?

**A.** Yes.

**Q.** Between the time of the assassination of President Kennedy and the shooting of Oswald did you tell anyone that you knew Oswald?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Did you tell anyone on Saturday you were going to shoot Oswald? (Mr. Kennedy was killed Friday.)

**A.** No.

**Q.** Did you tell anyone on Saturday you were going to shoot Oswald? (A repetiton of the question.)

**A.** (Ruby explained that he had told Chief Justice Earl Warren that he had told George Senator, his roommate, someone should "do away with Oswald," but added that he had told no one he was going to kill him and that he didn't recommend to Senator that he should kill him.)

**Q.** Did you tell anyone you were going to shoot Oswald from the time you left your apartment on Sunday morning? (Ruby killed Oswald Sunday.)

**A.** No.

**Q.** Aside from your comment to George Senator, did you ever tell anyone else you intended to shoot Oswald?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Did you shoot Oswald in order to silence him?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Did you first decide to shoot Oswald on Friday night?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Did you first decide to shoot Oswald on Saturday morning?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Did you first decide to

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shoot Oswald on Sunday morning?

A. Yes. (Ruby elaborated to say that the decision was made when he walked down the ramp of the City Hall basement and saw Oswald approaching.)

Q. Did you enter the building by walking through an alley?

A. No.

Q. Did you see the armored truck when it entered the basement?

(The armored truck was a decoy and officers planned to transfer Oswald from the city jail to the county jail in a sedan.)

A. No.

Q. Did you enter the jail from the east through an alley?

A. No.

Q. After you talked to Little Lynn did you know Oswald was going to be moved? (Little Lynn was a stripper in Ruby's club who had telephoned him from Fort Worth asking that he telegraph her $25 immediately).

A. No.

Q. Did anyone tell you before you left your apartment and got to the City Hall that Oswald was going to be moved?

A. No.

(During a rest in the tests at this point, Ruby said that he had killed Oswald after becoming "carried away emotionally" by the tragedy and in hopes that Mrs. Kennedy would not have to return to Dallas for a trial of Oswald.)

Q. Did you or any of your friends make a telephone call to the FBI Sunday morning between 2 and 3 a.m.?

A. No.

Q. Did you or any of your friends telephone the Sheriff's office Sunday morning between 2 and 3 a.m.?

A. No.

Q. Did you go to the synagogue Friday night?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you pray?

A. Yes. (He added that apparently his prayers weren't being answered.)

Q. Did you see Oswald in the Dallas city jail Friday night?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you at one time employed by a union?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you have a gun on you when you went to the Friday night press conference? (Oswald was taken to the press conference.)

A. No.

Q. Is everything that you have told the Warren Commission the entire truth?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you ever knowingly attended a meeting of the Communist Party?

A. No.

Q. Have you ever knowingly attended a meeting of any group who advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government?

A. No.

Q. To your knowledge is any member of your family a member of the Communist Party or a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the United States Government?

A. No.

Q. Are any friends of yours a member of the Communist Party or a member of any organization that advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government?

A. No.

Q. To your knowledge have any of your close friends or immediate family ever attended a meeting of the Communist Party?

A. No.

Q. Do you know, to the best of your knowledge, whether any member of your immediate family ever attended a meeting advocating the violent overthrow of the United States Government?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever meet Oswald at the Post Office box? (Their boxes were only a few feet apart.)

A. No.

Q. Did you use your Post Office box to do business with Cuba or Mexico?

A. No.

Q: Did you ever meet officer (J.D.) Tippit and Oswald at the Carousel? (Tippit was slain Nov. 22 and Oswald was charged with his murder. The Carousel was the strip tease club Ruby operated.)

A: No.

Q: Did you ever do business with Castro's Cuba?

A: No.

Q: Was your trip to Cuba for pleasure only?

A: Yes.

Q: Did you keep $2200 in cash on you because you couldn't go to the bank to make a deposit?

A: Yes.

Q: Did any foreign country influence you or cause you to shoot Oswald?

A: No.

**No Union Influence**

Q: Did you shoot Oswald because of any labor union influence?

A: No.

Q: Did any long distance calls to you before the assassination have any connection with you shooting Oswald?

A: No.

Q: Did you shoot Oswald to save Mrs. Kennedy a trip to Dallas to testify in a trial?

A: Yes.

Q: Did you know Officer Tippit?

A: No.

Q: Did you meet Officer Tippit and Oswald at your night club?

A: No.

Q: Did you get any long distance calls about Oswald before the shooting?

A: No.

Q: Were you at Parkland Hospital on Friday at any time? (Mr. Kennedy died there.)

A: No.

Q: Are any members of your family in danger?

(Ruby did not answer.)

Q: Are you a 100 per cent patriotic American?

A: Yes.

Q: Has everything you have testified to today been the complete truth?

A: Yes.