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MR. REYNOLDS

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Q.(Cough) (Good start)

Q. Mr. Reynolds, where are you employed?

A. At the Johnny Reynolds Motor Company.

Q. And were you working there on November 22, 1963?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. How close is the Used Car Lot which you work to the scene of the Tippit killing?

A. One block.

Q. Were you there at about one o'clock on the 22nd?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. And then what happened? What did you see; what did you hear?

A. We were listenin'

(background conversation - let's do it again -  
- if Mr. Blake will just as that question again etc.)

Q. What did you see and what did you hear?

A. We were listenin' to the radio - about the assassi-  
nation-er- about the attempted assassination of Kennedy.

And we heard these shots. And we ran out on this porch  
and we saw this gunman who we know later as Oswald,

runnin' up the street, and I followed him for a block  
until I lost him. And then I was goin' back to the

Used Car Lot, and this policeman stopped me and asked  
me what had happened. And I-I told him that I had

seen this man with a gun and I had followed him, and

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I lost him. So he took the description, and my name - stuff like that, and while I was talkin' to him, some television camera was takin' the pictures. And, after that, I went on back to the Used Car Lot.

Q. Were you questioned by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the United States Secret Service during November 1963.

A. No, I sure wasn't.

Q. Were you questioned by FBI agents or Secret Service agents during December 1963?

A. No, sir.

Q. Were you questioned by FBI agents or Secret Service agents during January '64.

A. Yes, sir, I was.

Q. When was that, sir?

A. That was on January the 21st. Two agents come out and they talked to me and they asked me what I had seen, and I told 'em, and they showed me three pictures and I identified the pictures as the man I knew then as Lee Harvey Oswald. And I identified 'em and they left.

Q. Mr. Reynolds, on page 171 of the Warren Commission Report the Commission states: "Reynolds did not make positive identification when interviewed by -

(Cut - background conversation)

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Q. Mr. Reynolds, the Warren Commission Report on page 171 reads as follows: "Reynolds did not make a positive identification when interviewed by the FBI. What is your comment upon that?"

A. That's definitely <sup>an</sup> in error.

Q. You were questioned by agents of the FBI on January 21st, '64; then what happened?

A. Two days after that, as I was closin' up the Used Car Lot ~~at~~ one night, when I went downstairs to turn off the lights, some gunman was hidden down there and he shot me. He shot me through the glasses, right here, and the bullet lodged right over here.

I - I staggered upstairs and got this towel to stop the blood, and the gunman ran by me and I just caught a blur of him. Then I went on in to the office, and called the police. And then I laid on a - on a divan until they got there.

Q. Mr. Reynolds, who knew about your questioning by the FBI between the time that you were actually questioned by them and the time that you were shot two days later?

A. Just friends, and of course my family.

Q. Do you think that the attack upon you in January was related to what you had seen on November 22nd?

A. I believe the only way we can find out is to find out who shot me, and to prove that he did, and then we can

figure from there.

Q. Do you, - do you know whether or not the Commission conducted an-an investigation to determine whether or not there was a relationship between these two events?

A. I heard that they asked Captain Fritz his opinion.

Q. I'd like to read to you, Mr. Reynolds, Captain Fritz's testimony - his entire testimony-in this area. He was questioned by an attorney for the Warren Commission who asked him - and I am now reading from Volume IV, page

235: "Did you hear of Warren Reynolds?"

"Warren Reynolds?"

"He was shot some time afterwards"

"Used Car Lot man?"

"Used Car Lot."

"Yes, sir; I talked to him. He was shot through the head."

"Yes?"

"I didn't talk to him very long because I didn't have to talk to him long, or I didn't have to talk to him very long, but he told me two or three different stories and I could tell he was a sick man, and he had, no doubt, brain damage from that bullet, and he is apt to say anything." ~~Next~~

"What did he say?"

"He told me that - he told me two or three stories, one story he told me / when they brought him in to me, for me to talk to him, / he told me that he saw this Ruby coming down there, / and he told him - he said he followed him (up) and saw which way he went.

"Ruby?"

"Saw Oswald."

"Oswald?"

Yes, Oswald, and I questioned him further and I asked him, how far, how close was the closest you were ever to him, how far were you from him? He said, well, from that car lot across the street there. Well, of course, if he had been at a car lot across the street it would be difficult to follow him on the sidewalk. It would be quite difficult so I talked to him for just a short time and I didn't bother with him any more.

I already had some history on him because the other bureau, the forgery bureau had been handling him and they had already told me a lot about him. They <sup>discovered that</sup> discounted anything that he told."

"Did you find out who shot him and why he was shot?"

You mean "This man on the car lot?"

"Yes."

"They think it might have been over a car deal but they are not positive and I don't know that he will ever tell them."

"Have you ever discovered any connection between the shooting of Warren Reynolds and the killing?"

"Never."

"The assassination of the President?"

"None at all."

"The killing of Tippit?"

"No; we found nothing. We checked it."

"Any connection between Oswald and Warren Reynolds or Ruby and Warren Reynolds?"

"We found no connection. We had all kinds of <sup>conduit</sup> rumors, of course, that they were connected, and we didn't find anything."

"Did you investigate it?"

"Yes, sir; I had some officers investigate it, and the forgery bureau investigated him because they were already working on the shooting case. They handled all the shootings where people are not killed."

"I see."

Q. What is your comment, Mr. Reynolds, upon Captain Fritz's judgment?

(CUT)

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Q. Mr. Reynolds, what is your opinion about Captain Fritz's opinion?

A. I believe Captain Fritz is a - probably a very fine police officer. I don't believe he's a real good doctor. My physician is Dr. Tom Nash - said there is definitely no brain damage and I'm just as normal as I've always been.

Q. The Commission concluded, on page 663 of its Report, that it was wild speculation for anyone to think that there might have been a connection between the fact that you were shot in January and the fact that you observed the gunman flee

from the Tippit scene. In fact the Commission concluded: "The Commission has found no evidence that the shooting of Warren Reynolds was in any way related to the assassination of President Kennedy or the murder of Patrolman Tippit." What is your comment, sir?

A. Uh - if they would catch the man and prove that he - that he did do it, we could figure out from there whether he was connected or not, and until then I don't believe anybody is smart enough to say whether he - whether it is-connection or not.

(CUT)

(Just right)

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(Cough)

Q. Mr. Reynolds, where are you employed? Were you there on November 22nd, 1963? Were you at the Used Car Lot at about 1:00 pm? How close is the Johnny Reynolds Company to the scene of the Tippit killing? How close is the car lot to the scene where Officer Tippit was killed? Then what did you see and what did you hear? What happened then? Were you questioned by the Dallas (query) Were you questioned by the FBI or by the Secret Service during November 1963? Were you questioned by agents of the FBI or by the Secret Service during November 1963? Were you questioned by the agents of the FBI or Secret Service during December 1963? Were you questioned by agents of the FBI or Secret Service during January 1964? What did you tell the FBI on that occasion? What did you tell the agents of the FBI? What happened after you talked with the agents of the FBI on January 21st? Who knew about your conversations with the FBI between January 21, when you spoke with them, and January 23, when you were shot through the head? Had you told anyone that you had talked with the FBI between January 21, when you did speak with them, and January 23, when you were shot? Do you believe that the attack upon you was related to what you had seen

on November 22? Do you believe that you were shot because you saw the gunman flee from the Tippit scene? Do you know whether or not the Commission conducted an investigation to determine whether or not there was a relationship between the two events? (that's a bad question - said sotto voce) Do you know whether the Commission conducted an investigation to see if there was a connection between what you saw on the 22nd and the fact that you were shot? Do you know whether the Commission conducted an investigation to see if there was a link between these two events? The Commission concluded that it was mere wild speculation for anyone to think that you may have been shot because you saw the gunman flee from the Tippit scene; what do you think? The Commission said that it was wild speculation for anyone to think that you might have been shot because you had seen the gunman flee from ~~the~~ the Tippit scene; what do you think?

(background conversation)