

1 can't go to school on it (*) you know, that's--those are the
2 things that were in his head. You know, in many different
3 kinds of things, but that was one of them.

4 Q Did he tell you that he had a gun?

5 A No.

6 Q Did you know that he had a gun?

7 A Did I know that he had a gun? I know now that he
8 had a gun.

9 Q No, I mean, then, did you know that he had a--

10 A I guess--I guess not.

11 Q Did you say "you guessed not"? Is that what you
12 said?

13 A Or I don't recall (*)

14 Q Huh?

15 A I don't recall him having a gun.

16 Q Then you can answer "no" to gun truthfully?

17 A Yeah, I would--I would answer "no" to that, but it
18 scares me, nevertheless. I should have seen a lawyer (*) I
19 should have seen a lawyer.

20 Q Why do you say that, a lawyer?

21 A I mean because the political implications in this
22 thing, also personally for me the implications. (*) I might
23 lose my job, be called to a trial. Getting into this thing
24 up to the hilt just destroy me personally. Plus that, I mean,
25 you guys are working, you know, for Mayor Xorty and Reddin.
26 See, I think that--that Xorty and Reddin may want to play up

1 the political aspect of this thing. I've heard his statements
2 on the radio (*)

3 Q He's a politician though, don't (*)

4 A (*) Reddin these are the--that this information is
5 going to go to, they are going to see this, they're going to
6 have a tool to hurt--to hurt the Party, to hurt the left, to
7 start a red scare. And this is where the information is going
8 to go. And this is one of the things (*) when I answered I
9 felt that I was lying because I think is there anything that
10 you are afraid to tell me or something like that.

11 Q Uh huh.

12 A Yeah, shit, yes.

13 Q Well, what is it?

14 A I don't know how this--you know, how this is going
15 to come out in a report, what--what--I mean, Yorty, you know,
16 was able to build the thing out of the fact that his car was
17 seen outside of a DuBois Club meeting and that was obviously
18 bullshit because there had been no DuBois Club in Los Angeles
19 for a year. You know, and he was willing to use that, you
20 know, to exploit this situation.

21 Q Well, if it will ease your feelings about that--

22 A And, uh--

23 Q Go ahead. I'm sorry.

24 A Well, and then, in this, you know, here is the--here
25 is the real link, you know, and--and if this thing comes out
26 doubtful on something, you know, I'm up a shit creek and--

1 Q Well, let me tell you, I think I can understand how
2 your feeling. Let me tell you this before I go any further.
3 I think that Yorty will not receive any of this information.

4 A (*)

5 Q We are by court order restricted, any person working
6 in the investigation of this thing, and now this thing has
7 been cleared up, and if you don't think for one second that
8 Yorty, Mayor Yorty was--shall we say--slapped a little bit,
9 you know? And talking about the senior--senior law enforcement
10 agent in this county, he has been talked to and he knows what
11 his position is. There is--there is a group of people working
12 on this investigation even within the Police Department, these
13 fellows, including myself, are prohibited from discussing this
14 case with anyone, and I'm not going to run out of here and tell
15 anyone about what we're talking about right now except the man
16 that's in charge of the unit. He has to be aware because we
17 have to be responsible to someone. But I think, Walter, that
18 what we should do here is, before I continue this examination,
19 I think that you should go out here and discuss all these things
20 that you are thinking about, all these things, these possible
21 implications that you feel might be that somebody--if somebody
22 were to get the information he asked and say "Aha! We told
23 this." This is the thing right here, you see?

24 A Uh huh.

25 Q And got this in a report, and then if there is any-
26 thing that comes up then at a later time, possibly give you a

1 lie detector test at that time. But I think that you're being
2 sincere with me and I think that you'll be sincere with some-
3 one else on the outside that you want to go talk with whether
4 it's myself or somebody else, but I would like to have a stone
5 take this down.

6 A (*)

7 Q Now, how do you feel? This information we're
8 talking about? I'm just proposing this right now.

9 A About what?

10 Q Well, this conversation. It's obvious that you
11 haven't talked to anyone about your deep seated feelings
12 about, you know, being--if you had not ever known Sirhan, may-
13 be he would have never done the deed that he did, you see.
14 Possibly. Possibly. But you--you can't be accountable for
15 other people's actions. If (*) if that was the case, then
16 these guys that are rioting, I mean, you know, every black man
17 in this country would get up and start burning, you know.

18 A Well--no, I mean, we are responsible for what we do.

19 Q Okay, now, what is your responsibility to this you
20 feel? In what way are you responsible for the death of
21 Kennedy?

22 A I'm, you know, I was, you know, you know, an influ-
23 ence on his life. (*)

24 Q How do you know this?

25 A I know it because of the way he came across to me.

26 Q How did he come across to you?

1 A Uh, he came across to me as someone who is basically
2 not political, but was willing to play that role.

3 Q Well, tell me. How did he--how did he--what did he
4 say to you? What did he demand or what did he--what was he
5 seeking that you turned him on the way you think, the way you
6 feel that you did?

7 A What was he--what was he seeking?

8 Q For example, this meeting you had with him five
9 weeks ago.

10 A Yeah.

11 Q Okay, he came to you, he wanted to talk to you. We
12 hit very lightly on this subject, but, I mean, there is a lot
13 more there that you haven't told me about, you see?

14 A Now--I mean, he said that, goes, you know, I mean,
15 he said that to be a revolutionary, you know, it requires a
16 total commitment and he was, you know--

17 Q What did this mean to you, Walter?

18 A It was bullshit.

19 Q Huh?

20 A It was bullshit.

21 Q No, but what did this--what did this mean to you?
22 I mean, it can mean one thing to me, but to you as a person
23 who is a member of the Communist Party, who has--has been
24 educated here and you have your own feelings and your own
25 philosophies, when he said this, you have to have total
26 commitment, what did this mean to you?

1 A What, now, in terms of my assessment or what he
2 was--

3 Q You know what he was saying, right. What he meant,
4 what he was trying to convey to you?

5 A What was he trying to convey to me? That he was,
6 when he was saying, look, you know, I mean, do we have a real
7 basis for, you know, to relate, and, you know, this is what I
8 personally I see, you know. In fact, you know, you know, I
9 am more of a revolutionary than you are, you know. That's
10 what it meant to me. But it was, you know, it wasn't for real,
11 I mean, you know, first of all, that's absurd, and secondly, I
12 mean, that was not the way, you know, I mean, he wasn't--that
13 was--he wasn't living that way (*) he wasn't doing those things
14 in his daily life and so it was just, it was talk, you know.

15 Q Yet, five weeks later, he up and does that thing so
16 somewhere if you influenced him at that time during that
17 evening, this conversation with him or contact with him, he
18 must have really found an outlet or a source of either backing
19 or maybe guidance or maybe in listening to you, he says, you
20 know what I'm thinking even if he hadn't talked to you about
21 doing it, and I'm not convinced that he didn't talk to you
22 about Kennedy because you can't truthfully say that he did not
23 discuss Kennedy the way you are responding to me. And that's
24 what I'm trying to get because you do have this guilt feeling
25 about this thing and there's a lot of things that you haven't
26 told me about relative, for example, Kennedy on that

1 conversation now.

2 A My thinking out that you mean is a lie?

3 Q No, not a lie. I didn't say it is, but this is
4 meaningful to you.

5 A No, now, tell me--

6 Q Well, this is--

7 A --on the Kennedy thing--

8 Q On the Kennedy thing, yeah. I don't think that
9 you're convinced within yourself that Kennedy was not discussed
10 that night.

11 A I'm not convinced.

12 Q Well, that's what I'm trying to exploit here in
13 talking with you, so that maybe if I can strike a chord some-
14 where, you know, you'll say, well, yeah, now--now, I remember.

15 A All right. I--I don't know, I've got, you know, so
16 many things going around. Did we discuss Peace and Freedom
17 Party? Gee, I don't know. I'm not sure. I might have. That
18 was on my mind at that time.

19 Q Well, was he a member of the Peace and Freedom Party?

20 A No.

21 Q Okay, here's the thing. Let me tell you--let me
22 tell you just for an example. I know that Tom Coed was
23 receiving money from Sirhan.

24 A What?

25 Q Do you know this? Do you know this?

26 A No.

1 Q Okay, then, why would Sirhan be giving--sending
2 money to Tom Good?

3 A To sup--help support him maybe.

4 Q To help support what?

5 A Tom.

6 Q The Party.

7 A No. Tom is not in the Party.

8 Q He's not in the Party.

9 A He's anti--he's against the Party.

10 Q Okay, so what is his position now? Before you--you
11 know, these are things that I'm also wondering. You know,
12 I'm trying to determine the truth, you see, and--and I appreci-
13 ate the fact that you are being cooperative, let me say that,
14 but the fact is--

15 A Yeah, digging my own grave, too.

16 Q Now why do you say that? Why do you say that?

17 A Well, I mean, we're getting into so many areas where
18 uh, I find that I, you know, I'm, I mean, I'm so afraid to--
19 to--

20 Q Okay, let's say this. Have you talked to Tom Good
21 since the assassination?

22 A No.

23 Q You haven't talked to him. Well, you seemed surprised
24 when I told you right now that he was getting money. Now,
25 I don't know why he was getting money. Now, you tell me that
26 he's not a member of the Party?

1 A No.

2 Q Was he a member of the DuBois Club?

3 A No.

4 Q Okay, what was his relation--Cool's relation--
5 because you didn't mention him as being one of the people that
6 were a major influence on Sirhan.

7 A No.

8 Q Right? Now was Tom Cood a major influence?

9 A Uh, well, at P.C.C., Tom was, you know, politically
10 involved on our committee, was chairman of the Young Democrats
11 and was very, politically a very astute person and who was a
12 friend of Sirhan. Now, as far as I know, Tom hasn't seen
13 Sirhan for three years since he went to San Jose State. He's
14 living in San Jose now. I see Tom (*) every few months if he's
15 still around.

16 Q Okay, now, where does Tom live?

17 A San Jose. And (*) Tom lives in Pasadena. Now--

18 Q Now, let me tell you this. Pardon me?

19 A That poor sucker, is poor Tom going to be dragged
20 into this?

21 Q No, I don't think so. I don't think so. The thing
22 is, things have to be checked out and they don't have to be
23 checked out by telling him that I'm talking to you, you know.
24 As a last resort, sure. Now you were mentioned long before
25 tonight. We knew that we were going to talk to you, but
26 certainly if--until the point came out (*) now we have this

1 and let's find out if, you know, that's the investigators told
2 me this. Let's find out, let's talk to the young man and see
3 what his position is on this thing here.

4 A Uh huh.

5 Q Now, if it's a matter of sitting down and conversing,
6 I can discuss anything with anyone save treason, you know--

7 A Uh huh.

8 Q --save treason, I can discuss the death of anybody
9 and anything else, and we can talk and I can say, well, this
10 guy should be killed and this guy should be eliminated, this
11 guy shouldn't be President.

12 A All right.

13 Q That's my right as a citizen here, I can.

14 A Right.

15 Q We have freedom of speech. But, now, if it's going
16 to be a conspiracy type of thing and this is where, you know,
17 this is something else, you see.

18 A Right, right.

19 Q But I'm going back now to these people here. You
20 mentioned people that you say "we had an influence, an impact
21 on Sirhan's life." You mentioned Tommy Good.

22 A Right.

23 Q Okay, now, who else do you feel in your mind had an
24 impact in Sirhan's life?

25 A I think Tom and I mainly.

26 Q Okay, now, how do you--I'll ask again--how do you--

1 you say this ad hoc committee, this Young Democrat Club and
2 so forth---

3 A Right.

4 Q But he was never a member of the Party--Good?

5 A No.

6 Q He isn't a member now?

7 A No.

8 Q When was the last time to your knowledge that Good
9 talked with or saw Sirhan?

10 A To my knowledge?

11 Q To your knowledge.

12 A It would have to be at P.C.C. (*)

13 Q Okay, then, did you discuss Tom Good at Bob's drive-
14 in on the night that you talked with him five weeks ago?

15 A I mentioned him.

16 Q In passing just, or was there--

17 A I said, yeah, I said, you know, Tommy is going to
18 jail.

19 Q He's going where?

20 A To jail. (*) something like that.

21 Q For--for what?

22 A Uh, well, he was in the--in the student riots at
23 San Jose early this year.

24 Q Uh huh.

25 A And they got him on a misdemeanor or something. I'm
26 not sure (*) I haven't talked to him for a few months. I

1. think he said it was supposed to be a colony and there was a
2. chance of it being reduced. I heard secondhand that he had
3. to do five days in jail or something like that. Assaulting an
4. officer. Or something like that. But when I told Sirhan, I
5. said, wow, Tony's going to jail. That's all. I just mentioned
6. it.

7. Q Did he indicate to you in any way whether or not he
8. had seen him--

9. A No.

10. Q --or contacted him?

11. A No. He said, "What is he doing? What has he been
12. doing?"

13. Q Okay, now--

14. A Sir, what time is it?

15. Q It's 10:30.

16. A Look, I have--I have to--(*) I have to be at work at
17. 8 o'clock tomorrow.

18. Q Uh huh.

19. A And also I--I am beginning to realize the--I came
20. down here--I should have known that if you wanted me to come
21. all the way down here, this is a real serious matter. The man
22. told me they wanted some background information on Sirhan. So
23. I--I mean, I have to go to sleep and also, you know, my club
24. has, you know, we discussed when the FBI came to visit me and
25. they told me that--they said, you know well, Walt, what are
26. you doing to (*) number one, how does Hoover get his money

1 every year? He gets his money by, you know, screaming about
2 the Party. He said these people are not going to, you know,
3 judge this thing objectively. He said, if they can find a
4 weapon to use against us if they want to they will. And they
5 said, you know, that, you know, (*) everyone knows that you
6 don't have to talk to a cop; that you have a right to an
7 attorney, you know, to, you know, to counsel, and that if, you
8 know, you made a real bad error. You don't know what's--you
9 don't know what they're going to say in your report, you don't
10 know how it's going to come out, you don't know what they are
11 going to say.

12 Q What do you think I'm going to say in my report
13 right now?

14 A I don't know. I know--I certainly going to say, well,
15 you know, the--you know, Mr. C has doubts about his--his
16 influence on Sirhan.

17 Q As a matter of fact, you don't have doubts. You
18 have been--you have been quite frank, you said that you know
19 that your association with Sirhan probably was a motivating
20 factor to what he did.

21 A Right.

22 Q You didn't say you had doubts about it. You were
23 quite strong and you made the statement that you know that
24 your contact with him--

25 A Right.

26 Q --if he had never met you, that he probably would

1 have never done what he did.

2 A Right.

3 Q That's what you said; right?

4 A Right.

5 Q And then I asked you (*) and what is the greatest
6 thing, the greatest contribution, in your mind, that your
7 association with Sirhan could have caused him to do what he
8 did and then we got into a different tangent on this point.
9 And let me ask you again. In your mind, what is the greatest
10 thing that you told him, showed him or discussed with him to--
11 that led him to do the eventual act that he did do?

12 A I told him that the Arab Israeli struggle was akin
13 to a national liberation struggle. I also gave him, I believe
14 in a position to--to Israelis that the Jewish people have a
15 right to national discretion, they have a right to their own
16 state. But there is another Israel which is an alter (*)
17 which is a religious, political, you know, political system
18 (*) religiously (*). What is needed is to, as I say, de-Zionize
19 Israel to give the Arab people an equal political voice, an
20 equal position in the community.

21 Q And how do you think that saying this, that it
22 should be the way you put it to him, how do you think this had
23 an effect on him deciding to shoot Kennedy?

24 A Well, I don't know if that--you know, I don't know
25 if that did or not. Actually, I don't know that any of it
26 did, I just don't know, but speculating on telling him that

1 Al Fatah had given new respect to Arab people and morale; that
2 we--we could expect, you know, long internal struggle in Israel.
3 That it would be like a liberation struggle. I mean, that--
4 that could have put some ideas in his head. Terrorism.

5 Q Al Fatah--inform me a little bit. I'm not--

6 A Al Fatah is the organization that's going across the
7 Jordan River and--

8 Q Guerrilla warfare and this kind of thing.

9 A (?)

10 Q Uh huh.

11 A (?) was going across the river.

12 Q So this is--this is where you bring this up, he says,
13 well, then, it's up to me. He probably could have very easily
14 said, well, it's up to me to--

15 A Right.

16 Q --do it here.

17 A Right. Right. Exactly. That's it. You know that
18 he could have seen himself as a fighter (?)

19 Q Well, Walter, it's late. I appreciate the fact that
20 you--you have indicated to me you want to go home.

21 A And also (?)

22 Q No report will be made, I'll tell you this. How-
23 ever, I do have to continue talking to you and I can tell you
24 this on my own right now, in all honesty to you, no report will
25 be made.

26 A You guys say one thing and you do another.

1 Q Well, I mean, you have to trust me now. I'm--I'm
2 dealing with you as a gentleman because that's how you've been
3 in here with me. You behaved completely a gentleman with me.
4 And I can tell you right now, I'm going to give those papers,
5 these questions that I have asked you, some questions that I
6 haven't even begun to ask you on the polygraph, and the reason
7 I felt in all fairness to you that I should discuss these
8 things before, you know, and this is the best procedure, what
9 we're doing, we're talking about this. I don't want you to be
10 sacked out to the point that you're going to say, well, Jesus,
11 you know, I mean, I know, I know this, when actually you don't
12 know it, but you're afraid of it, see. But let me ask you,
13 when can we sit down so I can make my appointments to corres-
14 pond with your time, and anyway that you want, anytime that
15 you want, so we can continue this conversation.

16 A We do have--is there urgency? As to the time?

17 Q Well, like, for example--

18 A First of all, I have to see a lawyer and that's going
19 to have to be at night. So that's one night gone. I have--

20 Q Excuse me a second.

21 A All right.

22 Q Now, that's your prerogative, Walter, to see a
23 lawyer. I think--I'll tell you this. If I thought--the moment
24 that I thought that you were possibly suspect in anything, then
25 at that time I'm obligated to tell you, Walter, you have
26 certain rights.

1 A Uh huh.

2 Q You have the right to an attorney, you have the
3 right--that's up to the point that you say, well, why? Are
4 you suspect right now? You are not suspect as far as I'm
5 concerned. You have that we are seeking here. We are trying
6 to arrive at one thing; that is, the truth. That's all we
7 want. But you can, certainly you can go ahead and get an
8 attorney if you want. You know, that's your privilege.

9 A Well, now, I want to find out--what's happening--to
10 me.

11 Q Well, what do you think's happening?

12 A I think that I made, you know, very quickly be made
13 into a political pawn. And I think that so many things are
14 happening right now in my life that--

15 Q Like what?

16 A Like the draft facing me, you know, soon. I'm
17 trying to delay it. You know, I don't want to leave the
18 country, but I just can't go in the army, I don't want to go
19 to in case for two years, you know, and they rejected my
20 appeal, so many things, you know. I broke up with my girl
21 friend, I can't stay on my job (*)

22 Q You're a young man with problems.

23 A Right. Anyway, that's all.

24 Q Well, if you can tell me--

25 A I mean, and then this, you know. I'm not ready.

26 Q I'll tell you our conversation has been very

1 interesting in here because I--there are certain things that
2 I can't tell you right now, but I think when we get through,
3 we will be able to tell you certain things about what we have
4 been discussing here tonight that point very much the way that
5 you're laying this thing down, you see. But are you account-
6 able for somebody's actions, you know? If you discuss some-
7 thing and you were to tell me, you know, you are wearing a \$20
8 suit and if you go rob a bank, certainly you will have money
9 because money is what you need to buy a suit that's \$150, but
10 you don't have the 150, but in a bank they have the 150, and
11 I say, well, you know, fine, I'll go in there and pull a deal
12 and, you know.

13 A Yeah, I just have to get my perspective right on
14 this thing. When the FBI came to my house just--I was really,
15 you know, getting paranoid about the whole thing.

16 Q Did you discuss with the FBI what we've been
17 discussing in here tonight?

18 A Well--

19 Q (*)

20 A --I told them the truth, I mean, that's it--if you
21 want to find out the truth, that's it, it was very full, you
22 know, deal, and there was friction, you know, I was very
23 honest.

24 Q Uh huh.

25 A In fact, I'm positive that, I mean, I don't think
26 that they knew I was in anything when they came to me because

1. they didn't understand when I explained to them what--what a
2. club was, what my club was. They didn't understand those
3. things.

4. Q Well, is there anything that we have discussed here
5. tonight, you and me, that you prior to tonight did not discuss
6. with the FBI or anyone else? Have you told me things that
7. are--that are more meaningful to you that you failed to tell
8. the FBI, well realizing that you hadn't told them?

9. A Yeah, I mentioned Al Fatah, that's--that's the only
10. thing that I mentioned.

11. Q Is this the most meaningful thing regarding your
12. contact with--

13. A Regarding--regarding my own feelings, yeah, it is.
14. At that I could (*) the picture, you know.

15. Q Well, did he pursue this thing when you mentioned
16. Al Fatah?

17. A Um, not really, no. I don't--

18. Q What did he ask you? What did he say?

19. A Uh, gee, he probably said, you know, that it was
20. groovy or something about it groovy, I mean, that's the (*)
21. idea (*) he must have said.

22. Q This is very important to me, Walter. Let me ask
23. you right now. And we are not talking with the machine here,
24. the polygraph or anything. We are just talking now. Did he
25. at any time make mention to you that he had any weapons?

26. A No.

1 Q He never mentioned that to you. Did he lead you to
2 believe that he had weapons or a weapon?

3 A No.

4 Q What's the most violent thing you've done?

5 A In my life? The most violent thing I've done. I
6 never hit anybody. Most violent thing I've done. Goes,
7 probably in demonstrations, getting mad, you know, (*)
8 irrational I probably thing maybe June 23rd. (*) scared.

9 Q You wore which?

10 A On June 23rd.

11 Q What did you do there?

12 A That was when Johnson came to the hotel, Century
13 City.

14 Q Century City, were you there?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q You participated in that?

17 A Well, I mean, I was just trying to stay--stay away
18 from the police.

19 Q Well, did you contribute anything to that, do you
20 think?

21 A What? You mean--

22 Q To the confusion?

23 A No, I--fact, I told a guy not to throw a rock that
24 was going to throw one. I said, they'll shoot--they'll shoot
25 us if you do that. No, I mean, I didn't--I was in a fight
26 once, but I never even hit the guy. Just hit me once. Oh,

1 most violent thing--yeah. Suze, yeah, I've been, you know,
2 wrestled with people, had a fight with an old friend once.
3 Right. Now, yeah, and once I hit, way back in junior high
4 school, I hit a friend of mine with a yardstick. I've forgot-
5 ten why. (*)

6 Q But as an adult, the most aggravated or violent thing
7 that you've done was the 23rd of June thing when Johnson was
8 down here at Century City, in your mind right now?

9 A Right.

10 Q Well, when do you think you can arrange to come
11 back?

12 A (*) well, here's what I'd like to do. Wednesday,
13 Humphrey is coming to Los Angeles. I have to be there.
14 Tomorrow I would like to see Metropolis and "The Canon of Dr.
15 Calverney" (phonetic.)

16 Q Dr. who?

17 A The Calverney, it's an old German expression, it
18 comes from (*), so Thursday I'd like to see my lawyer and
19 maybe see you Friday or the weekend, you know, I mean, the
20 weekend (*) if that's all right.

21 Q Okay, well, I'll tell--have you got Sgt. Alexander's
22 card? Or maybe it's not good that you carry a card with you.
23 I'll have him give you a number and then you can contact him
24 and he can make arrangements with me.

25 A All right.

26 Q Is that all right?

1 A All right.

2 Q Okay-doke. Thank you very much for your patience
3 and we'll pursue this later.

4 A Yeah, I know.

5 (End of conversation)
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