

MR. RAY CARNEY LEFT THE EMPLOYMENT OF
KBEA OVER FOUR YEARS AGO AND HIS PRESENT
WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN.



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Mr. Raymond Carney
News Director
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Mission, Kansas

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Carney,

Enclosed is a copy of an FBI report of an interview with you on December 11, 1963, by Agents Daniels and Arnett. You may keep it if you'd like to. It is pages 272-4 of the 205th file of the Warren Commission.

I would very much appreciate all the detail and amplification you can provide. Your recollection seems pretty clear on some points, as of the time of the interview. You perhaps realize that for part of the period, this could not have been the real Lee Harvey Oswald.

I have written a number of books on the Kennedy assassination and describe a "False Oswald" who, in one or more forms, keeps cropping up. I think you will realize that, prior to the assassination, Oswald was a relatively unimportant figure who would not normally be counterfeited. There are, however, at least two cases where, when he was in the Soviet Union, his name was used in negotiations for the purchases of vehicles in New Orleans alone.

One of the things that would be helpful would be knowing who interviewed you when and, aside from what you told him or them, what you may have learned or assumed from the questioning.

As you can see, I am being careful not to try and direct your recollection in any direction because I would like your independent recollection in as much detail as possible.

Thank you very much for any cooperation you can offer.

Sincerely yours,

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RAYMOND B. CARNEY, news director of radio station KBEA, Mission, Kansas, when re-interviewed furnished the following information:

He said that after his first interview he realized that there was some conflict between the dates he alleged he had been contacted by LEE HARVEY OSWALD and the dates OSWALD was in Russia. CARNEY said to the best of his recollection he had met OSWALD or an individual of similar name and description three times in May of 1961 at Dallas-Carland Airport.

CARNEY said that these meetings were recalled to mind by him during the telecast concerning the assassination of the late President KENNEDY. He said he thought he recognized the name and photographs of OSWALD as possibly the pro-CASTRO individual who had, while he was news director of station KBOX, Dallas, contacted him to determine details of his alleged "Underground Air Force Recruitment of Anti-Castro Cubans." CARNEY emphasized that he could not positively identify the individual as OSWALD and the fact that OSWALD was in Russia from October, 1959, to June, 1962, would certainly cause considerable doubt that the two individuals were identical.

He could give no specific description of OSWALD and pointed out that two and a half years have elapsed since the three meetings took place with this individual at hangar #1 at Dallas-Carland Airport. CARNEY said that the meetings were held in the KBOX news car and all took place within a period of seven or nine days during May of 1961. The only other contacts he had with this individual were telephone calls over the next two or three months during which time this individual attempted to solicit names and information concerning individuals who had contacted him as a result of a news story on station KBOX. This story included a discussion by an anti-CASTRO Cuban general relative to activities and events in Cuba.

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CARNEY stated that in his capacity of news director of KBOX he had put the story on the air upon promise of this Cuban general, name unrecalled, of getting the first shot at any newsworthy story from the anti-CASTRO Cuban forces. CARNEY said that he did not recall the name of this individual, where he came from or where he went. He said he did recall, however, that this individual had mentioned something about going to Houston, but was unaware as to whether he had gone to Houston or not.

Concerning the individual he thought was identical with OSWALD, he could recall that he was violently pro-CASTRO and thought he claimed to be a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. During the meetings with this individual and subsequent telephone conversations no information concerning his actual identity was obtained other than the name which was either LEE OSWALD or similar to it. He did not know when this individual arrived in Dallas, nor did he know where he came from or where he went.

CARNEY said that he was sorry he seemed so positive in his identification of OSWALD upon initial interview, but since he was not then sure of the dates he had met this individual he thought perhaps he was identical with OSWALD. Upon sufficient reflection and more accurate pinpointing of the time he felt that although a remote possibility exists that it was OSWALD, it was now his considered judgment that it probably was not.

CARNEY said although it was his practice to make notes on his steno pad on all interviews such as the foregoing, he was almost positive that he had no notes relative to the meetings with this individual in Dallas. He said he would make a thorough search of his old papers and personal effects and if he located anything that

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would further identify this individual he said he would contact the FBI.

CARNEY said the following persons in the Dallas area might be cognizant of the identity of the individual he thought was OSWALD as he was associated with them during the period that these meetings took place:

ART HAMMETT, Dallas Police Department;

DICK MOORE

EARL BURMEAN

TOM HATTS, all formerly associated with radio station KBCX.



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