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PRESS INTERVIEW WITH SGT. GERALD HILL
DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

HILL. The FBI who was in at the arrest with this office.

Q. Sir, did he make any statement? Did he say anything other than "This is it"?

HILL. He did not admit to us while we had him in custody any of the accusations either of shooting the officer or of any other crime that could have been committed. He started demanding that he be allowed to see a lawyer and started talking about his rights-- wouldn't even admit that he pulled the trigger on the gun in the theatre. Actually we didn't receive any information as to the actual contents of the crime from him for the entire trip to the station.

Q. What about the matching descriptions, Jerry?

HILL. The description that we had of the suspect in Oak Cliff was similar to the description we had and the man we were looking for as the assassin, but at that time we had not been able to connect the two in any way.

Q. The only--the only discrepancy was two inches in height. Is that correct?

HILL. Approximately two inches in height was the only discrepancy in the description of the man who killed Officer Tippit and the man who shot the President.

Q. What was the description of that man?

HILL. He was described as five six to five eight, slight build, brown hair, having on a jacket and white shirt and dark trousers.

Actually the suspect was about five ten and had discarded the jacket which we found in the Oak Cliff area near a funeral home in the 400 block of East Jefferson, and at the time we arrested the suspect his pistol was again fully loaded and we had a witness that said he saw the suspect stop long enough to reload his pistol after shooting the officer.

Q. What did you find in the building?

Q. Near where the President was shot from?

HILL. In the building on the sixth floor we found an area that, near a window, that had partially been blocked off by boxes of books, and also the three spent shells that had apparently been fired from a rifle. Also we found the remnants of what could have been a meal eaten by the suspect of a chicken dinner. At that time I left the building and later, I understand, in the same general vicinity under some boxes the rifle that was used was found.

Q. The rifle that we saw in the office?

Q. What did the man say when you arrested him?

HILL. The man did not make any definite statement other than demanding to see a lawyer and demanding his rights, and when we arrested him he did not volunteer any information to us at all. The only way we found out what his name was was to remove his billfold and check it ourselves; he wouldn't even tell us what his name was.

Q. What does he--do you believe that he is the same man who killed the police officer?

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HILL. Having been in it from the very beginning, as far as the officer's death is concerned, I am convinced that he is the man that killed the officer. Now the tie-in on the rest of it will have to be established by somebody else. As to whether the two situations are related, other circumstances that are taking place in another part of the investigation other than what I have been connected with will have to be proved to tie the two together.

Q. Have you -- the information about his background -- has this been released? For public release?

Q. About his past experiences?

HILL. Bill, I don't know too much about his past experiences and the only thing that I could give you would be hearsay, and I would hate to give it in case it was wrong.

Q. Has the suspect admitted shooting the President?

HILL. Not to my knowledge, he hasn't.

Q. What was his name on the billfold?

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Q. On the billfold.

HILL. Lee H. Oswald, O-S-W-A-L-D.

Q. At no point did he say anything like "I've got me a President"?

HILL. Not when he was in my custody. I did not hear him make a statement of that type.

Q. Did you hear that statement from anybody?

HILL. I have heard it as a rumor that it was said, but I can't verify it because it was not said in my presence.

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Q. Are you convinced at this point, sir, that there are three men involved?

HILL. No, sir. I am convinced that the man we have is the man that shot the officer. As to the circumstances that happened prior to the shooting, we can only surmise that the officer stopped a car, on possibly a traffic violation or on information from a citizen, but we can't verify that, and also the only two people that can tell us why the officer stopped him is the officer and the man who shot him.

Q. Jerry, you're an expert --

HILL. I'm not an expert, but I would say the distance was approximately a block. As to--

Q. With a telescopic lens?

HILL. Across the parkway, across the parkway, and he would have had a clear shot, and with a scope it would have probably been real easy.

Q. He was struck from behind, wasn't he?

HILL. I understand that he was, yes, sir. That the shots were fired from behind.

Q. It has been established, hasn't it, Jerry, that the suspect had worked for two and a half months for the book binding company in the building from which the shot was believed to come that killed the President?

HILL. I have been told that this was the case; that he had been there, an employee there, approximately three months.

Q. Where did you get your description of the Presidential assassin?

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HILL. Sir, it was broadcast on the air. As to what officer actually first received the information as to who the assassin was, I couldn't tell you.

Q. Wasn't there a description called in by some unknown person?

HILL. Suspect now?

Q. As far as the present suspect is concerned?

HILL. The suspect will be interrogated some more. At the same time all the loose ends will be tied together to the best of our ability and the crime lab and other agencies involved that can supply us with additional information on the suspect will all be in operation until we try to tie this thing up in one neat package.

Q. Jerry, do you know if there are any fingerprints on the rifle?

HILL. But, as to the exact time, I don't know.

HILL. Bill, I don't know for sure. I couldn't say one way or the other.

Q. Any idea at all?

Q. Where were the spent bullets in the room?

HILL. . . I did not pick them up.

Q. Does the crime lab . . . idea?

HILL. I have no idea.

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INTERVIEW WITH JADA (JANET ADAMS CONFORTO) BY PAUL GOOD, ABC

GOOD. Jada, how long did you know Jack Ruby?

JADA. I knew Jack Ruby for approximately four, five, six months.

GOOD. In what relationship?

JADA. I was employed as the feature at the Carousel Club and I had known Jack before I went to work there, and I had a slight hassle with Jack and I had left, and that was the end of my association with Jack.

GOOD. What kind of a man was he?

JADA. Jack Ruby was a fanatic. He was a very nervous man, a very violent man. He would cause hassles and harrassment, and he was very energetic--

GOOD. Would you say he had a violent streak in him?

JADA. Oh, yeah, very much so. Yes, he would get carried away by something, lose all rational thinking. He would just go off--ZOOM--as if he had to prove something; he had to be somebody.

GOOD. Well, I have heard some stories about him being of a generous type. They tell a story of when a customer of one of his clubs would call for a taxicab Jack would put fifty cents aside in the event the customer left, and when the cab driver would come up and have to go away empty-handed he'd give them the fifty cents. Does this square with his character, as you knew it?

JADA. Oh, yes. Jack was almost a dual nature. He would be very nice and very helpful to me. He would change completely then, and the