

Joe Dolan, telephone call-in program, CBS, Nov. 14, 1965. Callers are anonymous.

Excerpt from one call:

Caller: ... Also, I would like to introduce something else.

Dolan: Umhum.

C: I did a considerable amount of research as to the actual testimony of some of the people and for example, in Vol. V (there were 26 volumes of testimony and I can imagine that anybody who studied that would probably take a lifetime to study) - now, Vol. V^{*} of the testimony of the Warren Commission - I think it's page 200 - yeah, 200 - they actually have the transcript of Oswald as he was being interrogated at a press conference held about 12 hours after the assassination. Remember, this was the same day, 12 hours after the assassination, and he was being asked, you know, whether he had killed the President. And his answer was - now I'm quoting from the text of the Warren Commission - "Did you kill the President?" He said, "No, I have not been charged with that; in fact, nobody has said that to me yet." Now, it's interesting - immediately after he says this, a few sentences after that, the Warren Commission censors the rest of the testimony. Now I managed to secure the rest of the testimony, based on video-tape^{*} that was supplied by somebody who actually taped the conversation of that day, and I'd like to report the findings for your listeners' hearing, so they can comment on it.

D: My goodness, I don't know of any way of authenticating what you are saying.

C: Well, CBS actually has a transcript of it, you can check with them. This is the midnight press conference of that date. It has never appeared in the Warren Commission. It was censored out of the testimony. This is what he said. A reporter again questioned him and said, "You have been charged with it", meaning the assassination, and he said "Sir?", and the reporter again said, "You have been charged with it," and Oswald said, "I am a patsy". Now, I'm not saying that one should believe what Oswald says or not, but a lot of questions have been circulating about the intention or motivation of Ruby in killing Oswald.

D: Umhum.

C: Now, at the very time that this press conference was taking place, there was one man present who did have a motivation in killing Oswald, and that man was Jack Ruby. He was present at that press conference.

D: And what makes you say he had the motivation to kill Oswald?

C: Well, I think he was silenced because he knew too much, or perhaps he knew that any further trial in which he would appear would at least vindicate him and clear him of the assassination. That's my conclusion.

Nov. 23, 1963,

* Incorrect; transcript of this interview ("Oswald's appearance in assembly room", / 12.10 taped by KRLD-TV, NBC-TV and KLIF) is in vol. XXIV, page 817, CE 2166. a.m

Letter from Lillian Castellano (Minority of One, March 1965, p. 30) says she heard Oswald say "I'm a patsy" on CBS replay of video-tapes, Sept. 27, 1964. She had not heard this, in what she evidently believes was the same "interview" of Oswald "soon after the assassination". She believes it was censored out of the Report (CE 2166, XXIV, 817).

Letter from Sylvia Meagher (Minority of One, May 1965, clipped and filed with issue of March 1965), points to notation made by Seth Kantor, presumably on Nov. 22, 1963: "7:55 'I'm just a patsy'".

Excerpts from Seth Kantor's handwritten notebook (Kantor Exh. No. 3); entries undated, but presumably Nov. 22, 1963:

XX, p. 362 - 6:30, Taken from one room to another.

362 - 6:37, Brot back. Reporter - Did you shoot the Pres.? I never killed anybody.

363 - 7:15 p.m., charged w/cop's killing.

366 - 7:55, "I'm just a patsy".

370 - shortly after midnight today /in pdice lineup room?/ Oswald faced abt. 150 newsmen.

371 - 12:26, He was charged /presumably with both murders - unclear/.

Possible explanation is that Oswald said "I'm a patsy" to reporters in corridor when being taken "from one room to another" at 6:30 or at 6:37, and not when he spoke to reporters shortly after midnight (12:10 a.m.; CE 2166, XXIV, 817). If a tape was made of the questioning of Oswald by reporters in the corridor between 6:30 and 8 p.m., those who thought they heard him say it at midnight could have confused the two, especially if the tape were re-run later and the time not specified.