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- 11/22/63** Dallas - The Dallas police Department today arrested a 24-year-old man, Lee H. Oswald, in connection with the slaying of a Dallas policeman shortly after President Kennedy was assassinated.
- He was also being interrogated to see if he had any connection with the slaying of the President.
- Oswald was pulled screaming and yelling from the *Texas Theater* in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas. *AP*, 2:35 p.m. CST
- 11/22/63** Dallas - Captain Will Fritz of the Dallas police homicide department said it had been established the man [Oswald] had been in the building from which the shots that felled the President came -- at the time they were fired. *AP*, 7:30 p.m. CST
- 11/22/63** Dallas - Just before 7 p.m., Captain Will Fritz said Oswald had been identified from a police lineup as the man who shot patrolman J. D. Tippett. He said an eyewitness made the identification.
- As Oswald was returned from the lineup, a reporter shouted: "Did you kill the President?"
- Oswald replied in a loud voice, "No. I did not kill the President. I did not kill anyone."
- 11/22/63** Dallas - Police Chief Jesse Curry said tonight charges of murdering President Kennedy have been filed against Lee Harvey Oswald. ... Officers said he was the man who hid on the fifth floor of a textbook warehouse and snapped off three quick shots that killed the President and wounded Governor John B. Connally of Texas. *AP* bulletin, 11:50 p.m. CST
- 11/22/63** Dallas, bulletin: Police Chief Jesse Curry said tonight charges of murdering President Kennedy have been filed against Lee Harvey Oswald. 11:50 *AP* pCS
- 11/22/63** Dallas, Frank Cormier: A gunman assassinated President Kennedy from ambush today with a high-powered rifle. Nearly 12 hours later, a 24-year-old man who professed love for Russia was charged with murder. 11:51 *AP* pCS
- 11/22/63** Dallas - Oswald also was accused of slaying a pursuing policeman, another charge he denied although he admitted he owned the snub-nosed .38 caliber pistol which felled the officer. *News CB* p. 2, *UPI* and *AP*
- 11/22/63** 9:10 p.m. 11/22/63, *KLIF* reporters record the words in the corridor at the police station:
- "I was questioned by a judge. However I protested at that time that I was not allowed legal counsel ... [noise] ... during that short and sweet hearing. I really don't know what the situation is. Nobody has told me anything except I'm accused of murdering a policeman. I know nothing more than that. I do request someone to come forward to give me legal assistance."

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"Did you kill the President?"

"No. I've not been charged with that. In fact nobody has said that to me yet. The first thing I heard about it was when the newspaper reporters in the hall asked me that question."

From notes taken in 4/64, from *The Fateful Hours*, a *Capitol Custom* [R13-2278] by *KLIF*, Dallas, issued earlier during the year.

- 11/22/63** 11:26 p.m. [11/22/63] Peace Justice David Johnson read the charge [against Oswald for murdering President Kennedy]. From notes taken in 4/64, from *The Fateful Hours*, a *Capitol Custom* [R13-2278] by *KLIF*, Dallas, issued earlier during the year.
- 11/22/63?** Peace Justice David Johnson reads the formal assassination charge; time given as 11.26 p.m. Side II, at 190' [Seth Kantor Exhibit. #3, Hearings XX, p. 371, gives the time as 12.26. Kantor had come from Washington, D.C. - was his watch set on Washington time?]
- 11/22/63?** Oswald interview, time given as 9.10 p.m. [CE 2166, Hearings XXIV, p. 817, gives the time as 12.10 a.m., 11/23.] Side II, at 142' *KLIF* tape, *The Fateful Hours*
- 11/22/63** Dallas - A murder charge was filed against Oswald shortly before midnight, some 10 hours after he had been arrested on another charge - of slaying a policeman who stopped him for questioning on an Oak Cliff street. *AP*, 12:05 a.m., Raymond Holbrook
- 11/23/63** Paraffin tests - see Paraffin Tests file.
- 11/23/63** Dallas -- main story of the day on Oswald:

Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with murdering President Kennedy, insisted during hours of questioning last night that he was not the assassin.

With his jaw thrust out and his dark eyes intent and piercing, Oswald kept telling newsmen:

"I did not kill President Kennedy. I did not kill anyone. I don't know what this is all about."

"I don't think he is a nut," District Attorney Henry Wade told newsmen. I think he is sane. I don't mean that he is any PhD, but he answers questions very easily and he is sharp." *AP*, 1:45 a.m. CST
- 11/23/63** Dallas -- main story of the day on Oswald concluded: Oswald was a member of the *Fair Play for Cuba* committee. *AP* 1:45 a.m. CST

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Oswald described himself as a member of the *Fair Play for Cuba* committee.

In Buffalo, NY., V. T. Lee, national director of the committee said: "We have never issued a charter in that area [New Orleans]. I don't know if Oswald is a member. He could be. There is no one, however, named Oswald who is an official of the committee anywhere in the United States." New York subbed at 3:29 a.m. EST [2:29 a.m. CST]

11/23/63 Dallas -- optional lead assassination main story, original filed at 4:21 a.m. CST.

Oswald swore allegiance to the Soviet Union four years ago and tried to renounce his American citizenship. He said he is now a member of *Fair Play for Cuba*. Police termed him arrogant. *AP*, 4:24 a.m. CST, Frank Cormier

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Dallas Police Chief Jess Curry said today Lee Harvey Oswald has "readily admitted he is a Communist."

Curry said Oswald admitted to officers in questioning last night that he was "a member of the Communist Party."

The police chief said, "Apparently he was proud of being a Communist. He didn't try to hide it."

Curry said he did not know whether Oswald was a card-carrying member of the party.

"Last year Oswald said on the New Orleans television panel he was not [cq] a communist but was a Marxist," Curry said, "but actually, Oswald has never drawn any distinction between the two."

Curry said police never had Oswald listed on their suspicious list. "We have another man working in that same building who has been listed in our subversive files since 1955," Curry said. Police were seeking this man for questioning.

... Curry said that there are 25 to 30 known communists in the Dallas area.

"I understand the Communists have had some meetings here but we don't have much to do with them," said the police chief. *AP*, 10:05 a.m. CST, Peggy Simpson

11/23/63 Dallas - Curry said a building porter also described Oswald as a possible suspect. The police chief did not identify the porter. "The porter said he carried Oswald up to the sixth [correct] floor and Oswald asked him to send the elevator back up. The porter went to the front steps to watch the parade," Curry said. *AP*, 11:17 a.m. CST, Peggy Simpson

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11/23/63 Dallas - Oswald ... asked today for a lawyer.

Police were escorting Oswald past rows of photographers and reporters on the way to further questioning in the interrogation room in the jail basement.

Newsmen had agreed not to ask Oswald any questions as he passed, but as the slim accused man approached a television microphone, he stopped.

Leaning over slightly, he said, "I want to contact Mr. Abt in New York to defend me as my lawyer." Without another word, Oswald and the police walked into a hallway and closed the door. *AP*, 11:58 a.m. CST, Peggy Simpson

11/23/63 A well-known New York lawyer is John Abt who had defended many communists on various charges. *AP*, 12:38 p.m. CST

11/23/63 Dallas - On [9/26], President Kennedy's plans for a visit to Dallas were announced. A few days later, Oswald got a job at the *Texas School Book Depository* as a temporary warehouse worker. The man who hired him, R. S. Truly, said:

"He was a pretty quiet individual. His work was fine and I had no reason to believe - no idea the man had ever been in Russia. He was very quiet with nice manners and a nice appearance." *AP*, 1:18 p.m. CST

11/23/63 Dallas - Police claim that a search of Oswald's room turned up Communist literature. But landlord [A. C.] Johnson said:

"We had never seen those books. He must have kept them hidden somewhere." *AP*, 1:18 p.m. CST

11/23/63 Dallas - Curry told newsmen the FBI had interviewed Oswald "a week or two ago."

Asked if the FBI notified police of Oswald's presence, the chief said, "No, sir. They did not."

"Why they hadn't gotten around to informing us of this man, we don't know," Curry said.

He said the FBI told him of the interview last night after Oswald was in custody. Curry said the FBI agents did not reveal what information they had learned from their interview, or if the interview indicated he was a person to watch. *AP*, Peggy Simpson, 11:20 a.m. CST

11/23/63 Dallas subbed the above "curry told newsmen ... person to watch", with the following:

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Curry told newsmen that the FBI had interviewed Oswald a week or so ago. Then he hastily called newsmen together again to say he does not have first-hand information of this.

Curry said, "I do not want to accuse the FBI of withholding information. They have no obligation to help us. Someone told me last night that they interviewed Oswald. I do not know whether they did or not. They have always been very cooperative." *AP*, 1:21 p.m. CST

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Dallas - The first suspicion of the slim, black-haired man was by a policeman who saw Oswald in the building lunchroom. The officer pulled a gun on Oswald, but when the manager said Oswald worked there he was allowed to go.

... Within minutes, police broadcast a description of him. He is about 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs about 160. He has black hair, sharp features and a mouth that presses tightly together when he is angry and defiant.

... The Chief believes Tippit, the slain officer, spotted Oswald from his broadcast description and stopped him for questioning. Oswald fired a pistol and the officer dropped dead.

... Curry said ... paraffin tests, made to determine from powder residue whether Oswald had fired a gun, were positive. This meant Oswald had fired a weapon within a short time before he was arrested. Apparently it could have been either a rifle or a pistol - or both. They wouldn't say. *AP*, 1:50 p.m., CST, Peggy Simpson

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Dallas - Curry said Oswald declined to take a lie detector test. *AP*, 1:50 pm CST, Peggy Simpson

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Dallas - A building porter said he took Oswald to the sixth floor in an elevator. When he got out, Oswald asked the porter to send the car back up for him. The porter went to the ground floor to watch the Kennedy motorcade.

After that, Curry said, it is known that Oswald descended and left the building on foot.

... Somehow - Curry doesn't know - Oswald reached the Oak Cliff section, across the Trinity River from downtown Dallas. *AP*, 1:50 p.m. CST

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sub for "somehow ... downtown Dallas":

Homicide Captain Will Fritz said Oswald had told police he caught a bus when he left the Depository Building, decided the bus was too slow and switched to a taxicab. He went to his rooming house in Oak Cliff, changed clothing and decided to go to a movie. *AP*, 3:07 p.m. CST

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- 11/23/63** Dallas - His mother, Mrs. Marguerite Oswald of Fort Worth, wife Marina Nicholaevna and daughters, June, about 4, and Rachel, 2 months, visited Oswald today. They did not answer questions of reporters as they left. *AP*, 3:08 p.m. CST
- 11/23/63** Dallas - H. Louis Nichols, President of the *Dallas Bar Association*, who met with Oswald this afternoon, said Oswald told him he would like to be represented by John Abt of New York City. ... If he could not get Abt, Nichols said, Oswald would like a lawyer from the *American Civil Liberties Union*, of which he is a member.
- Nichols said he went to see Oswald because he had heard that Oswald had been unable to get legal counsel.
- During the three-minute conversation he had with Oswald, Nichols said, he did not discuss the case with the charged man and that Oswald appeared calm and rational.
- Under questioning by newsmen, Nichols said he felt that Oswald would be able to get a fair trial in Dallas. *AP*, 6:50 p.m. CST
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- ... In Kent [Connecticut?], Abt said, "If I were asked, I would in all probability have to decline - because of my schedule - to defend Oswald." *AP*, 6:50 p.m. CST, *Peggy Simpson*
- 11/23/63** Message to Dallas from Portland: *Oregonian* asks if it possible for you to do a story on Oswald's activities in chronological order so far as known all day yesterday. Asked by ME Edw. Miller. *AP*, 7:18 p.m. PST
- 11/23/63** To Portland from Dallas: Re Oswald chronology: some details unclear so unhave in hand. Asking police if can give. *AP*, 9:40 p.m. CST
- 11/23/63** Dallas - Oswald, under security guard, has no lawyer. *AP*, 10:53 p.m. CST
- 11/23/63** Dallas - Further re Oswald time table: Homicide Captain Will Fritz says a complete timetable has been prepared, but will not be released since it contains portions of evidence against Oswald. Assume you noted, all stories been unable pin down exactly all

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movements suspect.

11/23/63 Dallas - City detective Ed Hicks, after intensive investigation ..., drew this picture of the hour surrounding the tragedy:

Oswald was working on the fifth floor of the *Texas Book Depository*, the floor from which the shots were fired. A man working with him said: "Oswald, let's go see the President."

Oswald replied: "No, you go on down and send the elevator back up." *San Francisco Examiner, AP*

11/23/63 Dallas - Curry also said police never had Oswald listed on their suspicious list. "We have another man working in that same building who has been listed in our subversive files since 1955," Curry said. Police were seeking this man for questioning. *News CB, p. 2, UPI and AP*

11/23/63 Dallas - Oswald ... ate a breakfast of oatmeal, apricots, bread and coffee and calmly awaited further questioning. *NewsCB, UPI and AP*

11/24/63 Dallas, [11/23] - Oswald's only utterance directed to outsiders today was an exclamation, as he was led handcuffed through a police headquarters corridor:

"I want to talk to Mr. *** in New York." The name sounded like Abt or Apt.

[Wade] said the defendant had been advised repeatedly of his rights to counsel, and that he understood that relatives who have come to police headquarters were trying to raise money for a lawyer.

If they were unsuccessful, he added, counsel would be appointed by the county. *New York Times* [NY], Gladwin Hill

11/24/63 Curry's statement of evidence.

Wade's statement of evidence. *AP*, Peggy Simpson

11/24/63 Dallas - ... Oswald stuck to his story that he left work early at the building from which the shots were fired because he thought it would close in honor of the President. *San Francisco Chronicle, UPI*

11/24/63 Dallas, [11/23] - The arrest [at the *Texas Theater*] came about 90 minutes after the assassination.

At police headquarters, Oswald was questioned for five hours, then arraigned in the murder of Patrolman Tippit at 7:15.

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The interrogation, directed by Captain Will Fritz ... continued until midnight. At 1:30 a.m today Oswald was arraigned on charges of murdering the President. He denied both charges. The questioning of Oswald was resumed this morning. *New York Times*, Donald Janson

11/24/63 Dallas - Oswald admitted under questioning he was in the building at the time of the shooting, Curry said. Oswald worked as a laborer for the book company and had access to all floors of the building.

A porter told officers he took Oswald in the elevator to the sixth floor on Friday ...

11/24/63 Dallas - "It is true that he has made or signed no statement of his guilt," Chief of Police Jesse E. Curry [yesterday] told reporters. "But I think we have the right man."

Neither the FBI nor the Secret Service appears to join in the confident assertion of the local police. *San Francisco Examiner*, Bob Considine, *Hearst Headline Service*

11/24/63 Dallas, [11/23] - The first officer to reach the six-story building, Lieutenant Curry said, found Oswald among other persons in a lunchroom.

An elevator operator, the chief said, recalled having taken Oswald to the top floor before the motorcade passed by. *New York Times*, Donald Jansen

11/24/63 Evansville, IN - Entertainer Bill Demar [memory expert of Evansville told the *AP* by telephone today he was positive Oswald was a patron about nine days ago [11/15] in the Dallas night club of Jack Ruby.

... Demar, Bill Crowe in private life, had completed two weeks of a five-week engagement at Ruby's *Carousel Club* when it was closed indefinitely Friday.

"I have a memory act," the magician-ventriloquist said, "in which have 20 customers call out various objects in rapid order. Then I tell them at random what they called out. I am positive Oswald was one of the men that called out an object about nine days ago." *AP*, 9:24 p.m. CST

[See Weissman, 2/9/64]

11/25/63 Dallas - Wade spoke to newsmen last night [nine hours after Oswald shot].

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... There was no evidence that showed Oswald was a member of the *Communist Party*, Wade said. "However, there was lots of material dealing with communism, such as the *Daily Worker*, and there was even more material dealing with *the Fair Play for Cuba* organization."

Officers said earlier Oswald told them he was a communist, and was proud of it. *AP*, 3:08 a.m. CST, Peggy Simpson

11/25/63 New York – Reporter: "Did he ... ever say anything about it, admit anything at all?"

Wade: "He never did admit any of the killing. I didn't - you ask me this - I didn't do any of the interrogation."

Reporter: "You have not listed it then as part of the evidence?"

Wade: "No, it's not listed." *AP*, 3:45 a.m. CST, *late yesterday*, Henry Wade

11/25/63 New York [undated] - One man said Oswald used to price cosmetics for his wife in a drugstore, and then send her with money to buy them after the deal had been arranged. *New York Times*, Peter Kihss

11/25/63 Dallas - Wade added that a number of persons saw Oswald on the sixth floor of the *Texas School Depository* building from which the shots were fired. *News CB, AP*

11/25/63 Dallas, [11/24] - ... The shooting occurred in the basement of the municipal building at 11:26 a.m. CST ...

... At 11:25 a.m. Oswald was taken in an elevator to the basement. He was led through the booking office to the open vestibule between two lines of detectives.

... As they turned right from the vestibule to start up the ramp, Ruby jumped forward from against the railing. *New York Times*, Gladwin Hill

11/25/63 Dallas - ... Live network television cameras had been trained on the scene and the shooting was broadcast as it occurred.

That was at 11:20 a.m. ... *San Francisco Chronicle, AP and UPI*

11/25/63 Dallas - Oswald died without ever revealing any motive he may have nurtured for the President's assassination - and indeed without ever admitting that he had anything to do with it. Without him, the full truth behind Kennedy's martyrdom may never become known.

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[Story written on the 11/24 but filed just after midnight on the 11/25 for morning papers.] *AP*, 12:27 a.m. CST

11/25/63 Dallas - An armored car was obtained to move Oswald from the police station to county jail because of an anonymous threat on his life, Captain Glenn King said today. The anonymous message - "Oswald will never get to the county jail alive" - was relayed by the FBI in Washington, D.C. to Dallas law officers early yesterday morning. ... The FBI did not say if the call they received was from a man or a woman. *AP*

11/25/63 Dallas - After some 30 hours of intermittent interrogations and confrontations with scores of witnesses, Oswald was ordered transferred to the custody of the Dallas County sheriff.

... The transfer involved a trip of about a mile from the uptown municipal building, where the Police Department and jail are. The route went down Main Street to the county jail, overlooking the spot where President Kennedy was killed ...

... The original plan had been for the sheriff to assume custody of Oswald at the city jail and handle the transfer. Late last night, for unspecified reasons, it was decided that the city police would move the prisoner. *New York Times*, Gladwyn Hill

11/26/63 Oswald Dallas - The police chief said to his knowledge Oswald still does not have a lawyer.

"His folks were here yesterday, and I figured they'd get one for him if they wanted to. They had every opportunity to do so." *AP*, 11:20 a.m. CST

11/26/63 Kansas City queried Dallas: Hutchinson, KS, mbr asks story on porter who reportedly took Lee Oswald to sixth floor building from which JFK fatal bullet fired. Especially, did porter bring Oswald down, Oswald have a package originally; any conversation with the porter? Thanks. *AP*, 4:47 p.m. CST, Peggy Simpson

11/26/63 Dallas to Kansas City: Your 447PCS, pls tell Hutchinson have been trying for porter since assassination, and will continue efforts but nothing expectable tonight. *AP*, 7:56 p.m. CST

11/26/63 Dallas - All the evidence outlined publicly so far is circumstantial. But circumstantial evidence is sufficient to prove murder, if the jury accepts it. It is defined as:

"Evidence that tends to prove a fact by proving other events or circumstances which, according to the common experience of mankind, are usually or always attended by the fact in issue, and therefore affords a basis for a reasonable inference by the jury or court of the occurrence of the fact in issue."

More simply, if a man emerges from a subway into bright sunshine, but sees wet pavements, gushing gutters and droplets of water

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dribbling down store windows, he may reasonably infer that it has rained. He didn't see it rain but the evidence is sufficient for him to accept as fact that it has.

... That, then, over simplified, was the known case against Lee Harvey Oswald' had [he] lived to go to trial, a case weak in motive, solid on opportunity and strong with circumstantial evidence. *AP*, 11:34 p.m. CST, Arthur Everett

11/27/63 Dallas, [11/26] - ... an assistant district attorney, Bill Alexander, disclosed that among the books and papers found in Oswald's room Friday afternoon were letters written to him from New York on *Communist Party of America* letterheads.

Mr. Alexander said the letters were addressed to Oswald in his own name and showed a "working friendly relationship" between Oswald and the party. Asked to identify the person who signed the letters, Mr. Alexander said, "I wouldn't tell you if I knew."

He said he saw the letters before they were turned over to the FBI along with other personal effects found in Oswald's room. *New York Times*, John Herbers

11/29/63 Dallas, [11/28] - It appeared that Oswald's employment in a building along the parade route that President Kennedy would travel was happenstance.

Statements by persons familiar with the circumstances indicated that Oswald had no way of knowing when he took the job at the *Texas School Book Depository* that it would provide a vantage point for assassinating the President. *New York Times*

11/30/64 Dallas, [11/29] - A master of ceremonies [Bill Demar?] who formerly worked at the *Carousel* has said he thought he saw Oswald at the *Carousel* "eight or nine" days [11/13 or 11/14] before the assassination.

Oswald was not in the place then or any other time, Miss [Joy] Dale [stripper] asserted. She said she had an excellent memory for faces and would recall him. *New York Times*, Donald Janson, p. 3

11/30/64 New York - Agents of the [FBI] are checking a report that [Oswald] was a close friend of an extreme Right-winger who lived at one time in Greenwich Village. The FBI refused to confirm or deny that it was conducting an investigation. however, several Villagers confirm that they have been questioned by agents seeking to learn the whereabouts of the Rightist.

According to these sources, the man sought is a Mississippian with a fondness for creating disturbances at meetings of liberals in the Village. ... None of these sources could establish any connection between the Mississippian and Oswald ... Nor could they verify statements given to the FBI by its original informant: that he and Oswald and the Mississippian had served in the Marines together. *New York Times*, Western Edition

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11/30/63 New Orleans, [11/29] – [William K.] Stuckey, a former newspaperman who now works in public relations here, made a 37-minute tape recording for a radio program he conducts, *Latin Listening Post*. The tape was never used.

Mr. Stuckey declined today to allow publication of direct quotations from the tape recording, which he considers a valuable historical document.

But in a 3,000-word memorandum he paraphrased Oswald's words: ... "I was disappointed with Russia. ... It seemed like they were trying to copy many of our ideas about the economy and about production - many capitalist ideas. They are a long way from true Communism."

... In his memorandum, Mr. Stuckey commented further:

"I ... got the idea that Oswald was possibly a young man who was shopping for the perfect revolution. This tendency, his conversation indicated, led him to espouse the 'purer' revolution of Fidel Castro." *New York Times*, Fred Powledge, p. 3

11/30/63 E. H. Lige Williams, regional director of Louisiana-Mississippi region of *AFL-CIO* in Shreveport, LA, said Oswald wrote to him some time last April seeking work; letter had been lost. Oswald, en route from Dallas to New Orleans, visited him in May, looking for work, and Williams told him he had nothing for him; Oswald made second visit two weeks later. Williams said he had informed the FBI of the two visits. *AP* 1136 pes

12/1/63 Dallas, [11/30] - Possibly [Oswald] hitch-hiked to Laredo and Mexico City from New Orleans in September, but on the way back he stopped in Alice, TX, to seek employment at a radio station. The manager said he was driving a car then. *New York Times*, Donald Janson

12/1/63 Dallas, [11/30] - ... A performer at the *Carousel*, Ruby's strip club, thought he recalled seeing Oswald "eight or nine days" before the assassination. A dancer, who claims a good memory for faces, said he was wrong. *New York Times*, Donald Janson

12/1/63 ... At 2:15 a.m. Sunday [11/24] the FBI received an anonymous phone call. A voice said Oswald would be shot Sunday morning. The FBI relayed the information to Dallas police. *Long Beach Independent-Press Telegram*, *Three Days in Dallas*, Bill Hunter

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[See *Warren Report*, p. 66, paragraph 2.]

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- 12/1/63** A report that Oswald purchased \$32 worth of clothing in Laredo on 9/26 is not true, the [FBI] said today [11/30]. A spokesman for the store in Laredo said there was no record that he had been there.
- A report by L. L. Stewart, manager of Radio Station *KOPY* in Alice, Tex., that Oswald had applied for a job at 1:30 p.m. 10/4 also was false, Mrs. Paine said. She said Oswald had reached Alice early that afternoon and spent the night with his family at her home. *New York Times*, Donald Janson
- 12/1/63** Dallas, [11/30] - If [Oswald] were working for others, would they not have provided him with much better equipment than the \$12.78 gun he got from a Chicago mail order house?
- ... It is difficult to imagine that any foreign government would employ a man of Oswald's uncertain tendencies and limited education and abilities as an agent to assassinate the President of the United States even if a foreign power might have that aim. *New York Times*, Donald Janson
- 12/1/63** ... At 6:05 p.m. [11/22] Dallas homicide detectives announced Oswald had said he was innocent. An hour later, he was formally charged with Tippit's murder ...
- ... "I didn't shoot anyone ... this is ridiculous," he claimed.
- At 11:50 p.m., a formal charge of murder of President Kennedy was lodged against Oswald ... *Long Beach Independent-Press Telegram, Three Days in Dallas*, by Bill Hunter
- [See card this file, 11/24/63, *New York Times*, Donald Janson]
- 12/2/63** Dallas - An *AP* photograph of President Kennedy's shooting ... seemed to show a man resembling his accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, standing at ground level behind the motorcade. ... The picture ... seems to show a man peering from the entrance of the building at the moment the President was shot. ... If the man in the picture actually had been Oswald, it would seem to prove that he was not the Kennedy assassin because he would not have had time to reach the entrance.
- However, R. S. Truly, superintendent of the ... building, identified the man in the picture as Billy Lovelady, another employee. Truly declared:
- "At first glance this does look like Oswald. But after looking it over I knew it wasn't. They don't even look alike. I showed the photograph to Lovelady, who said 'Yes, that's me.'"
- The FBI said it also had investigated the photograph and that the man shown in the building entrance is not Oswald. *AP*, 7 p.m.

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[See 5/24/64, Lovelady said again yesterday through his employer that it was he and not Oswald who appears in the picture.]

[See 5/24/64, *The Picture with a Life of its Own*, Dom Bonafede.]

[See *Guardian*, 5/30/64]

[See Warren Commission file 5/29/64]

[See Chronological, 9/67, photo of Lovelady]

12/4/63 Fort Worth - An estimated 8000 people have visited the grave of Lee Harvey Oswald on a hillside in *Rose Hill Cemetery* but the number of visitors appears to be decreasing, cemetery officials reported yesterday. Some have left flowers. ... Police still guard the grave, to prevent its desecration. *San Francisco Chronicle*

12/6/63 New York - The *American Civil Liberties Union* charged yesterday that the police and prosecuting officials of Dallas committed gross violations of civil liberties in their handling of Lee H. Oswald ...

[The ACLU statement] recalled that Greg Olds, president of the *Dallas Civil Liberties Union* and three volunteer lawyers went to the city jail late in the evening of 11/22 ... They were told by police officials, including Captain Will Fritz, head of the homicide bureau, and by Justice of the Peace David Johnston before whom Oswald was first arraigned, that Oswald had been advised of his right to counsel but that he had declined to request counsel.

... The Dallas police would not say whether Oswald had been given access to a telephone, nor would they comment on the duration and intensity of the questioning. *New York Times*, Homer Bigart

[See Police, 12/27/63, *The New America*]

12/7/63 Dallas, [12/6] - Three days before the President's visit here, it was officially announced that his automobile would pass that building. *New York Times*, Joseph A. Loftus

12/7/63 Mount Vernon, N.Y. - ... Bernard Weissman ... said he never knew Lee Harvey Oswald ... or Jack Ruby. *AP* 950 pes

12/7/63 Dallas, [12/6] - An Italian-made Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, a 1938 model of 6.5mm caliber, was received by Oswald at his Dallas Post Office box on 3/20. [No attribution]

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- 12/8/63** [No dateline] - Through a chance conversation of Mrs. Paine's he [Oswald] learned of a job opening at a school book warehouse. This, as it turned out, was a perfect spot to fire at the President as his cavalcade sped by. But it wasn't known until three days before his visit that the President would travel this route. Oswald had begun work in October. AP Newsfeatures, Sid Moody
- 12/9/63** These are the 12 points which convinced authorities that ... Oswald assassinated President Kennedy:
- 4 ... Police also obtained a photograph of him holding a rifle which appeared to be the same one used in the slaying of the President. This picture also showed him wearing a pistol similar to that used in the slaying of Policeman J. D. Tippit. Oswald was reported by Police Chief Jesse Curry to be obviously shaken when confronted with this photograph during interrogation. *U.S. News & World Report, The Case Against Oswald*, p. 68
- 12/12/63?** The President's route was not released to the public until 72 hours before his arrival - but the job Oswald held gave him solitary access to the windows commanding the route. *Life, Memorial Edition*
- 12/15/63** Dallas, [12/14] - He drew at least one more \$33 unemployment check and then, on 10/15, landed a job at *the Texas Book Depository*. Again it was Mrs. Paine who helped him. She had heard from a neighbor who worked there, Wesley B. Frasier, that Depository manager O. V. Truly was looking for help.
- ... Truly took Oswald on as a \$1.25 an hour order filler, found him to be pleasant and industrious. *AP*, Jules Loh
- 12/19/63** New York [12/17] - A former New York Assemblyman has urged Chief, Justice Earl Warren's investigating commission to appoint a defense counsel for Lee H. Oswald in its inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy.
- Mark Lane ... submitted a 100,000-word brief to the Warren commission by mail Tuesday night [12/17].
- ... Yesterday, Mr. Lane said in response to a question that he would be willing to take on such a defense role, but was "not offering" to do so. *New York Times*
- 12/19/63** Defense brief for Oswald, Mark Lane *National Guardian*
- 12/21/63** Dallas - An FBI agent waited in vain beside mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald ... for a deathbed confession, a Dallas newspaper said tonight.
- The *Times-Herald* said an FBI agent, wearing the robe and face mask of a doctor, stood at Oswald's side until Oswald was pronounced dead.

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Oswald never regained consciousness after arriving at *Parkland Hospital* minutes after he was shot ...

Oswald reportedly moaned and groaned several times, the newspaper said, but no comprehensible words were ever spoken. *AP*

2/21/64 "Lee called his wife at my home on Friday [10/4] said Mrs. Paine. "We were a little put out with him because Marina hadn't heard from him in two weeks. He said he had left his home in New Orleans, dropped by Houston looking for a job, then returned to Dallas. He said he had been in Dallas a few days before calling. " He didn't mention his trip to Mexico. *Life*

12/23/63 And what about the commonest rumor – speculation that Oswald and Ruby were somehow linked? No evidence, says the FBI report, dropping the matter. *Newsweek*, p. 20, *Report from the FBI*

12/24/63 New York – [from article by George Morris, staff writer for *The Worker*, in this week's issue.]

An article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on 12/8 had reported "the FBI tried to recruit Oswald as an undercover informant in Castro groups two months before Mr. Kennedy's assassination" Oswald's mother was said to have asserted that Joseph Hosty, a Dallas agent, visited her son in September and they has a long talk in Mr. Hosty's car after which Oswald told her "Hosty wanted him to be an informant." *New York Times*, Peter Kihss

12/24/63 New York – [from article by George Morris, staff writer for *The Worker*, in this week's issue].

Miss Pauline Bates, a Dallas public stenographer, said Oswald came to her 6/18/61, three days after his return from the Soviet Union, to type "anti-Soviet" notes he said he had smuggled out on scrap paper. Miss Bates was quoted as saying he hinted he was a United States agent by saying, "when the State Department granted my visa, they stipulated they would not stand behind me in any way." *New York Times*, Peter Kihss

12/27/63 Haskell is on the staff of the *American Civil Liberties Union*. *ACLU says Oswald's rights denied*, Gordon Haskell.

12/30/63 Houston - *The Houston Chronicle* said in a copyright story today that Lee Harvey Oswald wrote his wife a set of instructions in Russian the day before a sniper took a shot at former Major General Edwin Walker last 4/10 in Dallas.

... *The Chronicle* said the instructions left by Oswald for his ... wife told her that something was coming up which might cause him to be away for some time or might cause him to be arrested.

The newspaper story said he told her where the jail was and that he gave her the number of his post office box and the key. It said he told her of a check he was expecting to receive from an employer. He advised her how to get in touch with the consul of the Soviet Union, the newspaper story said.

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The *Chronicle* said the shooting at Walker took place within the next day and the Presidential Commission is investigating a report that Oswald told his wife he had shot at Walker.