

December 9, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Interview with Mr. Frank B. Johnston
3011 Whitis Avenue
Apartment 205
Austin, Texas
Cameraman for U.P.I.

Sir:

On December 5, 1963, Lieutenant F. I. Cornwall and Lieutenant Jack Revill interviewed Mr. Frank B. Johnston at his residence in Austin, Texas regarding his assignment in the basement of the City Hall on November 24, 1963. Mr. Johnston stated that he is employed by U.P.I. as a still cameraman and is assigned to the Austin, Texas, office. He was called to Dallas to cover the assassination of President Kennedy.

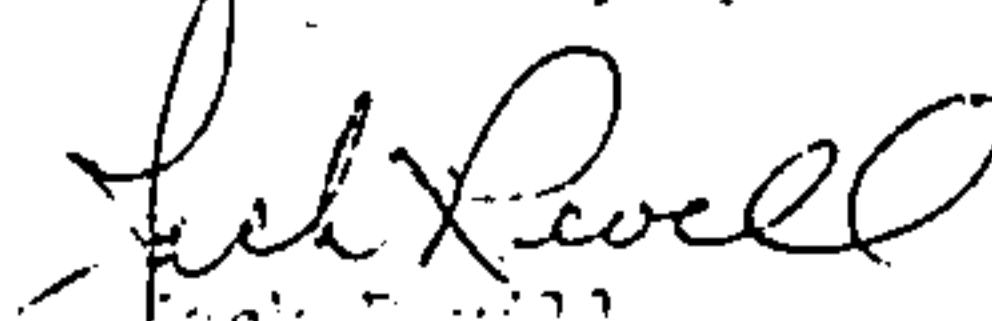
He states that on November 24, 1963, he arrived in the basement of the Police and Courts Building at approximately 4:30 a.m. He stated that he had moved around in the basement and in the Police and Courts Building awaiting the transfer of Oswald and that he was checked numerous times for his press identification. At approximately 11:00 a.m. he was standing by the concrete post in the basement just south of the television camera operated by WTAP-Channel 5. He further stated just as they were bringing Oswald out of the Jail Office that an automobile started backing in the basement area and that he looked to observe where this automobile was going and just at that time Ruby rushed forward and shot Oswald. Due to this distraction of the moving automobile, he did not get a picture of the incident nor did he observe Ruby shoot Oswald. He did state further, however, that he had taken pictures during his assignment in the basement and they were all sent to Mr. Harold Blumenfeld, Picture editor U.P.I., New York City.

At the time of this interview, Mr. Johnston had been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully submitted,



F. I. Cornwall
Lieutenant, Special Service Bureau



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