

*Transcription of Captain Fritz Notes
From Oswald Interrogations
Friday, November 22-24, 1963*

1st 11-22

**B.O. + James P. Hosty
Jame W Bookout**

3:15 p.m.

**Didn't own rifle saw
one at Bldg M. True + 2 others
home by bus changed britches**

**Ans Hosty adm going to Russia
adm wrighting Russian
Embassy + to Hosty
says lived Russia 3 yrs.
Does write over then now
school in Ft W. - to Marines
says got usual medals
claims no political belief
belongs Fair Pl
Hdqts NY off N.O.
says supports Castro Rev.**

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**claims 2nd floor Coke when
off came in
to 1st floor had lunch
out with Bill Shelley in
front
lft wk opinion nothing be
done that day etc.
? punch clock
8-4:45 wre not
rigid abt time
wked reg 1st Fl
but all over
speaks Russian**

**?Why live O.H. Lee
says landlady did that**

**Terminate interview
with line up
4:15**

Annotation:

On this first page of his notes, Captain Fritz recounts what Oswald said in his first interrogation after the assassination on November 22, 1963. He records that the time is 3:15 p.m. Fritz notes that FBI Special Agents James P. Hosty and James Bookout are present. Oswald denies owning a rifle and says that he saw one at the Texas School Book Depository in the presence of Mr. Roy Truly, the building manager, and two other workers. He states that he went home from the Depository in a bus and changes his pants. In response to a question from Hosty, he admits going to Russia, writing to the Russian Embassy and living in Russia for 3 years. Oswald tells his interrogators that he went to school in Fort Worth and then joined the Marines where he received "the usual medals." He claims no political beliefs, but states that he belongs to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, (a pro-Castro organization), that has its headquarters in New York and an office in New Orleans. The suspect also says that he supports the Castro revolution. In response to questions about his whereabouts at the time of the assassination, Oswald claims to have been on the second floor of the Depository getting a Coke when confronted by a Dallas police officer (Officer Baker). He says that he had lunch out front with Bill Shelley. Oswald explains that he left work after the assassination because he thought no more work would get done that day. He explains that his landlady had mistakenly registered him as "O.H. Lee" at his Oak Cliff apartment. Fritz notes that the interview is

terminated at 4:15 p.m. when Oswald is taken to a line-up.

4 man left to right as #2 (2)

Time of filing 11:26 pm Johnson Pres 22nd Precinct 2
F154

Received evidence 1st then filed

2nd Interview 23rd
Present 10:35-11:34
T.J. Kelly Robt Nash
Grant ??
B.O + myself
Boyd + Hall

Says 11-22-63 rode bus
got trans same out of pocket
says 1 p.o. box denied bringing
package to wk. Denied telling Frazier
purpose of going to Irving - denied
curtain rods - got off bus after seeing
jam got cab etc .85 fare told you wrong before
at apt. Changed shirts + tr. Put in dirty clothes - long sleeve red sh
+ gray tr.

Annotation: Fritz's first notation on this page appears to be a reference to Oswald and the police line-up. He indicates that a complaint charging Oswald with the murder of President Kennedy is signed at 11:26 p.m. The second interrogation began on Saturday, November 23 at 10:35 a.m. and concluded at 11:34 a.m. Oswald indicates that after the assassination on Friday, November 22, he had ridden a bus and had the transfer in his pocket at the time of his arrest. He denies bringing a package to work on the day of the assassination and denies telling his coworker, Wesley Frazier, with whom he rode to work, that he had gone to Irving, Texas, where his wife and children were living, to retrieve curtain rods for his Dallas apartment. The notes return to Oswald's movements after the assassination. Oswald states that he got off of the bus after it got into a traffic jam near Dealey Plaza. He got into a cab and the fare was 85 cents. After he arrived at his apartment, he says that he changed his shirt, put away his dirty clothes, a long sleeve red shirt and gray trousers.

morning 23rd.

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says 11-21-63 say two negr came in
one Jr. + short negro - ask ? for lunch says cheese
sandwiches + apple

says doesn't pay cash for wife staying with Mrs. Payne
denies owning rifle in garage or elsewhere admits other
things these

Came there 63 - N.O.

Says no visitors at apt. Claims never order
owns ???? for gun

denies belonging to Com party

says bgt gun 7 mo Ft W. didn't know what Place.

ams to grest ant questioning

Arv. July 62 from U.S.S.R. Int by F.B.I. Ft W

says Hard + Soft meth etc Buddy

says on interview of Payne by F.B.I. He thought she was intimidated

Annotation: The Fritz notes indicate that he is still chronicling what Oswald is saying during an interrogation on the morning of Saturday, November 23. The notes appear to indicate that Oswald explained that on the day of the assassination he ate lunch in the first floor lunchroom and had seen two black men, one named "junior" and the other one a short man. He told his interrogators that he had a cheese sandwiches and an apple for lunch. The topic of the interrogation apparently shifts and Oswald states that he does not pay for his wife to stay with Mrs. Ruth Paine in Irving. Furthermore, he denies owning a rifle that was in the Paine garage or any other rifle. Oswald indicates that he came back to Dallas in 1963 and had been in New Orleans. He denies belonging to the Communist Party. Next, Oswald says that he bought a gun seven months before in Fort Worth, but he did not know the name of the store. He says that he arrived from the U.S.S.R. in July 1962 and was subsequently interviewed by the F.B.I. in Fort Worth, where he was subjected to what he characterized as the "hard and soft" method of questioning. He apparently adds that he thought Mrs. Payne was intimidated during her interview with the F.B.I.

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Desires to talk to Mr. Abt. I ask who
says Smith act att.
Says did live N.O. 4706 Magazine St. Frem Apt.
Wked Wm B. Riley Co 640
says nothing against Pres does not want to
talk further - No Pahy at time in past had
refused
Oswald A.C.L.U. member he says says
Mrs. Payne was too. I ask abt organization
he says to pay lawyer fees when needed
B.O. asks about Heidel selective s. Card - adm having
would not admit signature - wouldn't say
why he had it. Says add. Book has names of Russian
Emigrants he visits - denies shooting Pres says didn't know
Gov. shot

Annotation: Fritz's notes continue with Oswald stating that he wants to talk with New York civil liberties attorney John Abt. The reference to "Smith" is unclear. He admits that he lived at 4706 Magazine Street in New Orleans and worked at the William B. Reilly Co., a coffee company. Fritz notes that Oswald says nothing against the President and does not want to talk further. The notes indicate that Oswald said that he was an A.C.L.U. member and that Mrs. Payne was as well. Fritz then appears to ask about Oswald's affiliation with the A.C.L.U. and Oswald says that he belongs to the organization because it will pay lawyers fees when needed. FBI Special Agent Bookout asks about the Selective Service card bearing the names "Alek J. Hidell" in Oswald's possession at the time of his arrest. Fritz seems to record that Oswald admits to having the card in his possession, but denies that his signature is on it and will not say why he had the card. He then states that his address book has the names of Russian emigrants he visits. This page from Fritz's notes ends with Oswald denying that he shot President Kennedy and stating that he did not know that Governor Connally was shot.

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3rd 11-23 - 6:35

Shows photo of gun. Would not discuss photo
denies buying gun from Kleins.
Comp of wanting jacket for line up.
Says I made picture super imposed

arr 10-11:15

4th. 11-24
Kelley et al

Insp Holmes - Sorrels -

Chief

Annotation: Fritz begins his fifth and last page of notes on the Oswald interrogation by noting that this is the third interrogation and it begins on Saturday, November 23 at 6:35 p.m. Captain Fritz records that he shows Oswald one of the backyard photos in which Oswald is holding the rifle allegedly used in the assassination. He would not discuss the photograph and denies buying a gun from Kleins Sporting Goods. Oswald then apparently complains of wanting a jacket for the next police line-up. Fritz then notes that Oswald says that the backyard photo of him holding a rifle was fabricated with his head superimposed on someone else's body. The last notations on this page indicate that the fourth and final interrogation began on Sunday, November 24 and went from 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Fritz's notes are incomplete, but indicate that Postal Inspector Harry Holmes, Secret Service special agent in charge of the Dallas office, and other law enforcement officials, "Kelley et al", were present. The last notation is "Chief," an apparent reference to Dallas Police Chief Jesse Curry who brought this last interrogation to an end. Oswald's planned transfer to the custody of the Sheriff's Department began. He was brought to the basement of the police station where Jack Ruby shot him at 11:21 a.m.