

PR He never told me that, he told me he was going to assassinate the president and I laughed at him, but I never laughed in front of his friends.

Dr. F Is Clay Bertrand the same person that you saw in the District Attorney's Office and the same person you went to sell insurance to yesterday, Perry?

PR Dave never took me to his house.

Dr. F You went to his house yesterday to sell insurance with somebody from the District Attorney's Office, Perry. Is that the same man that was in with Ferrie and Oswald and the same man that was at the wharf?

PR I don't understand - Dave never showed me any places like that.

Dr. F Now go to sleep, Perry - - - - -  
And, now, Perry, I want you to see that television screen again and when you visualize it and it is clear you will see the face of a white haired man. You met him yesterday when you went to his apartment. This is yesterday, the last day of February. You picture him in your mind. Have you seen him before? Have you seen him on several occasions and what were these occasions, Perry?

PR He was Dave's friend and I saw him at Dave's house.

Dr. F Where else did you see him, Perry?

PR I saw him later at Dave's and Al's service station

Dr. F Where else, Perry?

PR I saw him at the Nashville Street Wharf

Dr. F What is his name, Perry?

PR CLAY BERTRAND

Dr. F Perry, see the television screen again - - a picture is going to flip up and this is the last time you saw Oswald and Ferrie together - - describe the scene to me.

PR I ran over to Dave's house and we just talked about the usual stuff and the roommate had to leave. He brought out two bags all beat up. The suitcases were like a canvas bag with extra pouches and real heavy canvas and he has a little, smaller bag and he is just leaving. I guess Dave is kicking him out.

Dr. F And Dave, I wonder, where is he going?

PR Houston

Dr. F Look up at the top of the television screen and you will see the date that film came on - what date?

PR           October 7, 1963

Dr. F        Is this the same room that is called Lee Oswald?

PR           Leon

Dr. F        Perry, I imagine you know Leon Oswald, was he married?

PR           yes.

Dr. F        What was his wife's name?

PR           Margaret

AS           Perry, I am very interested in finding out everything I possibly can about Ferrie's roommate, the one who was named Leon Oswald. I want you to get a good picture in your mind of the first time you saw Leon Oswald in Ferrie's apartment. Tell us about that

PR           He was sitting and I came in with Dave and he was seated and he just looked up.

AS           Did he have a beard?

PR           Lots of whiskers - not a beard. I thought he may have pasted it on.

AS           Are you sure about that?

PR           No, I never asked Ferrie.

AS           What is the date you first saw Leon Oswald?

PR           September 13

AS           Who else is in the apartment besides Ferrie and Oswald and yourself.

PR           That's all

AS           Can you tell me the very next time you saw Oswald in the apartment?

PR           three days later

AS           September 16?

PR           yes

AS           Who was in the apartment then?

PR           A gang of Dave's friends.

AS           Was Manuel there?

PR           yes

AS           Was Julian there? the other Cuban?

PR           I don't know

AS           Do you remember the two Cubans Ferrie brought to your apartment on Elysian Fields

PR           yes

AS Now, Perry, tell me the names of the two Cubans there at this time at Ferrie's apartment on September 16. Are they the two Ferris brought to your apartment on Elysian Fields Avenue?

PR I am not sure.

Dr. F Picture the television screen again, Perry, and lift an index finger up on your right hand when the picture is clear. All right, and now you see a serial picture and there is a date and there will be a serial picture of each time you have seen Leon Oswald and the date is in the upper right hand corner

PR September 13 - - -

Dr. F Another picture flips -

PR September 16 at Dave's.

Dr. F Picture flips again.

PR October 7 at Dave's

Dr. F Continue - the picture flips again

PR (No Response)

Dr. F Continue to go deeper and relax with each breath. You were telling me about Oswald leaving to go to Houston. I wonder, Perry, who is Oswald going to visit in Houston?

PR I don't know. I may be his wife but I had never seen her and I don't know where she was but I know the guy was married and I figured Dave was kicking him out.

Dr. F I wonder, Perry, who is Brett Wall?

PR A friend of Leon, he was supposed to help Leon

Dr. F How, Perry?

PR He didn't say, Dave asked him about it.

Dr. F And I wonder - - who is Jack Ruby?

PR I don't know

Dr. F I wonder if Brett Wall knew Jack Ruby?

PR I don't know.

Dr. F And I wonder if Ferrie knew Brett Wall.

PR I guess so, it sounded like a mutual acquaintance. Ferrie asked Leon if he would be there.

Dr. F I wonder if Ferrie asked Leon if he would be at Brett Wall's place in Houston?

PR He just asked Leon if Brett Wall would be there. He said he supposed so.

Dr. F I wonder where Oswald was going to be in Houston, Perry?

PR He didn't say

Dr. F And I wonder who Larry Rost is?

PR (No response)

Dr. F I wonder what is the Winterland Skating Rink in Houston?

PR I know one in New Orleans on St. Claude Street,

Dr. F I wonder, Perry, where Leon was supposed to meet Brett Wall?

PR Dave didn't say

Dr. F I wonder if it was just in Houston or some other place.

PR I don't know.

Dr. F I wonder what mutual friend Ferrie and Leon had - they were both friends with - I wonder if they had any other friends, Ferrie and Leon, like Brett Wall?

PR Manuel

Dr. F In what way, Perry?

PR I heard both of them talk about them.

Dr. F Did you hear both of them talk about Julian?

PR No.

Dr. F I wonder what they said about Manuel?

PR Just general conversation. Dave referred to him and later on Leon referred to him.

Dr. F Could they trust Manuel?

PR I don't know, they didn't say.

Dr. F I wonder what roll Manuel could have played in the President's assassination?

PR They don't put people in rolls.

Dr. F I wonder if Manuel was supposed to help in killing the president.

PR yes

Dr. F How, Perry?

PR He was to be the diversionary. Names were discussed as to who could do this and who could do that. They asked questions about who could be put in that spot.

Dr. F I wonder, Perry, if they ever talked about anyone shooting a gun from the school window or grassy knoll.

PR No.

Dr. F I wonder what they talked about as to how they were going to assassinate the president?

PR Dave said some one had gone up to President Eisenhower some time ago and were able to touch him and this just goes to show you could do the job. He said there would be a cross fire with a mob in between and if everybody was looking at the guy who is the diversionary and made the diversionary shot, the other guy could make the good shot. One would make the diversionary shot and the other would do the job.

Dr. F Who was going to be used for the diversionary shot and who for the actual shot?

PR They never said.

Interview with PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO at the Mercy Hospital on  
February 27, 1967.

On February 27, 1967 Al Oser and I, after talking with Dr. Nicholas Chetta of the Orleans Parish Coroner's Office, took PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO over to the Mercy Hospital located on Bickville and Jefferson Davis Parkway. Present in the Emergency Ward Operating Room were Al Oser, Dr. Nicholas Chetta, Dr. James Wall, Dr. Richard Zepernick, PERRY RUSSO and myself. At this point, Dr. Chetta began getting PERRY RUSSO ready to undergo sodium pentothal. After the preparations were over Dr. Chetta and Dr. Wall began administering glucose into his arm and at 3:28 p.m. the actual injection of sodium pentothal into RUSSO began.

After a few minor questions such as: what was his name, where does he live, where does he work and did he know other individuals I got into the main stream of questioning. My first question pertained to his relationship with AL LANDRY. He said that AL LANDRY was a friend of his and he had known him for five years. I asked him if he knew DAVID FERRIE and he said yes, he knew DAVID FERRIE and that he had first met him at FERRIE'S house in 1962. He said that it was through AL LANDRY that he had the occasion to come into contact with FERRIE, as FERRIE was queer and was in love with AL LANDRY. He said that LANDRY'S mother had asked him to try and break the relationship that existed between LANDRY and FERRIE and that he thought that he would intercede and try to do this.

He then began to tell us of an event that he experienced at FERRIE'S apartment with AL LANDRY. He said that he went to FERRIE'S apartment near Kenner with LANDRY and FERRIE introduced him to his mother and about eight or ten boys that were in the Civil Air Patrol unit of FERRIE'S. He said this was more or less an informal meeting and FERRIE took this occasion to demonstrate his hypnotic powers. He did this by using LANDRY as a subject and after putting him in a deep hypnotic trance he began sticking pins into LANDRY'S body and LANDRY did not feel any pain whatsoever. He also said that FERRIE used post-hypnotic suggestion on LANDRY. He also said that at one time FERRIE had also hypnotized him and that when he came out of it he felt like a fool because everybody was laughing at what he had done under hypnosis. He did not remember what he had done but whatever it was it must have been funny because everybody was laughing at him.

I then asked him if he remembered seeing any Cubans with FERRIE and he told me that he could remember when he was living on Elysian Fields Avenue, FERRIE came to his apartment one day with two very thick, husky Cubans. He said FERRIE introduced them to him but that he didn't remember the names because they were Spanish-sounding names. He could remember that they were very strong and rough looking and that they did not speak any English.

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he then said that FERRIE used to always drop over to his apartment on an average of two times a week and that he believed that FERRIE may have been trying to hawk him but he never actually made any advances towards him.

I then asked him if he remembered telling me in our previous interview in Baton Rouge that he went up to FERRIE'S apartment on Louisiana Avenue Parkway and met FERRIE'S roommate. He said that he did remember and then I asked him to describe him and tell me all that he could remember about this roommate. He said that he had seen the roommate on about three different occasions in FERRIE'S apartment and that FERRIE at first told him that it was his roommate and called him LEON. He said LEON seemed to be around 25 years old and that what he noticed most about him was that he was very dirty and a beatnik-type guy. He said that the guy appeared to be a little nuts to him and that he would never talk to anyone. FERRIE had told him that he did not like to talk to anyone and that he was a bug on history and all he did was sit down on the porch in a rocking chair and also he read a lot. He said that he remembered FERRIE telling him that LEON was a real nut about guns and RUSSO remembered one time as he went into the apartment, LEON was sitting on a chair with his leg up cleaning a rifle. He said the rifle had a telescopic sight mounted right on top of the rifle and it was a bolt-action rifle. He also said that LEON had a pistol.

I asked him could he pinpoint the times that he saw the roommate with FERRIE and he said it was September 20 until around September 25, 1963. I asked him could he be sure of this and he said he is pretty sure -- that he knows it had to be in September.

I then asked him if the picture that we had drawn up this morning in my office resembled FERRIE'S roommate whom he referred to as LEON, and he said yes, the picture did. He said the roommate had a bushy beard and his hair was all messed up and he was extremely dirty. He said the picture we had drawn up this morning was very, very close to FERRIE'S roommate except maybe the guy was a little dirtier.

He also said another thing he remembered about the roommate was that OSWALD wore a wedding band on his left hand and it appeared to be gold or brass. I then pointed out to him that he had referred to the roommate as OSWALD and asked him if there was any particular reason why he now referred to FERRIE'S roommate as OSWALD. He said that he didn't know - that seems to be what he was called or what somebody said his name was.

I then returned to talking about the picture of LEE HARVEY OSWALD that we had added a beard to and messed up his hair and he said that that was very similar to how the roommate looked. He said

that the guy did not talk to him and when he asked the roommate where he was from, the roommate said "Everywhere". He said FERRIE had told him that his roommate did not like to talk to people and did not even get along with his (FERRIE'S) Cuban friends.

I then asked him if he knew CLAY SHAW. He said that he did not know CLAY SHAW. I then asked him if he knew CLAY BERTRAND and he said that he did know a BERTRAND and he is a queer. RUSO said that FERRIE had introduced him to BERTRAND while he was at FERRIE'S apartment on Louisiana Avenue Parkway. I then asked him to describe CLAY BERTRAND and he said that CLAY BERTRAND was a tall man with white kinky hair, sort of slender and that he had seen BERTRAND on two other occasions. One occasion was his car had some trouble and he pulled into FERRIE'S service station on the Veterans Highway and on another occasion when he went to see President Kennedy speak at the Nashville Street Wharf. He said that he remembered BERTRAND because BERTRAND was hawking some kid who was not too far from him at Kennedy's speech.

I then asked him if he could remember any of the details about CLAY BERTRAND being up in FERRIE'S apartment and he told me that he was in FERRIE'S apartment with CLAY BERTRAND and FERRIE and the roommate and he remembers FERRIE telling him that "We are going to kill John F. Kennedy" and that "it won't be long". He said FERRIE again repeated his earlier statement that he could plan the perfect assassination of the President because he could fly anything that had wings on it and he had perfect availability of exit out of the country. When I asked him who FERRIE was referring to when he said "we", he said "I guess he was referring to the people in the room". He said this was not the first time that FERRIE had talked to him about how easy it would be to assassinate the President. He said that FERRIE, in September and October of 1963, became obsessed with the idea that he could pull off a perfect assassination.

He also repeated the previous story about FERRIE telling him that he knew more about drugs and autopsies than any doctor in the world. Also that FERRIE had told him of how he had given this drug, which was similar to an aphrodisiac, to his roommate and his roommate became very aggressive and had sexual relations with him. He said that he had also used this drug on AL LANDRY before.

My last question to RUSO was something to this effect, "Is all that you are telling us true and to the best of your knowledge?" He said, "Yes, it is, as much as I can remember".

Dr. Chetta then informed us that he had been under sodium pentothal for over a half-hour and the administration of sodium pentothal was concluded at 4:10 p.m.

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