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Dear Mr. Westcott,

Thanks for the trouble you went to in trying to make a transcript of the so-called (and mislabelled) Oswald press conference.

It was more heavily edited by the time CBS used it again, for in addition to the claim to being a "Patsy" being edited off, he also made demands for a lawyer, in effect saying he hoped some lawyer would come forth, but really, I think, meaning a lawyer from the American Civil Liberties Union.

In case you go through your tapes again (and do not take the extra time for me) this "Patsy" remark was made earlier that same day, about 7:55 Dallas time. It happened when Oswald was being led down a corridor. I have heard this tape and a friend in California has it.

Thanks very much for the trouble.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Dear Mr Wiseberg:

After talking to you by telephone the evening of Jan. 13, 67 I went through my tapes until about 1:30 A.M.

I did have a recap of the press conference with Oswald but it did not have his comments that you were looking for. It was recorded from CBS TV about Nov 25, 1963 as a recap of the past few days. It ended I am sure before Oswald was removed from the microphones because I remember in the actual conference a mass of confusion and every one talking when he was taken away.

Attached is a transcript from my tape giving questions and answers. I am sorry I do not have a second recorder to make you an actual reproduction.

Sincerely  
J. Ed Westcott

To Harold Weisberg

From J. E. Westcott

Jan 15, 1967

Tape recording of Oswald's press Conf.

Oswald - Well I was <sup>(?)</sup> requested by judge <sup>(?)</sup> or by  
although I protested at that time that I was  
not allowed legal representation. But during  
that uh that uh very short and sweet  
period uh I really don't know what the  
situation is about no body has told  
me.

I know that         accused of murdering  
a policeman. I know nothing more than  
that and I do request for someone to  
come forward to give me a legal  
assistance.

Question - Did you kill the President?

Oswald - No I have not been charged with  
that. In fact no body has said that  
to me yet. The first thing I heard about  
it was when the newspaper reporters  
in the hall uh ask me that question.

Question - You have been charged - Question - No body  
said what? (questions overlapped)

Oswald - Sir.

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To Weisberg  
From Westcott

Question - you have been charged } overlapping.  
Question - No body said what? }

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Question - What did you do in Russia?

Questions - (From several not readable)

Question - How did you hurt your eye?

Question - Oswald - how did you hurt your eye?

Question - How

Oswald - A police man hit me.

Question - Can some body give us a —  
(end of tape.)