

April 21, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: David W. Belin

From: John Bart Ely

Re: Appearance of Chief Curry and Captain Fritz, April 22, 1964.

In connection with the treatment of Oswald by the Dallas police, Mr. Stern and I would be interested in your eliciting the following information.

I. From Chief Curry:

- A. Whatever he knows about whether Oswald asked for, or was offered, counsel.
- B. The nature of his public comments about the evidence against Oswald.
  1. What was said.
  2. To whom.
  3. When.
- C. Why he made such public statements.
- D. The nature of the "press conference" at which Oswald was presented.
- E. Why he was so presented.
- F. Whether it is possible to monitor conversations over the intercom on which prisoners talk to their visitors.
- G. If so, whether either the conversation between Lee and Robert or the conversation between Lee and Marina was monitored.
- H. Why, in view of the requirement of Article 217 of the Code of Criminal Procedure that persons arrested without a warrant shall "immediately" be taken before a magistrate, Oswald was not taken before a magistrate concerning Tippit's murder until about 5 1/2 hours after he was arrested, or concerning President Kennedy's murder until about 12 hours after the arrest.

II. From Captain Fritz:

- A. The nature of the interrogations.
  - 1. How long they lasted.
  - 2. Was Oswald fed?
  - 3. Was he handcuffed?
- B. Whether Oswald asked for, or was offered, counsel.
- C. Whether it is possible to monitor conversations over the intercom on which prisoners talk to their visitors.
- D. If so, whether either the conversation between Lee and Robert or the conversation between Lee and Marina was monitored.
- E. Why, in view of the requirement of Article 217 of the Code of Criminal Procedure that persons arrested without a warrant shall "immediately" be taken before a magistrate, Oswald was not taken before a magistrate concerning Tippit's murder until about 5½ hours after he was arrested, or concerning President Kennedy's murder until about 12 hours after the arrest.
- F. Where was Oswald between 12:35 A.M. and 1:10 A.M. on Saturday, November 23? (The jailor's records - Doc. 81B, p. 141 - show that he was checked out; Fritz and Baker were asked about this in Dallas and said they would check it.)
- G. How is it possible to reconcile the jailor's record to the effect that Oswald was checked into jail for the night at 1:10 A.M. (Doc. 81B, p. 141) with the record (Doc. 81B, p. 74) to the effect that Oswald was arraigned at approximately 1:35 A.M. in the Identification Bureau? (Fritz and Baker were also asked to check on this.)