

REPORTERS' DESCRIPTION OF OSWALD TRANSFER  
AND POLICE PREPARATION

BOB THORNTON. The story of Oswald from city jail to county jail. And for that report, here is ABC's Bill Lord at the city jail. Bill, what's the situation?

BILL LORD. Well, I am presently in the basement of the Dallas Municipal Building, and it is like an armed camp. For the past half hour, scores of police have been filing past me, carrying riot guns and rifles. Police officials are frankly worried. They don't want anything to happen to Oswald. They firmly believe that he is the man who killed the President. They want to make sure he is safely transferred to the county jail and that he does stand trial and is convicted. The elevator that will bring him down from the fifth floor to the basement is just several feet away from me. When he comes through here, I will be able to see him and describe to you the same. And that's the latest from City Hall.

BOB THORNTON. Thank you, Bill. We have other remote facilities at the county jail now, awaiting the arrival of Lee Oswald from the city jail to the county jail. And for the situation there now, here is ABC's Roger Sharp reporting.

ROGER SHARP. At the scene of last Friday's assassination, heavy Sunday traffic is filing by along the Elm Street approach to the Triple

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Underpass. A crowd of several hundred Dallas citizens has gathered along the Houston Avenue side of the Dallas County Courthouse, the route of the Presidential motorcade, the area where President Kennedy passed moments before the fatal shots rang out. This is a curious crowd--no obvious anger in their faces--but all possible security precautions have been taken. Policemen are stationed at every fifteen feet along the entire block. This crowd, by the way, is considerably larger than the crowd that lined this very same street more than forty-six hours ago, when the Presidential motorcade moved by. Police have blocked off the Courthouse building itself. Sheriff Bill Decker, Dallas County Sheriff Bill Decker, has done everything possible to assure strict security. No one is inside the Courthouse building, which houses the county jail, other than authorized personnel of the County Sheriff's Department, authorized Federal officials, police officials, or accredited newsmen.

This is the Texas School Book Depository Building directly catercorner across Elm Street from the Courthouse. It was on the sixth floor of this building, from the corner window, that the assailant--the assassin--fired the fatal shots from the bolt-action 6.5 millimeter Italian rifle. From that window the shots covered a distance of approximately 250 to 300 feet down to the point along the Elm Street approach to the underpass where the President was shot.

From inside the Courthouse compound, the corner entrance to the County Sheriff's office, our cameras will show the approach of the car that will carry Lee Harvey Oswald into the Courthouse building. He

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will be housed in the jail of this building. He may possibly be in the cell that will face the assassination scene. He will be within 100 yards of where President Kennedy died. Lee Harvey Oswald will spend most likely the next couple of months in this building. He will be here through his arraignment and through his trial, which will probably come sometime in early January.

PAUL GOOD. We are inside the County Courthouse, which the presumed assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, is soon to enter. He will be taken immediately to a booking room, and a very historic booking will be made; next into an I.D. room, where he will be photographed and fingerprinted. And then representatives of the press will have their first opportunity for a real front-to-front confrontation. Now our big television cameras can't fit in that room, but we'll shoot that on sound film and, just as soon as that's processed, you'll be able to see it. After the press has its time with Oswald, he perhaps will be given a set of prison clothing or he may be allowed to retain his own. Then he'll be brought to a cell. It probably--it will probably be a special cell about 10 feet by 10 feet, with a steel cot and a wash basin, and that's about all. There's a possibility--only a possibility--that that cell may have a window giving out on the assassination site.

This is Paul Good, returning you to WFAA.

BOB THORNTON. And we are still standing by, awaiting on the movement of the prisoner Oswald. We still have ABC's Bill Lord on

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the phone from City Hall, so, once again, Bill Lord, what is the situation at ABC at the City Hall?

BILL LORD. Well, Bob, we are waiting and waiting. It is anticipated that he will be moved, because extreme precautions have been taken. As I said before, the police are worried; they are so worried they've talked about the possibility of moving him in an armored vehicle, not just the normal Sheriff's vehicle. And when this arrives, we'll know that this is the cue for Mr. Oswald to be brought downstairs and transferred to the car.

BOB THORNTON. Bill, what about the armed precautions down there? Are there weapons visible?

BILL LORD. There are many weapons visible. Riot guns and rifles are on display; the officers have them in their hands. They are ready to prevent anything they possibly can. There are perhaps two or three hundred people outside the City Hall waiting to see the transfer of Oswald.

BOB THORNTON. All right. Very good, Bill. Thank you very much, Bill Lord. ABC standing by at City Hall.

Now, I think once again we'll go down to the county jail and where Roger Sharp is standing by outside. Roger.

ROGER SHARP. Outside of the County Courthouse here, in the distance, some 300 feet from where I am standing, the area directly

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adjacent to the assassination point, the park area where, during the past 24 hours, numerous floral wreaths have been laid by various Dallas citizens and organizations. . . .

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INTERVIEW WITH CHIEF OF POLICE CURRY,  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY WADE, CAPTAIN FRITZ  
BY THE PRESS, THIRD FLOOR, POLICE AND  
COURTS BUILDING

CURRY. --the Dallas Police Department, Captain Fritz has been in charge.

Q. Has he confessed, sir? Has he made a statement?

CURRY. He has not confessed. He has made no statement. Charges of murder have been accepted against him.

Q. Any particular thing that he said that caused you to file the charges regarding the President's death, against him?

CURRY. No, sir.

CURRY. Physical evidence is the main thing that we are relying upon.

Q. Can you name that physical evidence?

Q. When will he appear before the grand jury, sir?

CURRY. I don't know.

Q. --is that the next step?

CURRY. The next step would be that.

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