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Q. Dan, is there any further information on that name we had earlier about a Mr. Abt in New York?

RATHER. That came about in this manner. Oswald was being taken past a group of reporters. There is a very large contingent of reporters from all over the world in the corridors of the Dallas Police Headquarters. On numerous occasions when Oswald is transported from one office to another or from one floor of the building to another, he is brought right past the newsmen. This morning, Oswald was brought past that contingent. He spotted a microphone and as police whisked him past the microphone Oswald reached in the direction of the microphone and said, "I would like to contact Mr. Abt, A-B-T, Mr. Abt in New York to defend me." Now that is the only quote that we have had out of Mr. Oswald as to who he would like to have defend him.

Q. We had a report up here a while ago that Oswald had refused to take the lie detector test.

RATHER. That is our understanding -- that he has refused to take a lie detector test. There wasn't much talk about a lie detector test until about 4 or 5 hours ago and at that time police began to speak in terms of possibly submitting him to a lie detector test but we understand from the police detectives who have been interrogating him that he was asked on several occasions to take a lie detector test and that he declined.

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DAN RATHER IN DALLAS REPORTING

Jose Rodriguez Molina was brought in for questioning this morning. He was not held for any long period of time nor has he been charged. But Molina has been identified by, I believe, the Justice Department, and you might correct me on this Allen, I believe he has been identified by the Justice Department as a possible subversive but at any rate Molina has a long record of being connected with suspicious organizations and a lot of people are talking in terms of, well, you know, maybe there is more to this than just the case of one man and one act. But it is going to take a long time before we ever know for sure, if we ever do.

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