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Questions for SS Men
at the Scene (Greer, Kellerman, Hill & Youngblood)

Types of questions:

- 1) preparations and security measures
- 2) actions and observations at scene
- 3) to and at hospital
- 4) departure from scene
- 5) since that time.
- 6) liason with headquarters.



Note: Kellerman was apparently in charge.

IDENTIFICATION OF WITNESSES
(from Secret Service Report)

- ✓ Roy. H. Kellerman --agent in charge President's Car
- ✓ William R. Greer --agent, also President's car *DRIVER GREER*
- ✓ Clinton J. Hill --agent, follow up car.
- Rufus J. Youngblood-- not identified in SS report.

According to report agent Kellerman was in charge of Texas trip; but agent Lawson (not in this group of witnesses was in charge of advance.

Therefore, none of these witnesses really know too much first-hand about advance preparations except Kellerman who was in charge of entire detail.

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Questions: Mr. Kellerman. Exactly when did you arrive in Dallas? The SS report states you conferred from "Fort Worth" regarding the use of the bubble top, but when did you arrive to double check preparations of advance man Lawson?

Mr. Kellerman. what did you do to check advance preparations on the scene?

Mr. Kellerman. The SS report states that no names of dangerous persons were turned up by your PRS section in Dallas p. 6. As agent in charge did you not think this was unusual?

Mr. Kellerman. Is it very often in cities of comparable size that a search of your files would turn up no dangerous persons?

Mr. Kellerman. when you were advised that no dangerous names were turned up, did you make any check with the FBI?

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Mr. Kellerman: To the best of your knowledge is it customary or not to check with the FBI on possibly dangerous people in an area?

Mr. Kellerman: In connection with our task here on the commission of investigating security of a president, what suggestions would you have to make on future procedures in clearing names with the FBI, State Department and all other files which may indicate the possible presence of dangerous persons?

Mr. Kellerman: Now about the decision not to use the bubble top... you helped to make that decision did you not? Please describe the basis of the decision.

Mr. Kellerman: In your opinion if the bubble top had been used would it have possibly diverted the bullets?

Mr. Kellerman: Do you know anything about efforts of your department to secure a bubble top that would accomplish this purpose?

Mr. Kellerman: Has anyone asked you since Nov. 22, what recommendations you might have on the matter and to your knowledge has anything been done to secure a more protective bubble?

Mr. Kellerman: On page 7 of the SS report it states: "Because of the incidents on the occasion of the visit of Ambassador Stevenson to Dallas earlier in the fall, special attention was given to extremist groups known to be active in Dallas." And then it says "Appendix A describes the action taken in Dallas in more detail." However, upon reading Appendix A, I don't find a great deal of detail except on page 8 where it tells how ringleaders of the demonstration against Stevenson were identified. WOULDN'T IT BE NORMAL TO CONSIDER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN DALLAS AS BELONGING TO POSSIBLY DANGEROUS GROUPS? What was done to check the records on this group?

Mr. Kellerman: I assume that groups identified as having caused difficulties when Mr. Stevenson was there would be considered so-called "right-wingers". wouldn't it have been logical also to have checked ringleaders of extremist "left wingers?" To the best of your knowledge was anything of this sort done?

Mr. Kellerman: In your opinion, would you say that a member of a pro-Castro free Cuban group was an extremist group?

Mr. Kellerman: If you received an assignment to be in charge of a presidential visit to say, Miami, or New Orleans, would there be any procedure to check the "ringleaders" of such a group?

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Mr. Kellerman: It appears from reading the report, thorough and excellent preparations were made to protect the president at the airport and at the Trade Mart. Can you tell us what was done to protect the president along the parade route?

Mr. Kellerman: Do you know of any discussions with the local police about the feasibility of checking some of the buildings at the most dangerous and critical spots along the route such as the Depository Bldg?

Mr. Kellerman: How many times would you say your eyes swept the windows of the buildings along the parade route as you went along?

Mr. Kellerman: Did you personally look at the front of the Depository Buildings as you approached it?

Mr. Kellerman: Did you think anything to yourself as you approached this building?

Mr. Kellerman: At any time in checking the advance arrangements did Lawson talk to you about the Book Depository Building? Any other building?

Mr. Kellerman: Did you specifically discuss with him the peculiar danger that the overpasses might present, and if so what instructions did you give Lawson to avert that danger.

Mr. Kellerman: You yourself did not pre-run the parade route did you?

But had you ever been in Dallas before?

were you somewhat familiar then with the characteristics of the parade route?

Mr. Kellerman: In connection with improving the security precautions will you mention freely any suggestions you may have that have occurred to you since Nov. 22, 1963?

NOTE: The man who should be interviewed on matters of advance is undoubtedly Lawson. Nevertheless, Mr. Kellerman ASAC which I assume means ACTIVE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE assigned from the Whitehouse detail.

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Mr. Kellerman: When were you first interviewed by anyone regarding the direction from which the shots came?

By whom?

Did Mr. Wade or the Dallas sheriff have an opportunity to question you on this before you left the Dallas area?

Mr. Kellerman: The question has been raised:

What direction were you facing when the first shot was fired?

Did you distinctly realize it was a shot or did you think it was a backfire or perhaps a firecracker?

Did you then turn in a different direction?

What did you see when you turned in another direction?

Did you then turn again and face frontwards?

Why did you do this, if you did?

Had you by then formed an opinion as to whether the shot had come from front or rear?

On what basis did you form that opinion?

Did you at any time have another opinion?

Immediately after the shot did the car slow down?

If so, why?

Did it then speed up again?

Were you afraid of any shots coming from the overpass as you went under it?

What precautions did you take that shots might come from the overpass?

If a bullet had passed you from front to rear, striking the president, as a practical matter would it be possible to hear such a shot?

If it came from the rear and did not pass you but struck the president could one hear a projectile of that size coming?

After the shooting, as you were up to then designated the agent in charge, what were your prescribed duties?

Would you have any responsibility for initiating an investigation, or does that fall in some other jurisdiction?

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Mr. Kellerman: Did you, as a matter of fact set any wheels in motion in regard to investigating or apprehending the assassin?

Mr. Kellerman: Is there any doubt in your mind at all as to what direction the bullets come from-- front or rear?

Mr. Kellerman: There has been some talk that the doctors at first said the first shot must have entered from the front? At the time you were still in the hospital did you hear such talk?

Did you think it feasible?

Is there any chance that Mr. Kennedy could have turned around facing the Book Depository Bldg after rounding the corner, and therefore was struck in front of his body from the rear of the car?

Did anything the sheriff or prosecutor say to you seems to contradict the facts as you first observed them?

If so, did you alter your personal thinking in any way as a result of their contradictions?

As a result of any other contradictions for that matter

There has been some comment that no roadblocks or stops were put on air traffic after the accident because Oswald was immediately assumed to be the assassin. Did you have occasion to make any recommendations or comments to any law enforcement agent regarding the advisability of such precautions?

(Note: I have addressed many of these questions to agent Kellerman because he was agent in charge. However, those regarding direction of shots, stopping of car etc. should be asked of all.)

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Suggested Questions for Mrs.
Ruth Paine

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Questions	
How did you happen to choose Russian as a foreign language you wanted to learn?	X
Have you had a special admiration for the Russian system or philosophy?	X
Have you ever studied Karl Marx -- read the Manifesto or Das Kapital?	X
Would you consider yourself a Communist?	X
Would you consider yourself sympathetic to Russia?	X
What were your activities in connection with the American Civil Liberties Union?	X
Did you ever discuss this organization with Lee Oswald?	X
Did you ever counsel him on what help that organization might be to him if he was in trouble?	X
Oswald is reputed to have said after he was apprehended that he wanted to contact an attorney by the name of Abt in NY. Is this someone whose name he learned through you and your activities?	X
When you first met Marina, how much English did she actually know?	✓
At that time how fluent were you in Russian?	X
How fluent was Lee Harvey Oswald?	X
How long had you been studying Russian?	X
How would you rate your degree of fluency with Oswalds?	X
Give us an exact chronology of all the contacts you had with Marina Oswald:	X
1) Her first stay with you.	X
2) Your trip to pick her up in New Orleans.	X
3) The period from your picking her up in New Orleans until her leaving you to go to Martins.	X
Tell us everything you learned about Oswald's sojourn in Russia -- FIRST from direct statements you heard him make, and secondly but separately from things Marina said.	✓

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There is some confusion from different witnesses about the extremity of domestic tension that developed between Marina and Lee. Will you tell us all you know about this. How "difficult" was the situation and how much brutality do you know about on Lee's part toward Marina?

Do you think of Marina as having perhaps been at fault to some degree in provoking Lee's outbursts?

We all know that Russian people are considered to have somewhat a different approach to "truth" as we know it, and that all through Russian literature there is an element of the exaggerated and bizarre. How would you describe Marina Oswald? Would you say that her "sense of truth" was the same as yours and mine, or did it have a somewhat different character?

Did she ever express to you fear of Oswald?

Did she ever express to you a fear that he might do something "crazy"?

Did she ever mention to you that Lee had anything to do with the Walker incident?

Are you aware of bring a gun back from New Orleans wrapped in a blanket?

Did you know of Lee's activity with the Cuba freedom group? Did Marina ever mention it to you, or did you see anything in your local papers about it?

What is your personal attitude toward the Castro regime? Do you consider it liberal or reactionary?

Did you know anything about Lee's trip to Mexico?

What do you assume he was doing after Marina returned with you from New Orleans?

Do you have the letter Marina wrote you asking for help in returning from New Orleans?

How industrious would you say Marina Oswald was during the periods she lived with you?

Did she ordinarily rise at an early or late hour?

Did she ever to your knowledge receive correspondence?

Did she ever show you any correspondence she received?

Would you consider that Marina retained any Communist sympathies since leaving Russia?

Did she ever tell you anything about her youth, education, family, affairs, and final courtship with Lee?



Special Note:

On page 1535 of Robert Batz's testimony he says that he felt the Paine's must have somehow been involved with Lee in the events of November 22. This is only a "feeling" he had and an instinctive dislike of the Paine's. However, this needs to be probed so as to cover this question on the record:

Did Lee and Paine's take part in any activities not heretofore revealed?

X

Did they attend any meetings together? If, so, for what purpose.

X

Name all the friends and associates, even acquaintances they had in common...

X

Explore here any possibilities of concerted action or interests.

X

Page 1454 --Robert describes how "split" between Marina and Mrs. Paine came about. Get Mrs. Paine's version.

X

Notes From FBI Supplement
p. 12 Mrs. Paine gets Lee job at Book Depository.

X

Was his employment there purely coincidental?

X

p. 23 Tells of gun in Paine garage.

X

Did Mrs. Paine ever inspect this bundle?

X

p30-31 FBI's biography of Mrs. Paine. Important here to check her Russian connections as recited on p.31.

X

Was her Quaker connection the only connection?

X

Did Mrs. Paine know anything about Lee's income?

X

Notes from FBI Report (original)

p.4 Did Oswald mention curtain rods to Paine?

X

p.20 The Dallas City Map Mrs. Paine gave Lee? Is the exhibit the one she gave him?

X

p.40 FBI finds Marina Oswald living with Mrs. Paine --check the facts on this page.

X

p.67-73 Check these facts against testimony.

X