

Oswald, Driving

- 11/23/63** Dallas - The police chief said that as far as the police know, Oswald does not own an automobile. ...
The police chief said it was still uncertain how Oswald reached the Oak Cliff section of Dallas.
"He left on foot from the building. Someone said they saw a man pick him up in a car, but Oswald had a bus transfer slip in his pocket when arrested," Curry said. *AP*, 11:17 a.m. CST, Peggy Simpson
- 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
[See *Warren Report*, p, 666, Paragraph 2.]
- 12/6/63** ... On 9/26, just a few days after his wife returned to Texas, Oswald got hold of a car [where, no one yet knows] and drove to Mexico City. ... *Time*, *The Man Who Killed Kennedy*, p. 33a
- 12/10/63** Dallas -- special to *Times*, story on Oswald at the Davis rifle range [paraphrase].
Customers recalled that on the first visit [11/9-10] the man resembling Oswald came alone in a battered automobile, but on the second visit [11/17] they said he came with another man. Story locates Davis range 1½ miles from Irving, where Oswald family staying. Next range at Carrollton, 12 miles away.
Mrs. Paine said late in October or early November she had tried to teach Oswald to drive, but that he did not even learn to park a car.
Story, shifting to Walker shooting, said Dallas polices according to *Dallas Morning News* this week doubt the version of the Walker shooting given by a neighbor boy, Kirk Coleman, 15, who said after the shooting he m4mx ran into the Walker back yard and saw two men flee in two cars. One of the men carried an object that looked like a rifle, the boy said, and the man who resembled Oswald thrust the gun into the back seat of his 1958 model and drove away. He said the first man, driving a 1950 car, had left a moment before. No other Walker neighbors told of seeing such, or witnessing the shooting. *New York Times*
- 1/9/64** Mrs. Paine did know that Oswald could not drive an auto; she had just begun to teach him to drive and he had about three lessons with her. [Interview of Mrs. Paine.] *National Guardian*, Mark Lane
- 7/28/64** A woman from suburban Irving says she saw Lee Harvey Oswald driving an automobile two weeks before his arrest. ...

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Mrs. J. T. Hunter challenged the claim of Oswald's widow, Marina, that he was unable to drive. "I saw him behind the wheel," she said in a Dallas interview yesterday. ... Mrs. Hunter said she was in the *Furniture Mart*, an Irving store, when she saw Oswald, drive up and after asking about a part for a gun, drive away.

Mrs. O. H. Whitworth, who owned the store at the time said Oswald entered carrying an object she said looked like part of a gun wrapped in paper. He then inquired about furniture, she said, and left to bring back his wife and two young daughters. ...

... Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Whitworth gave statements to the FBI in December... *AP*, Dallas

9/66 Analysis of the way both the FBI [FBI agents, Manning Clements and Warren De Brueys] and the Warren Commission avoided complete investigation of Oswald's visit to an automobile agency.

General implied conclusion is that it was because the evidence indicated either that Oswald could drive or that he was being impersonated. *The Minority of One, How Well Did the "Non-Driver" Oswald Drive?*, Sylvia Meagher, p. 19.

9/28/64 Interview with Robert Oswald after release of *Warren Report*. Agrees with it with minor exceptions.

"The report had one contradiction, Oswald said, and that was in regard to Lee Oswald's ability to drive an automobile. Robert Oswald said that prior to his brother's entering the Marines in 1956, Lee had the "urge" to drive and on "two occasions I offered to do this [teach him to drive] but somehow we never got around to it." He confirmed the fact is that his brother did not drive." *AP* 1146acs Wichita Falls, TX

4/4/68 William Turner, speaking in Mill Valley, CA, 3/26: Why did a man called Oswald apply for a job in a parking garage and make remarks about how you could see all of Dallas from the *Depository Building*? ... Why did Oswald have a driver's license if he didn't drive? And what happened to it after [he] was shot? *Corte Madera [CA] Courier*