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Oswald Hung Tough in Questioning

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Interrogation of Lee Harvey Oswald ended just 11 minutes before he was shot to death, and the postal inspector who conducted the probe concluded Oswald never would have confessed to killing John Kennedy, records showed yesterday.

"Oswald at no time appeared confused or in doubt as to whether

or nor he should answer a question," postal inspector H.D. Holmes said in a report dated Dec. 17, 1963.

"On the contrary, he was quite alert and showed no hesitancy in answering those questions which he wanted to answer, and was quite skillful in parrying those questions which he did not want to answer.

"I got the impression that he had disciplined his mind and reflex-

es to a state where I personally doubted that he would ever have confessed."

Holmes was assisted in the interrogation by Dallas police captain Will Fritz with FBI and secret service agents present.

Questioning began about 9:25 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, 1963, and ended at 11:10 a.m., the report said. Oswald was shot by Jack Ruby at

11:21 a.m. as he was being transferred from Fritz' office in police headquarters to the county jail.

During the questioning, Holmes said, Oswald emphatically denied having any knowledge of the Kennedy shooting, and said he was taken into custody just because he had "popped a policeman in the nose in a theater on Jefferson Avenue" during his capture.

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