

TRANSCRIPT

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HARKNESS: YOU FIND YOUR USUAL AMOUNT OF HOBOS YOU KNOW YOU PULL EM OUT OF THE TRAIN.

STAN: SOME PEOPLE, SOME PEOPLE HAVE THAT SOMETIME WITHIN AN HOUR AND A HALF TO TWO HOURS AFTERWARDS.

MARK: THEY TRIED TO MAKE IT SEEM LIKE IT WAS CLOSER.

HARKNESS: I DON'T THINK IT IS TO ME, I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WAS, I DIDN'T HAVE MY WATCH, I KNOW AH AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY STARTED ON TO PARKLAND, WELL I BROUGHT AMOUS EUINS AND I MADE A CIRCLE AROUND THERE AND AS I COME BACK TO THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING, THAT IS WHEN THEY GAVE ME THE ASSIGNMENT SO I HAD ABOUT SIX OR EIGHT OFFICERS COME DOWN AND I STARTED WITH THE ENGINEER ON BACK, EVERYONE TO COME IN THERE AND TAKE THEM BACK. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THEY GOT. AND ANOTHER THING, I ASKED THEM TO GET THE INFORMATION OF THIS EPILEPTIC SEIZURE AT PARKLAND AND UH THEY TRIED TO MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF THAT, YOU KNOW, WELL IT WAS JUST A ROUTINE EPILEPTIC SEIZURE.

MARK: I GUESS HE HIT HIS HEAD ON PURPOSE!

HARKNESS: WELL HE HIT HIS HEAD, IF YOU HAVE A EPILEPTIC SEIZURE MOST OF THE PERSONS AFTER THEY HAVE THIS SEIZURE, THEY WILL, THEY WILL UH UH SOON AS THEY COME OUT OF IT, THE MAIN DANGER IS TO SEE THEY DON'T BITE THEIR TONGUE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT AFTER THEY HAVE THIS CONVULSION LIKE, THEN THEY UH COME TO AND USUALLY AFTER THEY SNAP OUT OF IT THEY'RE EMBARRASSED BECAUSE EVERYBODY STANDING AROUND LOOKING AT THEM AND THERE THEY ARE, THEIR CLOTHES ARE DIS-ARRANGED AND HIS HEAD HAD BEEN HIT. WHENEVER THEY GET THE UH PERSON AND TOOK HIM OUT TO PARKLAND, UH UH, ABOUT THE TIME THEY WERE TRYING TO ^{GET} SOME INFORMATION OF HIM THEY 'SAID,' CLEAR THE EMERGENCY ROOM, THE PRESIDENT IS COMING IN" YOU KNOW, UH THEY DIDN'T TAKE TIME TO GET ANY INFORMATION, THEY JUST WANTED HIM TO GET THE HELL OUT OF THERE AND HE WANTED TO GET OUT OF THERE TOO. SO HE KIND OF FADED INTO THE CROWD. HE WAS ALL RIGHT.

STAN: YOU MADE THAT ORIGINAL CALL IN? WAS IT YOU WHO INITIATED THE CALL FOR HELP FOR THIS MAN?

HARKNESS: I CALLED FOR AN AMBULANCE, YES.

STAN: DIRECTLY OR DID YOU ACTUALLY HAVE TO CALL IN AND SOMEONE CALLED--

HARKNESS: I CALLED IN ON THE RADIO.

MARK: LET ME MAKE JUST A QUICK INTRODUCTION, WE ARE HERE WITH RETIRED SGT. D. V. HARKNESS OF THE DALLAS POLICE DEPT., ASSIGNED TO DEALY PLAZA ON NOV. 22, 1963, WHEN PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED. MR. HARKNESS CONCERNING YOU'RE ACTIVITIES FOR THAT DAY, YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE PRETTY MUCH STANDING ON THE CORNER OF HOUSTON AND MAIN AND UH AFTER THE PRESIDENT TURNED LEFT ON ELM ST., YOU HEARD THREE SHOTS?

HARKNESS: YES, WHEN HE MADE THE RIGHT TURN OFF MAIN ONTO HOUSTON, I MADE EYE CONTACT WITH HIM AND HE LOOKED RIGHT AT ME AND WAVED AND THEN HE MADE THE LEFT TURN AND THEN I HEARD THREE REPORTS. THE CROWD WAS BACK TOWARDS THE MEDIAN BETWEEN ELM AND HOUSTON AND MAIN AND HOUSTON, RIGHT BACK BEHIND DEALY PLAZA THERE; MOST OF THEM TOOK A PICTURE WHEN HE MADE THE TURN AT ELM AND THEN SO, BY A SHOT FROM THE OTHER SIDE THERE COMING DOWN ELM ST. AND THAT MEDIAN THERE GOING TO THE TRIPLE UNDERPASS. THE REASON WE HAD TO MAKE THAT TURN WAS THERE'S NO ENTRANCE ONTO THE FREEWAY FROM MAIN STREET; YOU HAD TO GO TO MAKE THAT TURN, GO ON THERE, BECAUSE THERE'S A ENTRANCE TO THE FREEWAY THERE.

MARK: YOU COULDN'T JUMP THE CURB AND GO ACROSS THE GRASS!

STAN: THE ONLY WAY TO GET WAS TO JUMP A CURB.

HARKNESS: SO THEY HAD TO GO THAT WAY AND AFTER THEY WENT ACROSS THE UH, WENT OUT ON THE FREEWAY THERE, STEMMONS, THEN WE HAD ALL THE OFFICERS IN TOWN HAD OTHER ASSIGNMENTS TO GO TO AFTER THE DEAL AT THE MARKET HALL AND SO UH, WE HAD OFFICERS STATIONED UH EVEN ON THE RAILROAD OVERPASS OVER STEMMONS UH, I BELIEVE JOE MURPHY WAS--

MARK: JOE FOSTER?

HARKNESS: JOE MURPHY WAS, I BELIEVE JOE MURPHY WAS ON THAT, ONE OF THOSE PLACES AND I THINK FOSTER MIGHT OF BEEN ON THE UNDERPASS GOING DOWN, I DON'T KNOW WHO-

MARK: HE WAS ON THE TRIPLE UNDERPASS.

HARKNESS: TRIPLE UNDERPASS.

MARK: DID YOU KNOW HIM PERSONALLY?

HARKNESS: OH, YES.

MARK: HE'S REAL NICE, I SPOKE WITH HIM LAST JULY.

HARKNESS: AND THEN UH SEVERAL OF THESE UH PEOPLE, JOE MURPHY WAS THE ONLY ONE UNDER STEMMONS AFTER YOU SEE WHERE THE RAILROAD CROSS THERE WELL WE HAD EVERYTHING STOPPED, WE DIDN'T WANT ANYBODY ON THE OVERPASS, I THINK MURPHY WAS THERE. HE DIED TWO OR THREE MONTHS AGO. HE'D BEEN THERE FORTY OR FIFTY YEARS ON THE POLICE DEPT. HE NEVER DID RETIRE, HE STAYED RIGHT ON THROUGH. UH HAD I STAYED THERE, I'D OF BEEN THERE FIFTY YEARS, LAST JULY I GUESS.

MARK: DO THEY HAVE A HALF CENTURY PIN? THAT THEY GIVE YOU?

STAN: I HOPE THEY GIVE YOU MORE THAN THAT!

MARK: WOULD YOU SAY, MR. HARKNESS IN YOUR OPINION, THE SECOND AND THIRD SHOTS SOUNDED CLOSER TOGETHER THAN THE FIRST AND SECOND?

HARKNESS: OH YES, YES

MARK: AND YOUR FIRST ACTIONS AFTER THE SHOTS WERE TO THE REAR OF THE TEXAS S.B.D.

HARKNESS: NO, FIRST I GOT ON MY MOTOR AND WENT DOWN TO INDUSTRIAL BACK IN THERE, SEE FROM THE SCHOOL BOOK DEP. TO THE RAILROAD YARDS HERE AND THEN INDUSTRIAL IS OPEN COUNTRY SO I- TRYING TO COVER UP ALL THE POSSIBLE ESCAPE ROUTES.

MARK: AND THAT TOOK THREE OR FOUR MINUTES?

HARKNESS: THREE OR FOUR MINUTES AFTER I WENT DOWN TO SEE ANYTHING, I WENT BACK IMMEDIATELY AND I STOPPED THIS FELLOW AND HE SAID HE SAW THE GUN BARREL COME OUT THE WINDOW, AND I TOOK HIM UP.

MARK: MR. EUINS?

HARKNESS: TOOK HIM UP TO INSPECTOR SAWYER.

MARK: AND THEN HE TOOK HIM TO THE STATION?

HARKNESS: I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE DID. ANYWAY AFTER I WENT AROUND BEHIND THE SCHOOL BOOK DEP. AND SOMEONE TOLD ME HE SAW WHERE HE CAME FROM AND THEN I PUT OUT, THAT'S WHEN I ASKED FOR TO SEAL OFF THE BUILDING AND TOLD THEM IT HAD TO COME FROM THE FIFTH FLOOR. AND THEY TRIED TO MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF THAT ON THE WARREN COMMISSION, THE FIFTH OR SIXTH FLOOR. SEE, YOU HAVE BRICK LINES, I WAS COUNTING WINDOWS AND SO YOU SAID THE FIFTH FLOOR, WHY DID YOU SAY THAT LIKE I WAS TRYING TO MISLEAD SOMEBODY, I SAID, WELL I MADE A MISTAKE.

STAN: SO YOU JUST DIDN'T COUNT THE LAST ONE AS A FLOOR. THAT MAKES SENSE.

HARKNESS: SO I SAID I MADE A MISTAKE AND THEY HAD SOME PEOPLE FROM THE WARREN REPORT, WARREN INVESTIGATORS, SOME OF EM-

MARK: SOUNDS LIKE DAVID BELIN.

HARKNESS: THEY WERE ABUSIVE TO THE OFFICERS.

STAN: THE DALLAS POLICE FORCE TOOK A PRETTY GOOD BATTERING.

HARKNESS: OH YEA, OH YEA, WELL I'LL TALK TO YOU MORE OFF CAMERA.

MARK: MR. HARKNESS, THIS IS YOUR WARREN COMMISSION TESTIMONY AND, WOULD YOU READ THIS TO ME, AND ALL I WANTED TO KNOW IS THEY DIDN'T MISQUOTE YOU. COULD YOU READ BETWEEN THE ARROWS, AND JUST TELL ME IF IT'S TRUE TO YOUR BEST RECOLLECTION AS TO WHAT THEY MIGHT OF ASKED YOU, AND WHAT YOU MIGHT OF REPLIED? COULD YOU READ BETWEEN THE ARROWS, COULD YOU READ THAT OUT LOUD?

HARKNESS: MR. BELIN?

MARK: MR. BELIN.

HARKNESS: DAVID BELIN, WHO IS HE?

MARK: DAVID BELIN, HE'S ONE OF THE WARREN COMMISSION LAWYERS.

HARKNESS: THEN I AM CORRECT THAT YOUR TESTIMONY IS THAT YOU DIDN'T NOTICE WEATHER PEOPLE WERE COMING IN AND OUT, YOU NOTICE OR DID NOT NOTICE WEATHER PEOPLE WERE COMING OUT OF THE BUILDING AT THE TIME. WHICH BUILDING IS HE TALKING ABOUT?

STAN: OF COURSE, HE'S TALKING ABOUT THE SCHOOL BOOK DEP.

HARKNESS: BUT HE DOESN'T SAY SO.

STAN: NO, HE'S NOT SAYING SO BECAUSE A -

HARKNESS: SEVERAL OFFICERS IN THE AREA AND THERE WAS A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND. I DIDN'T KNOW WEATHER THEY WERE GOING IN OR OUT OR NOT. I COULDN'T SAY THAT. (HUMM) THEN YOU WENT AROUND THE BACK OF THE BUILDING. YES SIR. WAS ANYONE AROUND IN BACK WHEN YOU GOT THERE? YES, THERE WERE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS. THAT'S WHERE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS AND THAT COULD BE AN ERROR. I DIDN'T GET THEM IDENTIFIED, THEY TOLD ME THEY WERE SECRET SERVICE. SOME OF. THEN YOU STAYED AROUND BACK OF THE BUILDING. YES, I STAYED IN BACK TILL THE SQUAD GOT THERE, THEN WHAT DID YOU DO? I WENT BACK TO THE FRONT AND INSPECTOR SAWYER HELPED TO GET THE CROWD BACK FIRST, AND THEN I, SAWYER ASSIGNED ME TO SOME FREIGHT CARS THAT WERE LEAVING OUT OF THE YARD, TO GO DOWN AND SEARCH ALL FREIGHT CARS THAT WERE LEAVING THE YARD.. THEN WHAT DID YOU DO? WELL, I GOT A LONG FREIGHT THERE WAS IN THERE AND WE PULLED SOME PEOPLE OFF OF THERE AND TOOK THEM TO THE STATION. YOU MEAN SOME TRANSIENTS? TRAMPS AND HOBOS. THEY WERE ON THE FREIGHT CAR. YES SIR. THEN WHAT DID YOU DO? THAT WAS ALL MY ASSIGNMENT BECAUSE WE SHOOK TWO LONG FREIGHTS DOWN AND THAT WERE LEAVING TO MY KNOWLEDGE, ALL THAT AREA THERE. WE HAD SEVERAL OFFICERS WORKING IN THAT AREA. DO YOU KNOW WEATHER OR NOT ANYONE FOUND ANY SUSPICIOUS KIND OF NATURE? YES SIR, WE MADE SOME ARRESTS. I PUT SOME PEOPLE IN. THIS IS NOT CORRECT, I DON'T BELIEVE.

MARK: WHICH PART?

HARKNESS: I JUST DON'T BELIEVE, THIS FELLOW HE ACTED LIKE HE WAS TEED OFF.

STAN: WELL, HE ACTED THAT WAY A LOT. HE WAS VERY PUSHY, AND PUSHED PEOPLE AROUND A LOT.

HARKNESS: WELL FOR INSTANCE, AH THE BEST I REMEMBER WHEN I WENT IN TO GIVE THIS HE HAD A REVOLVER LAYING THERE AND HE SAID, " SEE THIS"? A .38 REVOLVER, THIS FELLOW HERE, I JUST DON'T KNOW ABOUT HIM. YES SIR, THEY WERE TAKEN TO THE STATION

AND QUESTIONED. ANY GUNS OF ANY KIND FOUND? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE. I WANT TO GO BACK TO THIS AMOUS EUINS. DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HE SAID TO YOU AND WHAT YOU SAID TO HIM WHEN VOY FIRST SAW HIM. SEE, HE'S, YOU CAN TELL BY THE FRAME OF QUESTIONING SEE, NO UH UH, HE IRRITATED A LOT OF PEOPLE.

STAN: WELL, THAT'S TRUE, WHAT YOU SAID IS TRUE. THE PEOPLE THAT I KNOW THAT HAD TO DEAL WITH HIM, SAY THE SAME THING.

MARK: DID YOU TELL HIM, MR. HARKNESS, THE PART WHERE THEY TOLD ME THEY WERE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS? IS IT TRUE OR?

HARKNESS: I DON'T RECALL THAT, I DON'T RECALL THAT. I TELL YA IT WAS AN ASSUMPTION ON MY PART AND I COULD OF BEEN WRONG. SO ON THIS-----

STAN: BUT YOU SEE HOW SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IN PRINT, THAT'S PRINTED IN THE WARREN COMMISSION. HE'S SAYING OR THEY SAID, THAT YOU SAID, THAT THEY TOLD YOU SO. YOU DON'T TELL US THAT.

HARKNESS: I DON'T REMEMBER TELLING THEM. THEY WERE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY. I DON'T RECALL TELLING HIM THAT. I ASSUMED THEY WERE SECRET SERVICE. THIS UH, THIS FELLOW HERE, PEEVED A LOT OF PEOPLE.

MARK: WE WERE CURIOUS, WE CAN'T ASK JOE MARSHAL SMITH. HE'S DECEASED.

STAN: P.T.DEAN IS GONE TOO, RIGHT.

HARKNESS: P.T. DEAN IS ON THIS. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THIS FELLOW OR NOT, BUT ONE OF THEM SAID YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS WEATHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT.

MARK: TO P.T.DEAN?

HARKNESS: YEA. AND P.T. DEAN SAID, " TRY ME " AND PICKED UP HIS HAT AND WALKED OUT.

MARK: THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT HE'D SAY.

STAN: THAT'S TRUE?

HARKNESS: YEA!

MARK: THAT'S THE WHOLE THING, IT'S A SHAME THE WAY THEY TREATED THE POLICEMEN AND WERE ABUSIVE AND DIDN'T COOPERATE.

HARKNESS: WELL ON THIS, I DON'T KNOW ON THIS PART HERE, I WOULDN'T WANT TO VERIFY THAT ON THERE, IF HE SAID IT HE'S PROBABLY GOT TAPES ON IT. BUT HE DOESN'T GET YOU IN A GOOD FRAME OF MIND, FOR QUESTIONS.

MARK: DID YOU KNOW A DALLAS DEPUTY CONSTABLE SEYMORE WEITZMAN? HE ALSO TOLD THE W.C. HE WAS IN THE PRESENCE OF SECRET SERVICE AGENTS BEHIND THE PICKET FENCE AREA; HE FOUND A PIECE OF SKULL FRAGMENT.

HARKNESS: THEY SAY THE SECRET SERVICE IS SUPPOSED TO STAY CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT. AND SOME FROM THAT PARTY, FANNED OUT. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THERE WERE F.B.I. AGENTS ON THERE, BUT SOME OF THEM WERE IN THAT GROUP. LIKE I SAY, THERE WAS A HIGHWAY PATROLMAN DRIVING IT. IT COULD OF BEEN STATE OR LOCAL.

STAN: YOU WITH YOUR OWN EYES SAW SOME OF THESE PEOPLE FAN OUT?

HARKNESS: OH YEA, YEA. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY WERE IN THE CAR BEHIND THEM OR WHAT.

MARK: THE REASON WE GET CONFUSED, IS THEY SAY THE ONLY SECRET SERVICE AGENTS THAT RETURNED TO DEALY PLAZA WAS FORREST SORRELS AND THAT WASN'T UNTILL ABOUT 30 MINUTES AFTER THE ASSASSANITION.

HARKNESS: WELL THAT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S NO BIG DEAL, SEE THESE THINGS THEY'RE TRYING TO- ARE YOU ALL WITH THE GOV'T AGENCY?

MARK: NO, I WORK FOR AN AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY IN ST. LOUIS!

STAN: I'M A MECHANICAL ENG. FOR ^{ORIEL corp.} ~~OREO CORPORATION~~.

MARK AND STAN: WE DO THIS AS A HOBBY.

HARKNESS: WELL ON THESE, ON THIS, THEY GIVE YOU DAYS TO REPORT OVER THERE AND TESTIFY AND IT'S A LONG TIME AND OF COURSE, THIS GUY REALLY HAMMERED AWAY AT ME ON THE, ON THE , TELLING EVERYBODY IT'S ON THE SIXTH FLOOR.

MARK: HE DIDN'T SHOW MUCH RESPECT FOR YOU.

HARKNESS: NO.

MARK: YOU WERE THERE. HE WASN'T THERE.

HARKNESS: HELL, YOU'D THINK I SHOT THE PRESIDENT THE WAY HE WAS TALKING. I DON'T KNOW IF THIS WAS THE GUY OR NOT.

STAN: YEA, HE WAS ABUSIVE.

HARKNESS: THAT MIGHT OF BEEN THE ONE THEY REPLACED, ON THIS WARREN COMMISSION-
I HOPE SO.

STAN: AS IT TURNED OUT IT WASN'T THE ONE THEY REPLACED.

MARK: IT'S ONE THEY SHOULD HAVE.

HARKNESS: YEA, I DON'T KNOW THIS DEAL HERE, I THINK I HAD ABOUT A TWENTY-SIX PAGE
DEPOSITION ON THERE.

STAN: IT WAS PRETTY LONG.

HARKNESS: AND ALL OF IT WAS ON STUFF, THAT I DIDN'T THINK WAS VERY PERTINENT,
COURSE I WASN'T AN INVESTIGATOR, I DIDN'T KNOW.

MARK: IT WAS THE NORMAL PROCEDURE TO BRING IN SUSPECTS, AND YOU WERE ASSIGNED WITH
SOME OTHER OFFICERS TO GO TO THE RAILROAD YARDS AND TAKE OFF SOME TRANSIETS AND
HOBOS. WHICH IS WHAT I BELIEVE THEY WERE.

HARKNESS: WELL YOU KNOW A LOT OF TIMES WHEN THEY INTERIGATE SOMEONE; OF COURSE
THEY HAD A BIG JOB, I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE FOCUSED ON THE DALLAS P.D., WELL
ERIC SEVERI AND HARRY REASONER STARTED THEIR JAWS A WORKING BEFORE THEY HAD THE
FACTS. THEN IT STARTED UNFOLDING, LOTS OF THINGS HAPPENED THAT YOU HEARD IT ONE
TIME AND THAT WAS IT.

STAN: THAT WAS THE PROBLEM WITH THIS, ALL ALONG STUCK THEIR FOOT IN THEIR MOUTH.

HARKNESS: WELL, AFTER THAT DEAL ON HERE, THAT'S THE WAY I RATIONALIZE IT.

MARK: WELL THAT'S WHY WE'RE SO GRATEFUL TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT. YOU WERE THERE-
THESE OTHER PEOPLE WEREN'T.

HARKNESS: SOME OF THE THINGS THEY HAMMERED AT, WAS SO INSIGNIFICANT TO ME, THE
MAIN THING WOULD BE TO TRY TO FIND SOMEONE THAT WAS UNKNOWN. IN FACT I BELIEVE
WE HAD ONE OF OUR OFFICERS STOPPED OSWALD COMING DOWN THE STAIRWAY. BAKER KNEW
THE SHOTS CAME FROM THAT BUILDING CAUSE HE WAS DEER HUNTING, AND HE LAID HIS
MOTOR DOWN, ONE OF THE FELLOWS, HE STOPPED HIM COMING DOWN THE STAIRWAY, AND
HE SAYS, " HE'S ALL RIGHT, HE WORKS HERE". WELL EVERYBODY SAYS MAN, IF HE'D A
LATCHED ONTO HIM, WELL IF HE'D OF LATCHED ONTO HIM, HE WOULD OF SAVED AN OFFICER

FROM GETTING KILLED, BUT THE THING ABOUT IT IS, WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS AN UNKNOWN, IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE THAT'S IN THE BUILDING, THAT CAN VOUCH FOR THIS PERSON TO GET IDENTIFIED, THAT'S ALL IT IS. IF HE DID IT, YOU COULD ALWAYS KNOW ^{who} HE WAS.

MARK: AND HE DIDN'T COME DOWN WITH THE RIFLE, RIGHT?

HARKNESS: NO, HE DIDN'T COME DOWN WITH THE RIFLE, SO I WOULD OF DONE THE SAME THING- EVERYONE ELSE WOULD OF DONE THE SAME THING. WELL, THOSE THINGS HAPPEN, SO THEN A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE THEIR THEORY ON THIS, SO I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. LIKE I SAY, I JUST HAD A SMALL PART TO PLAY IN IT, BUT I DO REMEMBER THIS FELLOW AND I DON'T REMEMBER ALL THESE THINGS IN HERE CAUSE I NEVER HAVE READ THIS. I MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE SAID THESE, BUT I'M SURE HE'S GOT THE TAPES ON IT.

MARK: IN ALL FAIRNESS, IT'S JUST AN EXCERPT, IT'S NOT ACTUALLY.

HARKNESS: THAT FELLOW DID GET A LOT OF OFFICERS UPSET, AND I WAS JUST GETTING IT.

MARK: AND THEN WAS IT ON SUNDAY MORNING, YOU SAID YOU SAW JACK RUBY AT THE CORNER OF HOUSTON AND ELM?

HARKNESS: SATURDAY

MARK: SATURDAY OK, I'M SORRY, SATURDAY.

HARKNESS: SATURDAY, UH, THE CROWD DOWN THERE, AND WES WISE WAS DOWN THERE TALKING TO HIM, WES WISE WAS A NEWSPAPER REPORTER AT THAT TIME, I WOULDN'T LET WES WISE COME IN THERE.

MARK: AND, BY ANY CHANCE DID YOU KNOW DALLAS DETECTIVE, E. R. BUDDY WALTHERS?

HARKNESS: YEA, THEY GOT THIS DEAL HERE ON UH, I DON'T KNOW WEATHER IF I TOLD FOSTER OR NOT, BUT I POINTED OUT, YOU KNOW THE MARK ON THE COVER, BUT LIKE I SAY IT COULD OF BEEN FROM A HEDGER OR IT COULD OF BEEN FROM A BULLET. BUT THEN ON THIS OLIVER STONE MOVIE, THEY TRIED TO MAKE OUT LIKE IT WAS A CONSPIRACY BECAUSE WALTHERS WAS GOING DOWN TO ? AND SOMEONE GUNNED HIM DOWN, BUDDY WALTHERS WAS KILLED LESS THAN FOUR MILES FROM HERE, HE WAS ARRESTING A FELLOW THAT HE ESCAPED, HE ESCAPED AND HE WAS SHACKED UP WITH SOME LITTLE OLE GAL OVER THERE, SO I UNDERSTOOD IT, BUDDY WALTHERS LET HIM GO GET HIS SHIRT OR GO GET HIS CLOTHES OR

SOMETHING AND HE HAD A GUN UNDER THEM, AND HE SHOT BUDDY AND HE SHOT AL MADDOX.

STAN: OH, AL MADDOX WAS WOUNDED?

HARKNESS: YEA, OH YEA. SHOT IN THE FOOT, AND THEN THAT'S HOW BUDDY WALTHERS GOT KILLED, IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS KENNEDY DEAL.

MARK: HE HAD ~~THE~~^{LIKE}, FORTY-EIGHT FELONS, JAMES WALTER CHERRY AND WAS WELL KNOWN TO THE DALLAS P. D.

STAN: I DIDN'T KNOW HE SHOT BOTH OF THE OFFICERS.

HARKNESS: OH YEA, HE KILLED WALTHERS AND SHOT MADDOX IN THE FOOT. I KNOW AL REAL WELL. I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS NOW.

MARK: HE'S IN WEATHERFORD, WEATHERFORD SOUND RIGHT?

HARKNESS: HE WAS OUT THERE WITH UH-

MARK: HE'S KIN TO MALCOLM SUMMERS, AND I'VE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM THE LAST YEAR. AND HE DOES HAVE SOME JACK RUBY MATERIAL HE IS DONATING TO THE CENTER, BECAUSE HE WOULD LIKE A DISPLAY NEXT TO HIS PARTNER, BUDDY WALTHERS. THAT'S THE EXACT STORY MR. MADDOX TOLD ME.

HARKNESS: I, DON'T KNOW ON THIS, I MAY OF SAID SOME THINGS IN HERE THAT I WAS MISQUOTED ON THAT MIGHT BE, HIS INTERPERATION, HE WAS TRYING TO GET WHAT HE WANTED HE WAS TRYING TO GET THE ANSWERS, HE WAS TRYING REAL HARD TO GET THE ANSWERS THAT HE WANTED. THEY WERE ALL INSIGNIFICANT. FOR INSTANCE OF WHAT FLOOR IT CAME FROM ON THERE, YOU CAN FIND OUT- YOU GOT THE LOCATION, HELL YOU CAN FIND OUT WHAT FLOOR IT WAS ON- WEATHER IT WAS THE FIFTH FLOOR OR THE SIXTH FLOOR, IT COME FROM THAT BUILDING.

MARK: THAT'S WHAT SEVERAL PEOPLE SAID.

HARKNESS: HOW CAN- YOU'VE GOT TO DECIDE AS QUICK AS YOU CAN, SEE AND UH, THEN WEATHER IT WAS F.B.I. AGENTS OR THE ONLY THING I'D BE CONCERNED ABOUT IS IF AN ASSISSN OUT THERE, I COULD IDENTIFY A PERSON AS BEING LAW ENFORCEMENT, WEATHER IT WAS SECRET SERVICE, F.B.I., ALCOHOL TOBBACO AND TAX, WHO EVER IT WOULD BE, A FEDERAL, LOCAL, STATE, YOU KNOW, SHERIFFS OFFICE, POLICE DEPT, WE HAD SEVERAL

OF THEM IN THE AREA, UH TO ME THAT WAS INSIGNIFICANT, BUT NOW THEN WHAT THEY WERE TRYING TO DO WAS MAKE A CASE ON SOME F.B.I. UH, SOME SECRET SERVICE MAN THAT WAS OUT OF POSITION, I GUESS, I DON'T KNOW.

MARK: I THINK WHAT THEY WERE TRYING TO IMPLY IS THAT, IF THERE WERE SOME SORT OF CONSPIRACY, POSSIBLY THEY WERE PHONY SECRET SERVICE MEN.

HARKNESS: NO, EVERYBODY, THERE WAS ENOUGH PEOPLE AROUND, ^{WE} ~~THE~~ WOULD OF SPOTTED A PHONY. ANOTHER THING, THEY TRIED TO PUT THIS ON THE D. P. D., AH YOU KNOW THE D.P.D. WAS NOT IN CHARGE OF THIS, CHIEF CURRY, LIKE I SAY, GAVE THEM EVERYTHING THEY ASKED FOR AND THEN UH, AN EXTRA FIFTY MEN, CALLED IN AN EXTRA FIFTY MEN. I BELIEVE THEY WERE DOWN, STASHED OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF SIGHT IF THEY NEEDED THEM AND WE DID EVERYTHING THAT THEY WANT, I DON'T THINK WE WERE CRITICIZED ANYTHING ON THIS, THEN THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION LATER ON THEN ASKED US OVER THAT, THEN THE F.B.I. HAD SOME OF THEIR AGENTS IN THE INTELLIGENCE DEPT. ONE WAS TRANSFERRED.

MARK: THE F.B.I. DIDN'T COOPERATE VERY MUCH.

HARKNESS: I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, AGAIN I KNOW WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYBODY-

STAN: J.C.DAY SPENT SOME TIME WITH ME, HE LIKED TO SUM IT UP BY SAYING, " THERE IS TOO MANY COOKS IN THE KITCHEN", IT WAS TOO FRAGMENTED, TOO MANY PEOPLE DOING TOO MANY THINGS.

HARKNESS: YEA, YEA, AND YOU GOT TO HAVE ONE PERSON IN CHARGE.

STAN: RIGHT, RIGHT. SO HE SAID, TOO MANY COOKS IN THE KITCHEN AND THIS IS WHAT ENDS UP.

MARK: ONE MORE QUESTION, MR. HARKNESS AND WE'LL GET OUT OF YOU'RE HAIR. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND EVERYTHING. DID BUDDY WALTHERS TALK TO YOU ABOUT HIS INVESTIGATION THAT DAY OVER THERE WITH JOE FOSTER? DID HE SAY ANYTHING?

HARKNESS: NO, I DON'T BELIEVE I TALKED TO BUDDY THAT DAY. I TALKED TO WELL, TWO DEPUTY SHERIFFS I THOUGHT WERE DECEASED, UH, LEMMIE LEWIS, ONE OF THEM, HE SAID

I SAW HIM DOWN ON MAIN HE SAID WE GOT SOME EXTRA MEN AROUND, WE GOT SOME PEOPLE ON THE OVERPASS, I THOUGHT WE HAD EVERYTHING COVERED. AND THAT WAS THE LAST WORDS I SAID TO HIM AND THEN AFTER THIS WAS OVER HE JUST LOOKED AT ME LIKE THAT, I SAID, " LEMMIE, YOU KNOW YOU'RE THE BIGGEST LIAR IN TOWN", HE LAUGHED AND HE NEVER DID LET ME FORGET THAT, " OH, WE GOT EVERYTHING COVERED". LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE SHOTS.

STAN: YOU SAID THAT FIVE MINUTED BEFORE?

HARKNESS: YES, LEMMIE LEWIS ASKED ME ABOUT IT. HE'S THE DEPUTY SHERIFF. HE HAD THE HE SAID WE GOT SOME EXTRA MEN, THEY HAD PEOPLE IN THE CROWD. HE SAID, " IF YOU NEED SOME MORE, LET ME KNOW". HE SAID, " I THINK WE GOT EVERYTHING COVERED!" HE GAVE ME THAT 1000 YARD STARE, SO I SAID, " LEMMIE YOU GOT TO BE THE BIGGEST LIAR IN THE ^{COUNTRY} COUNTRY."

THE REST IS JUST CHIT- CHAT!

HE DID NOT KNOW ROJAR CRAIG

I ASKED HIM TO AUTOGRAPH MY WARREN COMMISSION TESTIMONY AND HE SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH IT!

By,

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