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(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)DETECTIVE, JUVENILE BUREAU  
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)  
DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
(CITY AND STATE)By EDWARD J. MABER  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)To Be Returned Yes   
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## Description:

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W.J.C.

December 2, 1963

Dallas, Texas

I, Wilbur Jay Cutshaw, do hereby furnish the following true and voluntary statement to Edward J. Mabe and Kenneth P. Hughes, who have identified themselves to me as special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand that I do not have to furnish this statement and that any statement I do make can be used against me in a court of law. I have been advised of my right to counsel and no threats, promises of reward or duress have been made to me for this statement.

I was born May 27, 1923, Duffin, Texas and am a Detective in the Criminal Investigation Division, Juvenile Bureau, Dallas Police Department.

At about 9 am on Sunday November 24 1963 I was ~~in the office when Deputy Chief Stephens~~ ~~was told to stand by in my office in the Police and Court Building by Deputy Chief Stephens and W.J.C. told Capt Martin that she wanted all personnel in the office between 9:00 & 10:00 o'clock a.m. W.J.C.~~

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at about 11 AM Captain Jones told me and the other detective standing by that it was time to go down to the basement. I proceeded to the basement with Captain Frank Martin, Detective J. D. Miller, R. S. Lowery and Clark Bookby. This was approximately 11 AM.

When we reached the basement we were instructed by Captain O. A. Jones to clear the hallway connecting the basement lobby with the parking area and also the jail office lobby. We cleared these areas of all men, some personnel and camera equipment. <sup>WJC</sup> We were instructed to keep all ~~unauthorized~~ <sup>unauthorized</sup> persons out, only newspapermen & police officers allowed. Shortly before Oswald was brought down, which was approximately 5 minutes before Oswald appeared in the basement, a Channel "5" television camera was pushed from the basement lobby into the basement parking area. As the camera was being pushed through the double swinging door separating the lobby from the basement area I noticed three men, all bent over, pushing on the base of the camera. The man on the right, which is the right WJC.

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hood side facing the parking area, was wearing a green shirt, the man in the center was wearing a dark suit, the man on the left was wearing a black coat extending below the knees.

Everything then seemed to calm down for a few minutes and then someone said "here he comes". I was standing with my back to a small area of wall between the double swinging doors and the door between the hallway and jail office lobby.

I then noticed St. Swain or Capt. Fritz come out into the basement hallway from the jail office door. Then Zavell (you), Oswald and Crown, both Zavell and Crown being Detectives in the Domestic Bureau of the Dallas Police force, followed through this same door. Zavell was on the right side of Oswald and Crown on the left. When the three of them first approached the jail office door they stopped a couple of seconds and Zavell asked me "is it okay?" and I said "okay, come on out fine".

Detective Montgomery of the Domestic Bureau followed. WJC.

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except, about one step directly behind Oswald.

The party of Detectives walking with Oswald were forced to walk between a corridor of individuals composed of news media personnel and plainclothes detectives which was about 4 1/2 feet wide. Oswald and the two accompanying Detectives had just reached the bottom of the small incline extending from the parking area when I noticed a movement of the line of individuals in the vicinity of Oswald's location and I then heard what sounded like a gunshot. I then heard a groan. I immediately rushed to the site of confusion surrounding Oswald and grabbed the left hand of Jack Ruby. W. J. Harrison, a detective patrolman assigned to the juvenile Bureau had taken hold of the ~~left~~<sup>right</sup> hand of Ruby and together with several others, half carried and half manhandled Ruby into the jail office lobby. I had seen Jack Ruby only once previous to this, about two or three years ago at the Caravel Club in Dallas, Texas. I was working in plainclothes in the juvenile Bureau at this

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time.

After opening through the jail office door I immediately closed this door so as to prevent anyone from following. A young man, wearing a dark colored sport coat came to the door and said he was a doctor stationed there and when I saw the man's stethoscope I permitted him to enter.

I then looked out through the glass partition of the door and saw two men pushing the television camera, I had seen being parked in earlier, up the driveway ramp to the hallway leading to the basement lobby. The man with the green shirt and the man wearing the black coat were pushing this machine. I went through the door into the hallway leading to the parking area and stopped these men to ask them where the third man was. They told me there was no third man. I noticed the cable of the machine (camera) was still wrapped in place and after talking with them a few minutes learned they had not been able to get the camera in place and had not used it. Officer Lowery took down  
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their names and they were later questioned by St. Arain of the Burglar and Theft Bureau.

They told me at the time that if there were three men packing the camera into the basement, they were not aware of it. Officer Lowery later told me the last name of one of these men was Alexander.

I have never been employed by Ruby and do not know of any Dallas Police officers who are or who have been employed by Ruby. I estimate there were approximately fifty persons other than police officers in the basement of the Police and Courts Building and Municipal Building. I did not recognize any of the maintenance personnel present at the time.

I was not briefed on the security measures to be taken on November 24, 1963 to transport Oswald but have heard that the basement area was cleared of all persons except maintenance personnel and police officers and that all parked cars in the basement were searched. I also heard that

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the opinion or duty in the lawsuit was  
agreed to which the identity of all persons  
present in the lawsuit are.

I did not see anyone in the lawsuit on November  
24, 1963 who I know was not entitled to belong  
and I do not know of any meaningful person being  
admitted to the lawsuit or anyone being permitted  
to enter without showing proper identification.

I do not know of any relationship existing  
between Ruby and Oswald and I did not  
make Ruby in the lawsuit before I took  
hold of his left hand and then I did not  
know it was Ruby until someone else identified  
him. WPC

I have had the above statement reworded  
of seven pages. It is true and correct  
to the best of my knowledge.

December 2, 1963. W.J. Miller, FBI Agent  
William J. Listerman

Special Agent in Charge, Dallas, Texas, 12/2/63

Bennett O. Higgins, Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas 12/1/63

File No. 44-1639-1A (50)Date Received 12/9/63From David J. Hughes, JR.  
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(CITY AND STATE)By J.S. Weir & Paul L. Scott  
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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## Description:

Typed notes of Hughes  
RE: INTERVIEW OF PAROL-  
MAN R.E. Vaughn, DALLAS  
P.D on 11/24/63  
Hughes is a reporter for  
DALLAS TIMES HERALD