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JACK L. RUBY, also known as Jack
Leon Ruby, Jack Rubenstein;
Murder of LEE HARVEY OSWALD,
November 24, 1963

LEE HARVEY OSWALD was taken into custody by
the Dallas, Texas, Police Department, on November 22,
1963. He was held in the Dallas City Jail charged
with the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY;
the attempted murder of Governor JOHN CONNALLY of Texas;
and the murder of a Dallas police officer, J. D. TIPPITT,
all of which occurred on November 22, 1963.

Plans of the Dallas Police Department to remove
OSWALD from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County
Jail on the morning of Sunday, November 24, 1963, at 10 a.m.,
received publicity through news media, on the basis of
releases of information by the Dallas Police Department.

The Sunday morning edition of "The Dallas Times
Herald", dated November 24, 1963, reported on the first page
that Dallas Chief of Police JESSE CURRY had said that
OSWALD would be put into the custody of Sheriff BILL
DECKER on Sunday, November 24, 1963. When reporters
asked when the transfer to the County Jail would take
place, Chief CURRY was quoted as having said, "You
better be around here about 10 a.m."

Captain W. B. FRAZIER, Dallas Police Department,
on November 24, 1963, at 3:20 a.m., stated that OSWALD's
planned transfer had been publicized as a form of cooperation
with the press and news agencies.

Captain C. E. TALBERT, Dallas Police Department,
at 7:28 a.m. stated that in his personal opinion, no effort
would be made to "snoak" OSWALD out of the City Jail when
he was transferred to the County Jail, as the Police
Department hoped to maintain proper relations with the
press.

On the morning of Sunday, November 24, 1963,
OSWALD was removed from the Dallas City Jail to the third
floor office of the Homicide and Robbery Bureau. At 11:15
a.m., OSWALD was escorted to an elevator leading to the
basement of the City Hall, where he was to be transported
in an armored car. With his right wrist handcuffed to the

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left wrist of one officer and a second officer holding his left arm, OSWALD was then escorted to the ramp of the underground parking area.

At approximately 11:24 a.m., when OSWALD, with his escort, reached the ramp area, a man subsequently identified as JACK RUBY darted into the clearing and fired at close range one round from a .38 caliber revolver into the left side of OSWALD's stomach. RUBY was immediately apprehended.

OSWALD was rushed by ambulance to Parkland Hospital in Dallas. Surgery was begun at 11:32 a.m. and OSWALD was pronounced dead at 1:07 p.m., without having regained consciousness.

The shooting of OSWALD occurred while he was surrounded by a large group of law enforcement officers and newsmen, who had gathered in the basement area. The incident was recorded by several cameramen. RUBY was charged on November 24, 1963, with the murder of OSWALD and remained in custody.

At 2:30 a.m., on Sunday, November 24, 1963, an anonymous male, speaking in a calm and mature voice, advised an employee of the Dallas FBI Office by telephone, "I represent a committee that is neither right nor left wing, and tonight, tomorrow morning, or tomorrow night, we are going to kill the man that killed the President. There will be no excitement and we will kill him. We wanted to be sure and tell the FBI, Police Department, and Sheriff's Office and we will be there and we will kill him."

Representatives of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and Dallas, Texas, Police Department were advised of the receipt of this information. The above information was given to the Dallas Sheriff's Office at 3:00 a.m., November 24, 1963, to Deputy Sheriff C. C. MC COY and to Captain W. B. FRAZIER, Dallas Police Department, at 3:20 a.m., on the same date.

When Deputy Sheriff MC COY was called, he advised that he had also received a call from a man who said, "I represent a committee of around one hundred people who have voted to kill the man who killed the President". MC COY said that Sheriff DECKER had been advised and that security precautions were being made to protect OSWALD.

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Captain FRAZIER, when contacted, stated that plans to transfer OSWALD to the County Jail might be changed in view of this threat. He said he would give this information to Chief CURRY immediately. He was also advised that the Dallas Sheriff's Office had received a similar call.

At 8:15 a.m., November 24, 1963, the Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas FBI Office advised Chief of Police JESSE CURRY of the facts concerning the anonymous call. Chief CURRY stated he had received this information and was taking all precautions. Chief CURRY stated he had changed the schedule for moving OSWALD and had two armored cars available. OSWALD was scheduled to be placed in one of them, which would mean that the other armored car could be used for diversion purposes.