

# Bob Considine



## Dallas View Of JFK Plot

DALLAS — "I don't know what's going on in New Orleans with that Kennedy assassination conspiracy case," Dallas County D. A. Henry Wade said. "Jim Garrison doesn't tell anybody anything. He doesn't even talk to the FBI."

But there was no scoff in the voice of the man who would have presided over the prosecution of Lee Harvey Oswald, and who did prosecute Oswald's murderer, Jack Ruby. Wade is vaguely disturbed about the New Orleans business.

"It has always been a little hard for me to believe Oswald didn't have some encouragement from elsewhere," he said. "I can't see him planning the whole thing alone. He was warped all right, but he wasn't pure nut. That's the reason why I give a little substance to the charges Garrison has made."

"He may or may not make them stick. I'd sure hate to have a case that depended on the testimony of, let's say, that fellow Russo. Or some of the others."

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OSWALD WAS in custody from the afternoon of Friday Nov. 22, 1963, shortly after the murders of the President and Officer J. D. Tippit until Ruby blew a hole in him the following Sunday around noon. He was permitted to sleep about eight hours Friday and Saturday nights.

The remainder of the time he was questioned by Dallas Police Chief Will Fritz and by FBI and Secret Service agents.

What did he say during that long grilling?

"Can't help you on that," Wade said. "Fritz did most of the questioning, but he doesn't take notes. I suppose the FBI and Secret Service might have, but I don't know what happened to their material. I don't recall seeing it in the Warren Report. Maybe it's in the National Archives."

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I TOLD WADE I had just heard that the family of Ruby had decided to present the snub-nosed murder weapon to the National Archives.

"Really?" Wade said, with a start. "That announcement is a little premature. I have the gun right here in Dallas. I've felt that it should be a part of exhibits in this case, and I still feel that way. But it isn't up to the Ruby family or to me. When the time comes, I'll turn it over to a judge here in Dallas and he'll make the decision about what should be done with it."

"Congress passed a law some time ago giving the federal government all physical evidence in cases of this general nature. Oswald's rifle and pistol are either with the FBI or Archives. Some fellow in Denver is suing the government over the rifle. He paid Oswald's widow \$10,000 for it but never got it. Now he wants the rifle or his \$10,000 back. The case is waiting to come up here in Dallas."

What's with Judge Joe W. Brown?

"He's still sitting," Wade said. "He's got an armed robbery case right now, I think. He worked on his book for some time but it never got published. The Murchisons bought it for their publishing company but sold rights to somebody else and it was never printed. Me? I'm not handling anything personally just now. But we're busy. We've got eight jury trials going at the moment. Mostly murder, rape . . . things like that."

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