

From Art Kevin 10/5/70

TRANSCRIPT

*The following statement was made by Democratic National Committee Chairman, Lawrence F. O'Brien. It came during an interview with KHJ-AM newsman Art Kevin on September 29, 1970 in the course of an exclusive interview at Mr. O'Brien's suite at the Century Plaza hotel:

KEVIN: "Let me tackle something that Senator Murphy said about 10 days ago, Mr. O'Brien, in Fremont, California, during a speech on "Violence in America". Mr. Murphy said that he was not at all sure that Lee Harvey Oswald or Sirhan Sirhan acted alone in the tragedy that befell the President and the Senator. And the comment of course started again. We had much reaction at our station as I'm sure many other newspapers and other media did as well. Ah, where are we? Where are you with regards to that question? Would you sponsor, or think an idea of a re-opening of both investigations, or either one, is desirable?"

O'BRIEN: "WELL..I WAS PRESENT ON BOTH OCCASIONS..IN DALLAS AND HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND..I GAVE MY TESTIMONY TO THE WARREN COMMISSION, REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION AT DALLAS..AND, EH..I HAVEN'T FOUND ANY EVIDENCE PRESENTED ANYWHERE SINCE THAT OCCURENCE , AND INDEED ANY EVIDENCE TO DATE, REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION HERE IN LOS ANGELES THAT WOULD ALTER THE FACTS AS DEVELOPED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE POLICE AND OTHERS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. ON THE OTHER HAND, MAKING A DETERMINATION ON WHAT CAUSED THIS AND WHO MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT BE INVOLVED... NOW THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND OTHER REASONS I GUESS, OR SOME OF THEM JUST TO BE SENSATIONAL..SENSATIONALISTS..THAT HAVE SUGGESTED ALL KINDS OF THEORIES, AND I AM SOMEWHAT DEPRESSED TO FIND THAT MR. MURPHY HAS JOINED THAT GROUP. I JUST CAN'T FOR THE LIFE OF ME BELIEVE THAT GEORGE MURPHY IS THE POSSESSOR OF EVIDENCE THAT WOULD ALTER OR..WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE BASIC CONCLUSION OF THE WARREN COMMISSION AND OTHERS. IF HE DOES HAVE THAT EVIDENCE HE SHOULD BRING IT FORTH, BUT LACKING THAT, AND I SUSPECT HE LACKS IT, THAT I WOULD SUGGEST TO HIM THAT IT'S NOT SEEMLY FOR A UNITED STATES SENATOR TO ENGAGE IN THAT KIND OF SORT OF GUTTER TACTICS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO HIMSELF AND I SUPPOSE, ATTEMPT TO CREATE SOME ISSUE OF SOME SORT IN THE MIDST OF A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN . I THINK A MAN SHOULD NO BETTER.