

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Location of Detective H. B. Reynolds  
at the time of the shooting of  
Oswald, November 24, 1963

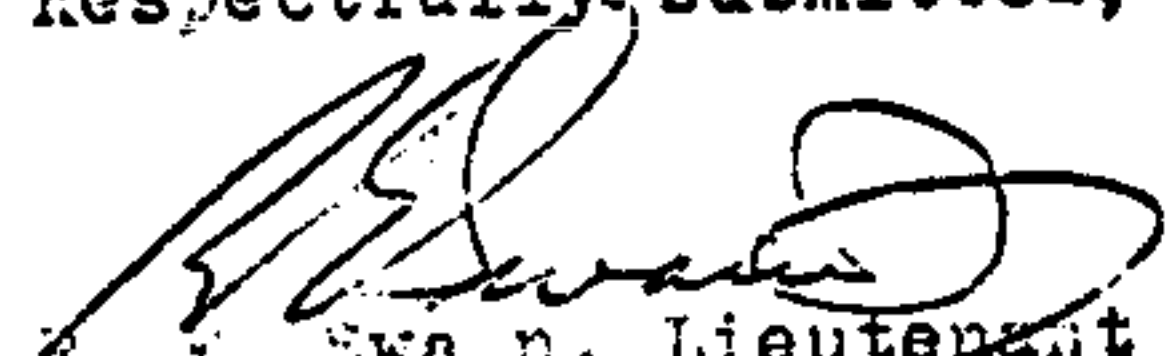
Sir:

Below is submitted report supplied by Detective H. B. Reynolds as  
regarding his activities on November 24, 1963.

At 11:00 Lieutenant Swain came into the office and told us, one  
by one, to start toward Jail office. Stephens and I, the last two  
left, and I went to the double doors leading outside into the  
ramp area. I was there when Oswald was brought out of the elevator.  
At this time, I noticed that an attorney Tom Howard was standing  
in the lobby outside of the Jail office behind the uniformed officer  
stationed there. As officers escorting Oswald started out into the  
ramp area, I heard a shot.

I ran back into the lobby and down the lobby to the Commerce Street  
exit, and up on the street and ordered an uniformed officer to  
block the Commerce Street exit to the old City Hall and to not let  
any one out. I ran to the Hardwood Street exit and ordered an  
uniformed officer to not let any one out of that exit. I came  
back to the Commerce Street exit and entered on the first floor  
of the City Hall to see a Negro running toward the exit on the Main  
Street. I immediately went after him along with Sgt. Everett and a  
reserved officer who were catching up with him at that time. This  
colored male was handcuffed, and I took possession of him and took him  
to the Homicide office where I released him to Detective Baker, and  
then I took position in front of the Chief's office to stop press-  
men from entering into this office.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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