

November 24, 1963

Mr J.E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Information regarding the murder of  
Lee Oswald.

Sir;

At approximately 12:15 pm I was instructed by Lt. Swain to proceed to the Jail office area and stand by that location. On arrival I found the walkway in front of the jail office crowded with cameramen and reporters. I was standing in front of one of the jail office windows when Officers brought Oswald from the jail elevator across the jail office and out the side door entering into the basement. At that point I momentarily lost sight of them. I heard a shot and immediately pulled my revolver and forced myself through the Newsman into the drive outside the jail office where I observed Officers lifting Oswald and carrying him back into the jail office and other Officers struggling with another white male. I immediately secured the ramp to main street along with Lt. Swain and two other Officers. I helped keep this area secure from anyone coming or leaving until after the ambulance came and picked up Oswald. At that time I was ordered by Captain Jones to go with a group of detectives under the supervision of Lt. Mc Kinney to Parkland Hospital. I stayed at Parkland Hospital until I was ordered back to the City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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