

were placed under severe strain and unusual demands in three particulars:

1. The news media — radio, television, reporters and special writers — virtually took charge of the entrances, hallways and public rooms of the city jail before Lee Harvey Oswald was placed in jail. By the time the prisoner, Oswald, entered the jail under heavy guard, radio equipment, television cables, special wires, cameras and other auxiliary equipment were being installed by the technicians of the news media. More than a hundred news media personnel had set up temporary facilities and workshops in the hallways. Much of this personnel was from other parts of the Nation and foreign countries and had little, if any, understanding of Texas legal procedure. These conditions continued throughout the time Oswald was confined in jail, until his death on the morning of November 24, and after the confinement of Ruby. The City Manager and Chief of Police concluded that if an attempt had been made to remove the news media and their equipment, hard feelings and chaos would have resulted.

2. While local officials recognize that subsequent events, including the