


about 10:45 a.m., Assistant Chief Batchelor told me the armored cars were on their way. I asked him if everything was okay in the basement and he said that it was. He said the spectators on Commerce Street had been moved across the street and the news media were "in their place." He left for the basement to line up the vehicles for the transfer.

I called Sheriff Decker again and told him we planned to transfer Oswald in an armored car and told him our route of travel. I informed him we planned to drive the truck into his security area at the rear of his jail. He agreed and said they would be ready.

I then went to Captain Fritz' office and listened to the interrogation of Oswald for a few minutes. When I had an opportunity, I asked Captain Fritz if he was about ready to transfer Oswald. He replied that he was and I told him our plans. He told me he didn't like the idea of the armored car because it would be too difficult to maneuver in case a crowd of people attempted to stop the motorcade. He suggested the transfer be made in a regular detective car with other detective cars leading and following. I agreed that we would do it that way but would still use the armored car as a decoy with an escort of police vehicles. We then agreed Oswald would be rushed into a detective car. The armored car would proceed over the planned route but the vehicle bearing Oswald and the other cars of guards would cut out of the motorcade at Main Street and proceed quickly down Main Street to Houston and into the County Jail.

Deputy Chief Stevenson heard our change of plans and instructed Lieutenant Pierce to go to the basement, get a car and two men, and position the car to lead the armored car. I told Captain Fritz I would go on downstairs, and as I was walking down the third floor corridor, someone, I can not recall who it was, told me that Mayor Cabell wanted to talk to me on the phone. I went to the phone to talk to the Mayor and was talking to him when Oswald was shot. In a few minutes I was told that a man named Jack Ruby had shot Oswald and that the wound was serious.


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