

HIGHLIGHTS

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WASHINGTON, NOV. 24 (AP)-RELEASE OF THE TESTIMONY TAKEN BY THE WARREN COMMISSION INVESTIGATING PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION BROUGHT OUT SCORES OF SIDELIGHTS ON PERSONALITIES AND DETAILS.

HERE ARE SOME OF THEM:

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD ONCE PRAISED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WHILE TALKING TO AN ACQUAINTANCE.

THE ACQUAINTANCE, GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT, TOLD THE WARREN COMMISSION HE ONCE REMARKED TO OSWALD THAT HE HAD KNOWN JACQUELINE KENNEDY AS A YOUNG GIRL AND THOUGHT HER HUSBAND WAS DOING A VERY GOOD JOB AS PRESIDENT.

"YES, YES, YES," HE SAID OSWALD REPLIED. "I THINK IT (SIC) IS AN EXCELLENT PRESIDENT. YOUNG, FULL OF ENERGY, FULL OF GOOD IDEAS.-"

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GEORGE BOUHE, A FRIEND OF THE OSWALDS, SAID HE FELT MARINA OSWALD WAS "HELL BENT TO GET OUT OF THE SOVIET UNION."

SHE LIKED TO LOOK AT MAGAZINES, BOUHE SAID, AND AT CADILLACS AND ICE BOXES, AND WAS "JUST ITCHING TO GET IN ON THAT."

"IT SEEMS TO ME SHE FOLLOWED THAT LINE BY MEETING OSWALD, COAXING HIM TO COME TO AMERICA AND SO, AS SHE TOLD ME HERSELF, SHE COULD WRITE A POSTAL CARD TO HER OLD GIRL FRIENDS: 'WATCH ME SAIL TO AMERICA!'"

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NIGHT CLUB OPERATOR JACK RUBY EXPLAINING WHY HE KILLED LEE HARVEY OSWALD SAID: "I GUESS I JUST HAD TO SHOW THE WORLD A JEW HAS GUTS."

FORREST V. SORRELS, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE DALLAS DISTRICT OF THE SECRET SERVICE, PUT THIS DOWN IN NOTES HE MADE OF AN INTERVIEW WITH RUBY SHORTLY AFTER RUBY GUNNED DOWN OSWALD.

SORRELS SAID RUBY TOLD HIM HE HAD BEEN GRIEVING ABOUT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION. AND, CONTINUED SORRELS:

"THAT ON THE FRIDAY NIGHT HE HAD GONE TO THE SYNAGOGUE AND HAD HEARD A EULOGY ON THE PRESIDENT. THAT HIS SISTER HAD RECENTLY BEEN OPERATED ON, AND THAT SHE HAS BEEN HYSTERICAL. THAT WHEN HE (RUBY) SAW THAT MRS. KENNEDY WAS GOING TO HAVE TO APPEAR FOR THE

TRIAL, HE THOUGHT TO HIMSELF, WHY SHOULD SHE HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS ORDEAL FOR THIS NO-GOOD SO-AND-SO."

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A DALLAS BUSINESSMAN WHO TRIED TO FIND EMPLOYMENT FOR LEE HARVEY OSWALD ABOUT A YEAR BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY TESTIFIED THAT HE FINALLY CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT OSWALD WAS "TOO MUCH OF A RUGGED INDIVIDUALIST" AND WOULDN'T FIT INTO HIS ORGANIZATION.

SAMUEL B. BALLEEN, A FINANCIAL CONSULTANT AND SENIOR OFFICER IN SEVERAL CORPORATIONS, SAID HE SPENT TWO HOURS WITH OSWALD AND GRADUALLY CAME TO THE FEELING THAT "I PROBABLY WOULD ULTIMATELY REGRET HAVING HIM DOWN AT MY ORGANIZATION."

AT THE SAME TIME, BALLEEN SAID HE COULD NOT PICTURE OSWALD AS "HAVING ANY VENOM TOWARDS PRESIDENT KENNEDY."

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DALLAS POLICE DETECTIVE JAMES R. LEAVELLE SAID OSWALD STRUCK HIM AS A MAN "WHO ENJOYED THE SITUATION IMMENSELY" WHEN HE WAS JAILED AFTER THE SLAYING OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

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LEAVELLE SAID IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION THAT OSWALD SEEMED TO "BE ENJOYING THE PUBLICITY AND EVERYTHING WAS COMING HIS WAY."

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LEE HARVEY OSWALD TOLD A NEW ORLEANS POLICE OFFICER THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY THAT HIS PLANS WERE TO GO BACK TO RUSSIA "BECAUSE HE HATED AMERICA."

LT. FRANCIS L. MARTELLO OF THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE TOLD THE WARREN COMMISSION HE HAD INTERVIEWED OSWALD AUG. 10, 1963, FOLLOWING OSWALD'S ARREST FOR A STREET BRAWL INVOLVING THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE.

MARTELLO SAID OSWALD TOLD HIM HE DID NOT WANT HIS FAMILY TO LEARN ENGLISH BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT THEM TO BECOME "AMERICANIZED."

ALTHOUGH HE WANTED TO RETURN TO RUSSIA WITH HIS RUSSIAN-BORN WIFE, OSWALD TOLD MARTELLO HE THOUGHT THE FORM OF COMMUNISM IN RUSSIA "STUNK."

"HE SAID THEY HAVE 'FAT STINKING POLITICIANS OVER THERE JUST LIKE WE DO HERE' AND THAT THEY DO NOT FOLLOW THE CONCEPTS OF KARL MARX, AND THAT THE LEADERS HAVE EVERYTHING AND THE PEOPLE ARE STILL POOR AND DEPRESSED," SAID MARTELLO.

A DALLAS POLICE DETECTIVE TRIED REPEATEDLY TO GET OSWALD TO MAKE SOME STATEMENT ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY AS THE ACCUSED SLAYER LAY DYING IN THE JAIL OFFICE.

BUT OSWALD JUST SHOOK HIS HEAD--"HE DID NOT SAY ANYTNING AT ALL," DETECTIVE B. H. COMBEST TESTIFIED BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION.

"I WAS REAL EXCITED AT THE TIME BUT I KEPT TALKING TO HIM AS LONG AS I THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD TRY TO ANSWER ME, HOPING THAT HE WOULD GIVE A DYING DECLARATION ON THE SHOOTING," SAID COMBEST.

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