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Excerpts from interview of Dean Andrews by Bob Scott, WNAC, 2/17/67

A: I just don't want to get involved in it. Besides that, I like to live. If a guy can put a hole in the President, he can just step on me like an ant. It's not my fight."

Q: Has the government shown any further interest in you?

A: Yeah, they watch me. Got a tap on the phone you're talking on now."

Q: You said there were three things you were going to do. One of them was find Clay Bertrand and the other one was find the guy who ^{really} killed the President. Do you still feel that way?

I know, daddy-o, I'm too smart to talk, like I told you, I like to live. Most of the answers I know, but I mean, what the hell, it doesn't make any difference. I've done two of the three. Let's put it that way.

Q: Would you care to say which two?

A: No. Unh-unh.

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A: I just can't see anything will come out of it. What difference does it make? The guy's dead. Start a lot of ~~-----~~ and, uh, mess up a bunch of people, and I'm just kind of conservative. I believe in letting sleeping dogs lie. All I can get out of publicity is a hole in my head and my creditors will find me and think I'm famous and want me to pay my bills ... (On Oswald) Oh, ~~yes~~ he never killed him. All the people know that. He ain't nothing but a decoy. Everybody knows that. ... You can't win for losing in this game. ... He's just a patsy.

Q: Do you think it was Lee ~~who~~ ^{that} was in your office.

A: I don't think. I know that.

Q: How about any influence ... or pressure brought to bear on you ...

A: Well, let's put it this way. I practiced international law a long time. I know my way around. I know what I have to do and I do what I have to do when I have to do it. I think ~~if~~ ^{if} there is a plot ... with the passage of time the people involved in it grow old and when you grow old you lose nerve. When you lose nerve, you become conservative and you just fade and you pass. It would be my guess as to whoever did what was done over in Dallas.

7 Q Do you think in your little dealing that you had with Lee Oswald at all that he had any connection with the CIA or the FBI?

9 A. No. He personally? No.

9 Q Okay, then, Mr. Andrews, I do appreciate your talking with us.

9 A. I wish I could go the route with you, but I ain't got nothing to win and everything to lose. You know, like my life, and I just enjoy breathing. I like to chase the broads when mommy ain't around, you know (both men laughing) enjoy such luxuries as that. I got a very well orderly life, you know, hahaha, and I like it to stay that way. These people down here I think if what just listening to them and everything else is true they'll have a lot of fun and they'll probably come close and j-u-u-s-t miss, you know.

9 Q Do you think you really know the answer, you yourself?

9 A. Well, let me put it this way. I can come closer than close. But I ain't even gonna get that close. I'm gonna - if the action's is north, I'm going west, you know. These - uh, it's a very - let me put it to you this way. It's a very fantastic, strange, set~~up~~ of circumstances. I don't think this thing was plotted. I think the whole thing happened within 36 or 72 hours at the most. Probably 36 hours.

9 Q If we ever open the investigation up again on some sort of a nationally recognized or governmental plane, will you testify before a new investigation committee?

9 A. Well, I got the shortest memory in the world. Round about a minute. That - that's not what's gonna do it. They done did what they had to do and the only people not satisfied are the people - historians, you know. They want to document everything and they couldn't care less who gets stepped on or what. They're looking for the Holy Grail and if they can find it, God bless 'em. What they going to do with it when they find it? They let Pandora out the box and they ain't no way they can put her back in. Now all you can get is conjecture. The real answers to tell you personally yes, I know the guy that pulled the trigger, man, nobody could tell you that. But nobody. But the way I think ^{what} everybody's ticked off at is the way in which all this mass of information was assimilated (sic) and it's like ~~the~~ finding an elephant. Down on the bayou when I's a kid they told us a little story. Took 4 blind men to the zoo. One grabbed an

an elephant by the trunk and said, "I know what he's like, he's like a snake." 'Nother ^{one} grabbed the elephant by the tree and he said, "No - - by the leg you know and said, he's a a tree like a trunk." One walked into his belly and said you two cats are crazy, he's like a wall. One grabbed him by the tail and said, "No, he's like a rope." They all argued loud and long about what an elephant is, but they only got one part of him. And that's the problem with the Warren Report. Nobody'll go deep enough, far enough and strong enough to take the entire concept and nobody is intelligent enough or clever enough to start from say point a to point c with ~~run~~ ^{the} varyin' factors that go in and out of it. But because they do not possess the necessary instincts and training to take ~~all~~ all of the pieces and put it together and that's what they're hollering about the Warren Report that the Feebies didn't run this particular report out ... But nobody knows which way the bullet went - north, south, east or west. Did it come from Oswald's window? Actually, I have reason to believe there were three places and that there were two assassins and a dummy and all they caught was what they were supposed to catch - the dumbbell. The two real people, the hit and the follow-up hit, - you can't lay three shots, you know, the way they say they did but you can figure assassin A, pow. ~~You~~ can figure assassin B, pow and assassin A, pow, and you got three shots ~~to~~ Nobody can tell me the directions the shots come from and all you got to do is plant something in a person's mind and if he's an alleged witness he'll seaze on it and go up and say it's true. ... But what they can't get away from, no matter how they look at it, is how they caught a patsy so quick. Who leaked the information? Do you know how to write?

HA. Yes.

BB. One day we'll write a book, if you're ever down here, "Who killed Cock Robin?"