

Mr. J. R. Curry
Chief of Police

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Re: Interview with John Rutledge,
Dallas Morning News

Sir:

I interviewed Mr. Rutledge at 6:00 p.m. on Monday evening, December 2, 1963.

He denied ever seeing Jack Ruby with a press pass and had no information that any officer had told Jack Ruby that he could go up and see Oswald.

He remembers that before 6:00 p.m. on November 22, 1963, that he was standing by the door leading into the Burglary and Theft Bureau and that he saw Jack Ruby standing real close to some newsmen. Captain Frits was being interviewed by a group of newsmen. Some newsmen asked who was being interviewed and Rutledge said Ruby answered thusly: "Will- W I L L, Frits- F R I T Z. Mr. Rutledge saw about 4 officers speak to Ruby during the time of the interview. He also saw Ruby at another time standing near newsmen just outside the door leading to the Forgery Bureau. He does not remember Ruby talking to anyone at this time.

Rutledge states that almost everytime he saw Ruby, that Ruby was physically crowding himself against newsmen.

Mr. Rutledge says on another occasion, does not remember if it was Friday, November 22, 1963 or Saturday, November 23, 1963, he was near the elevator on the third floor of the Police and Courts Building. Uniformed guards were checking people entering the third floor. He saw two newsmen walk from the elevators to the hallway leading to the CID Bureau Offices. These two men were newsmen but he does not know who they were. Jack Ruby was pushed up between them with his left arm around the newsmen to his left and a piece of folded paper in his other hand. This paper had some writing on it but Rutledge did not know what the writing was. Ruby was talking and waving the paper to the two newsmen as they turned down the hallway toward the Homicide Office. He did not see a press identification or pass on Ruby and the officers apparently allowed the 3 to pass them without checking identification. Rutledge said about midnight of Friday, November 22, 1963, there was a press conference and