

December 5, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald

Sir:

At approximately 1:55 pm Friday, November 22, 1963, I was in the vicinity of the Texas Theater in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, looking for the suspect in the slaying of Officer J. D. Tippit.

By police radio, I received information the suspect was at the Texas Theater and I reported to that location. On arrival, I was told that the building was covered off outside and to go inside the theater.

Once inside, I requested either an usher or the Assistant Manager to turn on as many lights as possible.

Detective Paul Bentley and I, along with some uniform officers, went to the balcony of the theater. We checked to see that all the fire exits were covered and that a check of the patrons was being made, and then we started back to the lower floor to see the situation at that location.

About the time I reached the bottom of the stairs, I heard an officer yell, "I've got him!" And, I also heard a struggle. I ran inside the lower floor of the theater and saw several officers attempting to restrain a person. Someone yelled that the man had a pistol and then as I joined the other officers in attempting to complete the arrest, I heard someone else say they had the gun.

Officers W. N. McDonald, T. A. Hutson, Ray Hawkins, C. T. Walker, Bob Carroll, K. F. Lyons, Paul Bentley, Bob Barrett from the FBI, and I succeeded in subduing the suspect, and while the other officers held the suspect, Officer Ray Hawkins and I handcuffed the suspect.

Captain W. R. Westbrook instructed us to get the prisoner away from the location as soon as possible. Officers Walker, Lyons, Carroll, Bentley, and I