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Q. Does he say he was anywhere else at the time this was happening?

CURRY. I don't know.

Q. Does he seem confident of himself?

CURRY. He says he was at the building, but he says he was there because he worked there.

Q. Chief Curry, thank you very much.

Q. Does he seem mentally right, Chief?

CURRY. Yes, he's mentally right.

Q. You don't think the man is off his rocker, do you Chief?

CURRY. No, sir. I don't think so.

Q. Chief, thank you Chief Curry.

COMMENTATOR. We've just been talking here at Dallas Police Headquarters with Chief of Police Jesse Curry. In just a few moments we expect Oswald will be brought through this door from his jail cell one floor above, taken through--

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CURRY. To my knowledge, he was here a couple of hours. How much of the time was spent in interrogation I don't know, because I think he had to wait for some time before they could get around to talking to him.

Q. Is there absolutely no doubt now that nobody else is involved as an accomplice?

CURRY. I would not make that statement.

Q. Do you have any possible-- ?

CURRY. I wouldn't comment on it because I would certainly hate to say we're convinced that nobody else is involved and then have somebody else involved.

Q. Have you talked to anybody besides this fellow Molina who might conceivably have a role-- ?

CURRY. I don't want to comment on that.

Q. Chief, have you interviewed other people whom you regard as subversives?

CURRY. Sir?

Q. Have you been interviewing other people who have previously been involved in subversive activities?

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CURRY. We have interviewed actually hundreds of people. I couldn't say just which groups have been interviewed, but we have interviewed many, many people and will interview many, many more before this case --

Q. [Unintelligible.]

CURRY. That I don't know. Does anybody have any idea?

Q. Chief, you say you're going to take him to the county jail in an armored car. Have you ever had to do this with another prisoner, been called upon to do so?

CURRY. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Is it a commercial-type truck, the kind that banks use?

CURRY. Yes, yes.

Q. There was some confusion last night about this business of the FBI. Is it accepted that the FBI did interview him about a week ago, do you know?

CURRY. I do not know. The statement that I made last night-- I do not know. I heard that, see, but I do not know of my knowledge and I retracted any statement that I might have made that would indicate that I thought they had.

Q. The FBI has now admitted that it did talk to Oswald, I heard on the radio.

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CURRY. I don't know. You'd have to talk to the FBI about that.

Q. Did today's threats on the prisoner's life--did they come in right through the police switchboard?

CURRY. Yes.

Q. Do you have any details at all on them?

CURRY. No.

Q. Is there any way we can get some on them, sir?

CURRY. I don't know who took the calls or what was said.

Q. Could you tell us, sir, if you would, just a little bit about this, the possibility that somebody else might be inter--might be involved in this. We've had statements in the last couple of days saying, "This is the man, and nobody else." Now --

CURRY. This is the man, we are sure, that murdered the patrolman and murdered--and assassinated the President. But to say that there was no other person had any knowledge of what this man might do, I wouldn't make that statement, because there is a possibility that there are people who might have known this man's thoughts and what he might, could do, or what he might do.

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Q. Sir, has there been any further indication that anybody else anywhere along the way might have been an accomplice, in action, getting him the job, assisting him in getting the job, letting him know where the parade, where the motorcade, was-- ?

CURRY. I don't have any knowledge to that effect.

Q. Does he show any signs of breaking--to make a clean breast of this, or to tell the truth about what happened?

CURRY. No, sir; there is no indication that he is close to telling us anything. He--he just--

Q. --

CURRY. I don't know whether he did or not.

Q. How does he shave, Chief? Do you let him have razor blades?

CURRY. No, there's not, no razor blades allowed to prisoners.

Q. Chief, has he ever said anything that would indicate that he might have suicide remotely on his mind?

CURRY. No, he hasn't indicated it.

Q. Has he seen his children?

CURRY. No, we wouldn't, we do not permit children to go into the jail.

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Q. Chief, there is a rumor his wife is pregnant with another child. Do you know whether that is true or not?

CURRY. No comment.

Q. Thank you very much, Chief.

Q. Chief, when was Molina released? There seems to be some confusion about that.

CURRY. I don't know exactly. It was sometime yesterday afternoon when they finished with him.

Q. About two hours?

CURRY. I think approximately two hours. Now, it might have --

CURRY. Yes, he might have been here longer; I just know that he was here, and I know that he was released. We didn't hold him after talking to him; we released him.

Q. He works in the same place as Oswald?

CURRY. Yes, he does.

Q. Chief, has there been any significant change in his attitude at all since he's been here? Is it pretty much the same right from the beginning?

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CURRY. I--the only thing I would say is that he's not quite as belligerent or arrogant now as he was when we first brought him in. I think actually that he, in talking with Captain Fritz--Captain Fritz is a skilled interrogator and he's always been able to more or less gain the confidence of the person that he's talking to, that he's going to shoot square with him--he seems to me that he's a little friendlier with Captain Fritz now than he was when we first brought him in.

Q. Any closer to breaking -- ?

CURRY. No, I don't think so. I understand he has admitted being in the book building; that's about all he has admitted.

CURRY. Yes?

Q. I was always puzzled about the fact that he went home to change his clothes. Can you think of any reason why he would have wanted to change his garb?

CURRY. No, I don't know. He--no, he told us that he was going to the picture show, that he was not going back to work that afternoon, but he didn't give us any reasons why he was not going back to work.

Q. Of course, you have examined the clothes that he had left there when he put on the clothes he had when you arrested him. Is there anything significant about the clothes he took off?

CURRY. Nothing visible on the clothes. As to why he would want to change, I would think this: if a man--if a man was aware that someone

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might have seen him and had a description of his clothing, he would-- it would be . . . pretty common for people that don't want to be apprehended by the police to change their appearance as soon as possible.

Q. Sir, have you located a holster for that pistol?

CURRY. I saw a holster back in the homicide office in a box where we had a great deal of material. I presume--

Q. Where was the holster found?

CURRY. I don't know.

Q. He didn't have a holster on when the policeman--

CURRY. I don't know, out probably at his home because this was-- I saw it in a box with a great deal of this material and other evidence that was taken from his home, so I--

Q. Have you traced the pistol, sir?

CURRY. No, sir.

Q. Is it a .38?

CURRY. I believe it is. I'm not positive about that.

Q. Smith and Wesson?

Q. Sir, some reports suggest that he didn't actually change, he just grabbed a jacket--that's according to his landlady--just grabbed

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a jacket and ran out.

CURRY. I think he told--I think he told some of the officers that he changed his pants but not his shirt.

Q. Sir, could you tell us whether or not there is a possibility of other people being involved?

CURRY. You're not going to press it because I've already said I'm not making no more comments.

Q. I'll ask one more question to clear one thing which has cropped up recently which would be an indication along those lines, you know.

CURRY. I'll only say this again: we're open-minded regarding this issue, and we will continue to exhaust every effort to explore any possibility that there might have been someone that even was friendly with him that might have known that he even had an idea of trying to harm--

Q. I was going to ask if he was ever heard by any of his acquaintances to make any utterances against the President or the Governor of Texas.

CURRY. Not to my knowledge. I don't know this.

Q. Did he have a wide circle of acquaintances? Or was he a man with very few friends?

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CURRY. From what we've been able to determine, he wasn't a very friendly person.

Q. Has he said why he had two homes, why he had a furnished room and also a home with his wife?

CURRY. I don't know that.

Q. Do you know anything about a letter that he may have written to Governor Connally when he was Secretary of the Navy?

CURRY. Well, I've heard that he did, but to my knowledge I don't.

Q. He hasn't been questioned about that either. Do you sense that Connally may have been the target and not the President?

CURRY. I don't know that.

Q. Sir, how does he--

Q. He hasn't even been questioned about that--

CURRY. I said I didn't know. You see, they've--they've questioned him for many hours and I have not been present during those times, and I have not sat down with the Captain to say, "Tell me everything that you've asked this man."

Q. How does he converse with his wife, Chief? Does she--does he speak Russian?

CURRY. Yes.

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Q. He does speak Russian.

CURRY. I understand that he speaks Russian.

Q. Has he seen her to talk to?

CURRY. Yes.

Q. And do they converse in Russian or in English?

CURRY. I don't know that.

Q. Was somebody present when they spoke together?

CURRY. No.

Q. Chief, where is the rifle now?

CURRY. It's in the FBI office, here in Dallas. It will be returned to us today.

Q. Have you gotten an FBI report?

CURRY. Not an official report.

Q. When do you expect that?

CURRY. Probably some time today but I don't know. I couldn't-- I couldn't reveal in detail what it says anyway.

Q. So far as--in that--in that point that was left open after your disclosure about the mail order of tying this rifle specifically through

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that order to the mail order house last March, that blank has not been filled in yet--

CURRY. The FBI has been doing all this work out of Chicago, and also all the laboratory work, which has been very important to us. It's been very helpful to us and essential to our case, of course. Now, just how far the FBI has been able to tie this gun in with the particular mail order house, to say that this is the weapon that was shipped to this man, I don't know, because, and I don't even know whether or not it is in the report, but I'm sure that the FBI is exhausting every effort to establish this for us.

Q. Chief, could you tell us any more about the snapshots that were found in his Irving, Texas, home showing him holding a gun that looks like the rifle which was used in the assassination?

CURRY. No, sir. I've told you all I could about it last night.

Q. Do you feel that there should be legislation, national legislation to stop the selling of guns by mail order--

CURRY. I don't wish to comment on it at this time.

Q. You don't know where those pictures were made, do you?

CURRY. We haven't established that yet.

Q. Do they show any printer's mark?

Q. His wife, was she in the picture?

CURRY. No, she wasn't in the picture.

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CURRY. I don't know about all of the pictures; I've just-- actually, I've just looked at one print.

Q. Did it have a date on the back of it, Chief?

CURRY. Sir?

Q. Did it have a date on the back of it as some commercial films do?

CURRY. No, I didn't see it. In fact, I didn't see the one with the gun. I--I looked at a 8 by 10 blow-up.

Q. Oh.

CURRY. But we--

Q. Was there one showing him with the rifle, and does that show him with the pistol also?

CURRY. Yes.

Q. And the cartridge belt?

CURRY. Well, I--I didn't notice the cartridge belt and the holster.

Q. And the holster?

CURRY. Yes.

Q. Does he have any kind of uniform on, or anything that--

CURRY. No.

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CURRY. No.

Q. That would appear like a uniform?

CURRY. No, if I recall, he was just dressed in black.

Q. Black?

Q. Black trousers?

CURRY. Black trousers and a shirt.

Q. T-shirt?

CURRY. I don't recall what kind of, what type shirt he had on.

Q. Any hat?

CURRY. No, he was bareheaded.

Q. Does the background look like anything that might--

CURRY. We think it might have been, might have been, but--I mean, there's no--no way of knowing this is true, but we just--we think it might have been in New Orleans. This we will attempt to find out about.

Q. [Unintelligible] shot there?

CURRY. No, sir.

Q. Could a negative be--

CURRY. I don't know.

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Q. Do you have the negative?

CURRY. What I saw was an 8 by 10 blow-up. Now, I think they've got the negatives in the homicide office but I haven't examined those.

Q. Do you think we'll ever be able to see those before the evidence is presented to the grand jury?

CURRY. I don't know. I--

Q. What is the FBI office view on the rifle?

CURRY. Well, you see there was an FBI agent took the weapon from us so that we--see, we have to establish this continuous chain of possession, so in order not to have too many people involved in it we turned this weapon over to an FBI agent here in Dallas. He flew this to Washington and stayed with the evidence while they were examining the evidence, and then when they finished their examination he brought it back to Dallas and he will bring it back to us and return it to us. That way we will only have this--we'll have to establish that we gave him the evidence and he can testify he gave it back to us.

Q. Never out of his sight?

CURRY. Never out of his sight.

Q. When do you expect to get it back?

CURRY. Well, I say never out of his sight, and right now it's in the vault, but I mean he can testify that it was in his possession during all this time.

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Q. When do you expect to get it back?

CURRY. Sometime this morning. I understand it was pretty late when he got in last night and when he gets up and gets down to the office he'll bring it to us.

Q. Chief, is there a serial number on it?

CURRY. I believe so.

Q. Will it establish absolutely that--

CURRY. I believe so; that's what we're hoping, but this I haven't found for sure yet.

Q. Sir, there's a report that with the photograph which you have of the man with the gun and the pistol, that there was also some literature of some sort--something like a newspaper--

CURRY. It looked like two small newspapers folded up; one of them said The Worker, and the other one--I don't know whether the other was a headline on there or whether that was the name of the paper--said, The Militant.

Q. Chief, did you say--

CURRY. The Militant.

Q. Chief, did you say he was holding--a social worker party, a Trotsky-ite party.

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Q. And you also said that he was at "present arms." Well, could you describe the picture in detail--what he looked--was he holding at "present arms" with the paper this --

CURRY. Well, the paper he was holding in his hand, up like this, I believe, I believe it was his left hand, and the gun like this, across his upper body, holding the paper just like this with his hand.

Q. So he was holding the stock of the rifle with one hand and the paper up like that.

Q. Holding the rifle in his right hand and the paper in his left hand --

Q. Chief, why don't you show us the picture?

Q. How long do you expect the drive to take from here to the courthouse?

CURRY. How long do we what?

Q. Expect the trip to take from here to the courthouse.

CURRY. Oh, probably ten minutes.

Q. Do you have the line of the route to the prison lined with policemen or anything like that?

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Q. Any preliminary precautions?

Q. Will you drive over the President's route? To Elm Street? Will you go down there?

CURRY. I don't--I don't know which way we'll go.

Q. Is it about a mile, Chief?

CURRY. It's about that.

Q. Chief, will we be able to--

Q. Is Oswald right-handed?

CURRY. I don't know. I haven't seen him write. I mean, I haven't seen him do anything that would indicate whether he was right or left.

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