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(400) WARREN-OSWALD-QUESTIONING

WASHINGTON, NOV. 23 (AP)-DALLAS DETECTIVE CAPT. WILL FRITZ SAID LEE HARVEY OSWALD CLAIMED HE HAD BROKEN ONLY ONE LAW IN HIS LIFE:

"I HIT THE OFFICER IN THE (MOTION PICTURE) SHOW; HE HIT ME IN THE EYE AND I GUESS HE DESERVED IT.

"THAT IS THE ONLY LAW I VIOLATED. THAT IS THE ONLY THING I HAVE DONE WRONG."

FRITZ' TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION PROBING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS MADE PUBLIC TODAY. IN IT, HE DETAILED HIS HOURS OF QUESTIONING OSWALD, THE MAN THE COMMISSION SAID ALONE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SLAYING.

FRITZ, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE CASE FOR THE DALLAS POLICE, SAID THE FIRST TIME HE INTERVIEWED OSWALD THE SUSPECT PROTESTED AGAINST AN FBI AGENT'S QUESTIONING.

THE FBI AGENT, JAMES PATRICK HOSTY, TESTIFIED HIS PRESENCE UPSET OSWALD, BUT SAID HE ASKED NO QUESTIONS.

FRITZ SAID OSWALD ACCUSED HOSTY OF "ACOSTING MY WIFE" AND "PRACTICALLY TOLD HER SHE WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK TO RUSSIA."

IN THAT FIRST INTERVIEW, FRITZ SAID:

"MR. HOSTY SPOKE UP AND ASKED HIM SOMETHING ABOUT RUSSIA, AND ASKED HIM IF HE HAD BEEN TO RUSSIA, AND HE ASKED HIM IF HE HAD BEEN TO MEXICO AND THIS IRRITATED OSWALD A GREAT DEAL AND HE BEAT ON THE DESK AND WENT INTO A KIND OF TANTRUM."

HOSTY SAID IT WAS HIS JOB TO KEEP TABS ON OSWALD'S RUSSIAN-BORN WIFE.

"IT IS THE PRACTICE OF THE FBI TO INTERVIEW IMMIGRANTS FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN ON A SELECTIVE BASIS AND SHE WAS SO SELECTED TO BE ONE OF THESE PERSONS TO BE INTERVIEWED," HE SAID.

HOSTY ASSERTED OSWALD GREETED HIM THIS WAY: "'OH, SO YOU ARE HOSTY. I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU'."

"HE THEN STARTED TO CUSS US. . . HE MADE THE STATEMENT, 'IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME, DON'T BOTHER MY WIFE.'"

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THE AGENT SAID OSWALD CALLED THE FBI, "GESTAPO, SECRET POLICE," AND SAID "WE WERE HARASSING PEOPLE."

HOSTY TESTIFIED HE TRIED TO KEEP TABS ON OSWALD BECAUSE OF THE MAN'S ACTIVITY IN NEW ORLEANS WITH THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA GROUP AND BECAUSE OF HIS CONTACT WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY ON A TRIP OSWALD MADE THERE.

FRITZ SAID DURING HIS INTERROGATION OF OSWALD, THE MAN DENIED KILLING EITHER THE PRESIDENT OR OFFICER J. D. TIPPIE.

"HE TOLD ME HE WAS EATING LUNCH WITH SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES WHEN THIS (THE ASSASSINATION) HAPPENED, AND THAT HE SAW ALL THE EXCITEMENT."

OSWALD, FRITZ SAID, DECLARED HE DIDN'T OWN A RIFLE, BUT HAD SEEN ONE IN THE BOOK BUILDING TWO OR THREE DAYS EARLIER THAT THE MANAGER AND SOME WORKERS WERE EXAMINING.

FRITZ SAID OSWALD CLAIMED HE TOOK HIS PISTOL TO THE PICTURE SHOW BECAUSE, "WELL, YOU KNOW ABOUT A PISTOL; I JUST CARRIED IT."

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