

KING, Glen D., Press Counsel to Chief Curry, statement to American Society of Newspaper Editors, Vol. XX, pp.453-69.

Here are a series of quotations from the galley proofs together with the page numbers on which they appear.

The first one is extremely interesting because it says something I have not seen anyplace else. It says of the first description broadcast by the police, "We were fortunate that we were able to talk to a person at the location of the events who gave us a description of a person, an employee who, he said, had been in the building prior to the assassination but was not there following it."

With this introduction, note carefully the next paragraph, "We broadcast this description on our police radio within a very few minutes after the assassination. The description was of a slender white male, about 30 years of age, about five feet ten, weighing about 165 pounds. At the time he was seen, he was carrying something that looked like either a 30-30 rifle or some type of a Winchester."

Regardless of what can or cannot be said of the source of this information, it definitely was not Brennan; and it definitely was broadcast by the police (see log).

Again, why all the mystery of the source of the ~~id~~identification?

On the same page, 454, this about the Tippit killing: "... Tippit was shot three times. He was hit twice in the head and once in the chest. We believe that any of the wounds would have probably been fatal."

Note this statement was made in public and considerably after the time of the assassination.

Now compare this language with that in the report on p.172 referring to the statements of Cortlandt Cunningham, FBI firearms identification lab, "Cunningham compared four (my emphasis) lead bullets recovered from the body of Patrolman Tippit ..."

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As noted elsewhere, there always has been considerable confusion about the Tippit bullets, and the Commission itself acknowledges this in the report where I do not believe it refers to the description of one of the cartridge shells as "chrome", I believe by Benavides. There may be an autopsy report on Tippit someplace in these volumes, but at the moment I don't recall it.

On the question of the press, the following paragraph on p.455:
"This is not an attempt on my part to evade any responsibility here in this field. The newsmen admittedly were there because we permitted them to be there. Had we so chosen, we could have excluded them. So this is not on my part a condemnation of the newsmen for exercising a privilege that we had given. Still their presence there was a hindering factor to us."

With regard to whether or not the press was told when Oswald would be moved, the following from the bottom of p.455 and the top of p.456:
"They told us they were hungry, that they were tired and that they would like to get something to eat but that they had come to Dallas from considerable distances and couldn't afford to be away from the station when something of importance happened. They asked if we were going to transfer Oswald that night.

"We were not at that time far enough along with the investigation. We ^{dn't} ~~had~~ completed the part of it that we needed to do with him in our custody. We told them to be back by ten o'clock the next morning, Sunday, that this would be early enough.

"The hallways outside were still full of newsmen. We told them the same thing. Now this, on our part, did indicate certainly that we didn't intend to transfer him prior to ten o'clock, and we did not. It also indicated our intention to allow the newsmen to be present regardless of the time the transfer was made. This we did."