

... that was the last time we ever spoke to each other.

QUESTION: Do you feel now that Oswald was the lone assassin - or was the assassin at all?

THORNLEY: No; I don't. The reason I don't is because some time ago now scanned

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through the 26 volumes of supportive evidence, supposedly, for the conclusions of the Warren Commission. And I, the first thing I saw in there that really - now, I had read the Warren Commission Report very carefully in writing "Oswald" because I was not only writing about, the publisher not only wanted me to say what I knew about him, he wanted me to imagine what was going through his mind as he committed the assassination and all this sort of thing. So I really had to research what the Warren Commission Report had said because that was all the available data at the time.

QUESTION:this book, "Oswald", is based on the assassination actually.

THORNLEY: Right. And so I was very familiar with the Warren Report and there was one section there where this man named Deputy Sheriff Craig had told someone that he had seen Oswald running from the Book Depository and getting into a car that later turned out to resemble Ruth Paine's car very much, just after the assassination. And they said, well, this couldn't be because Deputy Sheriff Craig is an unreliable witness. And they paraphrased this by proving something that was supposed to have happened earlier where Craig was supposed to have said he walked into an office and identified Oswald after custody had been taken of him and Oswald had stood up very dramatically and looked at him and said, "Now everyone will know who I am." You know, this seemed so ridiculous that you thought, well, what's wrong with that Craig? You know, is he some kind of a nut?

But if you read Craig's testimony in the 26 volumes, that's not at all what happened. Oswald leaned forward and looked at the police captain who was questioning him and said, "Now everybody will know who I am," objecting to them dragging Craig in to identify him. He didn't even, apparently, at this time know he was being accused of the assassination and he was objecting to this invasion of his privacy apparently.

QUESTION: Do you feel that he would be capable of it, just from your knowledge of Oswald from your association with him?

THORNLEY: Basically, that's what I was saying in my book, "Oswald", was that I felt he would be capable of it and I was explaining why, you know, what I thought would motivate him if he was, you know, if he did it.

QUESTION: What was your initial reaction when you first heard about the assassination?

THORNLEY: My initial reaction was, "Well, Oswald's got himself into something again." He was always getting himself into things where he really wasn't to blame, you know, but he would attract suspicion, you know, he would go out of his way to get himself accused of something and afterwards he would lord it around about, you know, how persecuted he was. And I thought, well, he's done it again, you know, why doesn't

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