

December 1, 1963

Mr. J. E. Barry
Chief of Police

Re: Interview of S. L. Avery
Concerning Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald

Sir:

S. L. Avery was interviewed by Lieutenants C. C. Allred and P. C. McLaughlin at 9:00 am on November 29, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as the original report dated November 27, 1963. S. L. Avery had this to add:

I would like to give in more detail a report of the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald.

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, approximately 9:00 am, Chief Donovan came to the Juvenile Bureau and told all bureau personnel to stand by.

Approximately 11:05 am, November 24, Captain Martin told us to stand by with him. At that time, these present words C. Upshy, J. C. Catchman, W. F. Garrison, L. L. Ziller, and myself. We went with Captain Martin to the elevator and went to the basement.

As we approached the information or pay office window of the jail, I noticed Patrolman Wilson and he asked for identification from everyone. There were other officers there in uniform, possibly reserve and I can't recall the names of any other officers there at the area of the jail office. Captain Jones was at this point and told us to stand by for further instructions. Captain Jones went out through the scabbled doors into ramp entrance and Captain Martin followed him.

A few minutes later Captain Jones returned and called for everyone's attention. He then told officers to take position in the ramp area of the corridor. Also advised both officers and reserves to take their position in the ramp area. He went into ramp area and I took up a position at the corner of the corridor and ramp drive way.

At this time several other officers took their positions on both sides of corridor from jail office door to ramp area.

I believe Captain Jones repeated his instructions to everyone, that he would like officers to form line on both sides of corridor, and also instructing some personnel where they should be. He told some people to get on one of ramp drive. From my position, because of the flashing lights set up for the TV camera, I could not clearly see the position

After taking my position, I looked to my left and saw NBC Channel 5 TV camera, mounted on tripod with rollers, it appeared that there were three men pushing the camera. One was later identified as John Alexander, 5/5/39. I could not see the faces of these three men because they were stopped over their heads dropping they rolled past me, down a slight decline, the camera acted as if it wanted to tip over, and I clasped the camera with my left hand. They stopped at the bottom of the north ramp and I heard one of the men say "We can't get up here." They then moved toward the side of reverse of the east side of the ramp.

Two or three minutes later, I heard someone inside jail office say, "Here he comes." I looked to my left, toward the jail office door, and observed it. A man appeared through jail office door. Then approximately 10 to 12 feet behind it, Captain Fritz appeared. Then approximately 5 feet behind Captain Fritz, I observed Detective Osavalle, with Oswald handcuffed to Osavalle's left arm. I also noticed a detective on Oswald's left holding Oswald's arm, but didn't realize who the detective was at that time.

As Osavalle and his partner along with Oswald, appeared through the jail office door, the press personnel began to crowd forward, taking pictures and asking questions "Did he shoot the President?" etc.

As Captain Fritz just ran and as Osavalle, his partner, and Oswald approached my position, I saw a man lunge from the crowd of reverse of Oswald's position. As this man lunged forward attacking his right arm, and firing almost simultaneously.

Oswald fell back a step and Osavalle, laid Oswald down on the floor. At the same instant the shot was fired, several officers, I know Catehary and Harrison, subdued the man who fired the shot, and took him from the area.

I recognized the man that fired the shot as Jack Ruby. I had not noticed Jack Ruby before he fired the shot. I do know Jack Ruby by sight and have never seen him in the City Jail.

I assisted several other officers take Jack Ruby into jail office, where he was searched. I did not help take him upstairs, but remained no security at the jail office door.

I have talked to Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Robert J. Rogers re: this incident.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. Harrison

F. C. Harrison, Lieutenant
Burglary & Theft Bureau

J. C. Wallace

J. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Criminal Bureau

November 24, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Sir:

Approximately three to five minutes before the prisoner was brought out, I observed a Channel 5 Camera mounted on tripod rollers come through the doors in front of the jail office to the ramp. I observed three men pushing the camera, one on each side and one man crouched down in rear head down as if pushing the camera. As the camera came down the slope from entrance to ramp, I grabbed one of the tripods to steady the camera. As the camera men pushed the camera into the ramp they turned slightly to the right, one attendant stated "We can't get out this way", they then pushed the camera into the crowd of newsmen on the East side of the ramp area and disappeared into the rear of the crowd. At this time I heard someone in the jail office door state, "Here he comes". As I looked towards the jail office door, I saw Lieutenant Swain come out. Approximately ten to fifteen feet behind Lieutenant Swain, Captain Fritz came out, only six to eight feet behind Captain Fritz, Detective J. R. Leavelle leading Oswald (handcuffed) by the right arm. I could not identify the detective on Oswald's right. As both Leavelle, Oswald and unknown detective approached entrance to the basement ramp, I saw Jack Ruby lunge from the Northeast corner of the ramp area. I saw what looked like a blue steel snub nose revolver, almost simultaneously Ruby fired. Oswald let out a long "O-o-o-h". Several officers including myself attempted to grab the suspect. The suspect was then wrestled to the floor by several officers.

I know Jack Ruby and had not seen him in the crowd or building until I saw him lunge and fire at Oswald.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Lavery

R. L. Lavery
Detective, ID#1081
Juvenile Bureau
Criminal Investigation Division

December 12, 1963

Inspector J. H. Sawyer talked to Deputy Chief George L. Lurkin and received the following statements:

"I went to the basement of the City Hall on November 24, 1963, to observe the transfer of Lee Harvey Oswald to the County Jail. I arrived about 3 minutes before they brought Lee Harvey Oswald out of the Jail Office.

I was standing on the flat part of the ramp near the right front fender of the car driven by Detective G. M. Dhority. This was on the West side of the car.

I did not know Jack Ruby and I did not see him in the basement. I did not see the shooting although I did hear the shot."

J. H. Sawyer
Inspector of Police

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November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Traffic and Security Assignments
on Jail Transfer of Lee Oswald

Sir:

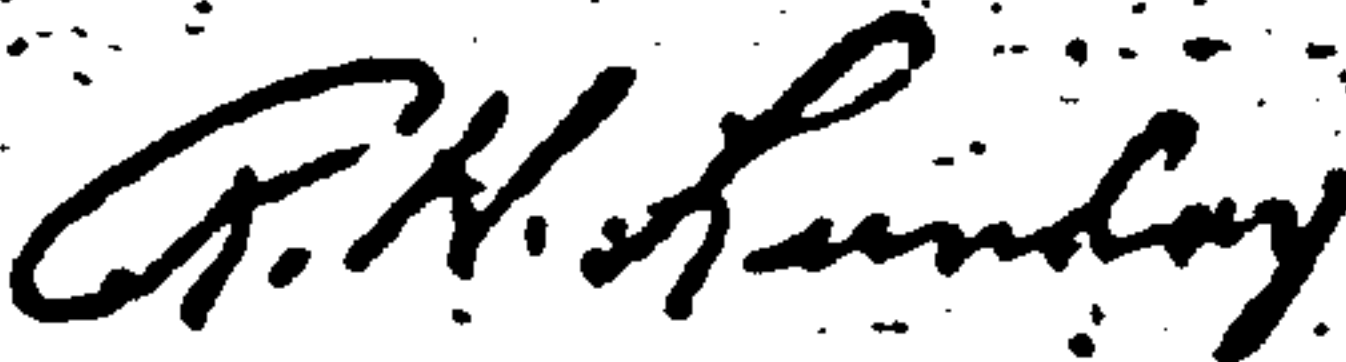
On November 24, 1963, the Solo Motorcycle Section detail, consisting of 10 officers, reported to Elm and Houston Streets at 8:30 A.M. By 9:00 A.M. this detail had been augmented by eleven Police Reserve officers. Supervisors present, were Captain P. W. Lawrence, Captain J. M. Solomon, Lieutenant W. F. Southard, Sergeant S. C. Bellah and myself. Shortly before the prisoner was to be transferred, Sergeant D. F. Steele reported to the location.

The west side of Houston was roped off between Elm and Main Streets. A large number of persons were congregated behind the ropes along Houston and on both sides of Elm Street between Houston and the Triple Underpass. I would estimate the total crowd to be between 500 and 600 persons.

Two officers were assigned at Elm and Houston and two at Main and Houston. One officer was assigned at Elm and Record and one at Main and Record. Four patrolmen, seven Reserve officers and five supervisors, including myself, were stationed at intervals along the west side of Houston between Elm and Main. Four Reserve officers were assigned along Elm Street between Houston and the Triple Underpass. All officers were instructed to keep a close watch on the crowd and to be particularly alert for any signs of violence.

When radio stations announced that the prisoner had been shot, most of the crowd dispersed and approximately one-half of the officers were reassigned to other locations.

Respectfully,



R. H. Lunday
Deputy Chief of Police
Traffic Division

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December 1, 1963

STATEMENT OF CAPTAIN F. H. MARTIN:

I have covered everything of importance in my report.

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was stationed in the City Hall basement as security for the transfer of Oswald.

When he came out of the jail office I was standing about mid-way of the driveway going into the parking area. There was a police car between me and the jail office. I did not see anything but heard the shot that was fired. By the time I could get around to the jail, Oswald and Ruby had been pulled back into the jail office. Ruby was down with three or four officers holding him. Oswald was lying on the North side of the jail office on the floor. The doctor and ambulance arrived shortly after I got into the jail office.

I did know Jack Ruby but did not see him prior to this incident.

Respectfully submitted,



P. M. Martin
Captain of Police
Juvenile Bureau

TH:mv

December 2, 1963

STATEMENT OF BILLY J. MALEY:

I know Jack Ruby, but I did not see him in or near the City Hall prior to the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

November 26, 1963

Subject: Assignment Of Sergeant
Billy J. Maxey On
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

At approximately 11:00 A.M., Sunday, November 24, 1963, I arrived at Central Station. I was working "16", acting Lieutenant), Northeast Substation. The Patrol Officers were leaving for their traffic assignments, and there was a large group of reporters standing in the hall leading to the Jail Office.

I did not have an assignment at the time of my arrival and when Lieutenant Pierce came down and got into his car I asked him if I could help. Lieutenant Pierce advised me to ride with him and Sergeant Putnam to escort the Armored Car which had been backed partially onto the south ramp.

Lieutenant Pierce drove the car, I was sitting in the back seat, on the left side and Sergeant Putnam, after moving the crowd of reporters out of our path, got into the front seat on the right side. We traveled up the north ramp and made a left turn onto Main Street. Officer R. E. Vaughn was standing on our right side at the top of the ramp as we went out onto Main Street.

I did not see Jack Ruby or anyone else go down the ramp as we drove out. I know Jack Ruby by sight and I also did not see him in the basement while I was at that location.

We proceeded to the top of the south ramp via Main Street to Harwood Street to Commerce Street and took a position in front of the Armored Car.

Apparently the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald had just happened because I did not hear the shot and officers were rushing to cover the exits of the Police and Courts Building and the City Hall as we pulled into position.

After the shooting, Lieutenant Pierce, Sergeant Putnam, and I went to Parkland Hospital and set up security in the building and the Emergency Entrance Parking Lot.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy J. Maxey
Billy J. Maxey
Sergeant Of Police

December 3, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer
Sergeant S. L. Mayo - 852

Sir:

On December 1, 1963, Reserve Officer Sergeant S. L. Mayo was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald not covered in his original report dated November 26, 1963.

Sergeant Mayo stated that his duty assignment was on Commerce Street across from the City Hall. He stated that an unknown white male approximately 25 years of age attempted to enter the basement of the City Hall. This unknown male was wearing a white streamer on his lapel. This streamer had the words "White House Press". Sergeant Mayo stated that he attempted to refer this unknown to a regular police officer but this individual declined stating that he did not want to be a bother.

Sergeant Mayo further stated that this unknown individual disappeared shortly after the shooting of Oswald.

Sergeant Mayo does not know Jack Ruby nor has he been contacted by any Federal agency at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Revell

Jack Revell

Lieutenant, Special Service Bureau

F. I. Cornwall

F. I. Cornwall

Lieutenant, Special Service Bureau

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

I am a Sergeant in the Dallas Police Reserve.

I reported in uniform to the City Hall on Sunday, November 24, at about 9:25 A. M. for duty. I was assigned by Lt. Ben McCoy to a station on Commerce Street across from the City Hall. This was to keep the crowds back from the entrance of the City Jail when Lee Harvey Oswald was transferred to the County Jail.

About 11:25, I saw several officers running down Commerce Street to the entrance of the building. One of the crowd (a man) had a small radio, and I heard the announcer say that Lee Harvey Oswald had been shot. He did not say who. Just a few minutes later an ambulance came out of the basement and I saw a man on the cot inside.

1. I did not see the shooting or hear a shot due to being outside.
2. I do not know the suspect Jack Ruby.
3. I do not know Lee Harvey Oswald.
4. I did not hear any noise in the basement.

Signed: L. A. Mayo

Sgt. L. A. Mayo
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December 1, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,
Sergeant James C. McCain, 059

On December 1, 1963 Reserve Officer, Sergeant James C. McCain was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in his original report dated November 20, 1963.

McCain stated, after reading his original report, that there was nothing of significance which he could add.

Sergeant McCain further stated that at this time he has not been contacted by any federal agency.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Cornwall
J. A. Cornwall, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

Jack Revill
Jack Revill, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

November 20, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

This is statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer
Sunday, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 9:15 A. M.
2. I reported to Assembly Room.
3. I was assigned to the north side of Commerce Street at exit of ramp (South).
4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:
Reserves Wayne Harrison and Arthur Capps.
5. Did you know Ruby? No.
6. When and under what circumstances did you see Ruby?
Did not see him at all.

Signed:

J. C. McCain
J. C. McCain

November 30, 1963

Mr. J. L. Curry
Chief of Police

Dear Sir:

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,
Lieutenant Ben G. McCoy, 907

On November 30, 1963 Reserve Officer, Lieutenant
Ben G. McCoy, was interviewed by the undersigned
officers as to any information he might have
concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
which was not covered in his original report
dated November 26, 1963.

McCoy stated, after reading his original report,
that there was nothing of significance which he
could add.

Lieutenant McCoy further states that he has not
been contacted by any federal agency at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. Cornwall

F. I. Cornwall, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

Jack Revill

Jack Revill, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

I arrived at the City Hall, Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, at approximately 9:25 A. M. I went to the Police Assembly Room in the basement and reported in to Lt. B. C. Merrell, and asked him where Captain Arnett was. Lt. Merrell informed me that Captain Arnett and all of the Reserves who had been there were taken into the basement parking area by Sgt. P. T. Deen to search it.

I then went to the basement parking area and reported to Captain Arnett who was standing about 15 feet behind two television cameras that were set up in the first two parking stalls, facing the entranceway into the jail hallway. Reserve Officer U. E. Worley was standing beside Captain Arnett. I observed Reserve Lt. D. T. Suits standing at the bottom of the ramp, leading into the parking area. I also noticed Reserve Patrolman M. J. Newman standing at the extreme south end of the parking area. A radio patrol officer was standing in front of the elevators that are on the center east side of the parking area. I asked Captain Arnett what the situation was, and he told me that they had just finished searching the basement under the direction of Sgt. P. T. Deen, and they had been instructed to stay in the basement area and keep people out of the parking area.

Captain Talbot came by and asked if the air conditioning vents had been checked and Sgt. J. E. Hopkins (Reserve) walked up at this time and said that he had just finished checking them. I stayed with Captain Arnett to help in coordinating the assignments requested of the Reserves.

Two conferences were held by the regular officers in the parking area, but we were not asked to listen in or not told what was going on. After those conferences, the regular officers left the basement area with shotguns.

Sgt. Deen requested that we send a man to Commerce and Pearl to work the traffic as a signal light was stuck at this location. I sent Patrolman G. E. Worley to work this.

A request was made that we send men to the south ramp entrance to move the crowd that had gathered there across the street to the south sidewalk and hold them there. I made several trips to and from the assembly room to get reserves as they reported in to Lt. Merrell to help handle this crowd. I sent Reserve Sgt. Hopkins up to the Commerce Street side to supervise the operation and to keep me informed of the situation there. A request was made that a Reserve Officer be placed in the hall in front of the jail office window to help the regular officer there check people out. Reserve Officer A. B. Craig was assigned to this location.

On several occasions, and from time to time, I observed men in plain clothes coming down the ramps and going into the hall in front of the jail. I assumed that these were press personnel and I did not take any special note, because of the regular officers that were supposed to check everyone out at the top of the ramps.

Much shuffling of cars took place in the parking area. I observed the paddy wagon come down the north ramp with Patrolman Lewis driving. I saw Sgt. Deen stop him and search the back of the wagon and then permit Lewis to go on into the parking area.

I observed squad cars being lined up in the north and south sides of the basement parking area. I observed Sgt. Steals and Reserve Patrolman J. M. Harrison leave the basement area in a squad car and drive out the South Ramp.

I then observed Chief Batchelor get into his car and leave by the South Ramp. I then observed the Armored car being backed into the South Ramp. Some men in plain clothes got into the back, a bottle fell out, and I saw one of the men in plain clothes picking up the glass from the ramp. I observed Sgt. Deen get into the Armored car and then come out. About this time, two men came into the outer jail hall and told the press personnel that they should stand along the north wall of the jail hall and along the east railing of the ramp, so they would all be able to get pictures without bunching up.

Two plain cars were brought out of the parking area and parked on the ramp headed south. I assisted in getting the cars through the crowd that was blocking the entrance to the parking area. I then moved several people who I assumed were press people away from the west wall of the south ramp over to the east side, and then stood by the west wall approximately one foot south of the jail hall. I heard a commotion and glanced to my left; I saw two plainclothesmen with a man between them coming toward the ramp; I looked back to my front and right to see what the press people were doing, and I heard what I thought was a flashbulb exploding. I looked back to my left and saw a man with a gun pointed at the midsection of the man the two plainclothesmen had between them.

I immediately jumped on the man, along with Reserve Captain Arnett and Reserve Sgt. K. H. Croy, and several other men. When the man was subdued, I heard some shout, "No One Out! No One Out!" I joined hands with Reserve Patrolman J. D. Brockway and kept the people from going into the jail hall. Captain Arnett and Reserve Sgt. Croy joined us.

We stayed in this position until the O'Neal ambulance came and they took Oswald off to the hospital. A man in plain clothes then came out and told the press people that they would be admitted to the building proper by press car. We then went inside the building to the assembly room to be assigned where needed.

Several men were sent to various locations to seal off the building entrances and several were sent to work traffic around the city hall. We were moved from the assembly room so the press could use it and set up our C. P. on the second floor in the Planning Commission room.

Subject: Statement of Lt. B. C. McCoy, Dallas Police Reserve

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To my knowledge, I had never seen nor met the subject Ruby before I saw him with the gun in his hand at the time of the shooting of Oswald.

Respectfully,

Ben C. McCoy
Ben C. McCoy
Lieutenant
Dallas Police Reserve

November 30, 1963

J. L. Garry
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
H. L. McGehee

Sir:

H. L. McGehee was interviewed by Lieutenants J. C. Wallace and J. G. McCaffren at 915th on November 30, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. The following was said by H. L. McGehee:

I have been asked if I know Jack Ruby. I do know Jack Ruby. I did not see him in the basement and I do not recall ever seeing him in the City Hall. I did not know it was Jack Ruby who shot Oswald until I overheard someone in the crowd say it was Jack Ruby.

I have no idea how he got into the City Hall or into the basement.

I have not been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Jovial Bureau

J. G. McCaffren
J. G. McCaffren, Lieutenant
Burglar & Theft Bureau

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November 24, 1953

Mr. J. M. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Location of Detective E. L.
McGee at the time of the
Lee Oswald shooting

Sir:

Prior to the transfer of Lee Oswald, Lieutenant Swain instructed me to go to the basement near the information desk to assist in the transfer of Lee Oswald in any manner that I might be needed.

I rode the main elevator from the third floor with two WBAP-TV cameramen and Detectives D. G. Brantley and D. L. Eurgess. When I got off the elevator in the basement I saw a large group of cameramen and newsmen congregated in the area in front of the jail office windows. I know that Jack Ruby was not with the two WBAP-TV cameramen when they pushed their carts up to the crowd of other newsmen.

I stationed myself in the general area in front of the information desk to await the transfer.

While I was in this area, the only person I noticed come into the building from either the Commerce Street or Harwood Street doors was Attorney Tom Howard. He came in through the Harwood Street entrance and walked up to the jail office window.

At this time Oswald was brought off the jail elevator and Tom Howard turned away from the window and went back toward the Harwood Street door. He waved at me as he went by and said, "That's all I wanted to see."

Shortly after that I heard a shot and someone said, "Oh". I did not see the shooting.

At that time I went to the vehicle ramp and helped Lieutenant Swain hold back the crowd.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. McGee
H. L. McGee
Detective
Burglary and Theft Bureau

November 30, 1963

J. W. Conroy
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
To: J. McMillon

Sir:

To be McMillon was interviewed by Lieutenants C. O. Wallace and P. G. McLaughlin at 9145 on November 30, 1963. He had this to add to his original report:

I would like to make one correction that I now know to be true; that Detective Leavelle was on the prisoner's right rather than on the prisoner's left as I stated on my original report. Also I would like to correct that the person, Jack Ruby, came from my left instead of my right as I stated in my original report.

I have been asked if I knew Jack Ruby, and I do know him by sight. I did not see him in the basement before the shooting, and am never recall seeing him around the City Hall.

We talked to him when we got to the 5th floor. On the 5th floor with, was asked how he got to the basement. He replied that he came from the eastern union office where he wired a girl in Fort Worth some money. He said he saw his micros drive out of the basement. He walked past the policeman standing there. He said a policeman nodded at him, but he shook his head and kept going. He said that he knew he could always not like a reporter.

He also said, "Ya'll won't believe this, but I didn't love this planned. I couldn't have timed it so perfect." He said just as he got there, Oswald was coming out.

He stated he always carried a gun in the bar because he always had some money.

I overheard Ruby say that after coming out of the eastern union office, he saw the armored car there and came to see what was going on.

Ruby said he figured he could get off at least three shots before he would be caught. Ruby related that he knew he was shooting the right person, as he had attended the show-up Friday night at City Hall. He related how Henry Wade had made numerous references to the organization that Oswald belonged to, and that Ruby himself was corrected Henry Wade because he didn't want him to be embarrassed in public.

I have been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Wallace
C. O. Wallace, Lieutenant Juvencio

November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir;

I should like to submit the following report regarding the incident occurring in the basement on November 24, 1963.

On November 24, 1963, I was assigned to the basement of the City Hall at approximately 11:10 a.m. for the purpose of security in the transferring of Lee Harvey Oswald from the City Jail to the County Jail. I was stationed near the jail office door which exits onto the ramp leading in a northerly direction toward Main Street. Detective L. D. Miller was stationed to my immediate right and I was the second person from the door on the north side of the hallway which leads to the jail office door. I do not know who was on my left.

At approximately 11:25 a.m. Captain Fritz came out of the jail office door and asked if everything was all right, and I answered, "Yes sir." I do not know if he was speaking directly to me. Two Homicide detectives were holding onto the prisoner escorting him, and I recognized Detective Leavelle on the prisoner's left. Captain Fritz had proceeded past me and the two Homicide detectives with the prisoner had proceeded slightly past me. As the prisoner was even with me, I made a left face which caused me to be walking in a southeasterly direction. Just as I had taken about one or two steps in forming the barrier on the north side of the prisoner, a man jumped from somewhere slightly to my right and in front of me. I heard this man yell, "You rat son-of-a-bitch, you shot the President." I saw the man as he appeared to jump or lunge toward the prisoner. I saw a short barrel revolver and heard one shot. I attempted to grab this man by the right arm and could still see the revolver. But after I had gotten hold of this man's right arm, several more officers were also trying to subdue him. At this point, I was on the floor just outside the jail office and the man said, "I hope I killed the rat son-of-a-bitch." I do not know who took the gun from this man, but Detectives Archer, Chambers, Clardy, Waggoner, and some more officers took this man into the jail office and at the time he was on the floor and I recognized him as Jack Ruby. We placed my handcuffs on this man and Detectives Clardy, Archer, and Captain King, and I took this man directly to the fifth floor men's jail, after a preliminary search in the jail office.

On the fifth floor men's jail we instructed jailers to search this man and strip him leaving him clad in only his shorts. We also instructed the jailers to notify the jail doctor to come and examine this man.

Detectives Clardy, Archer, and I stayed with this prisoner from 11:25 a.m. until relieved by Homicide detectives at approximately 3:25 p.m. During the time we were with this man, he was interrogated by Mr. Sorrells of Secret Service and Mr. Hall of the F.B.I. He was contacted by an attorney, Mr. Tom Howard, and he was examined by Dr. Bieberdorf when we were relieved by Homicide officers.

Mr. J. E. Curry

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November 27, 1963

Detectives Clardy, Archer, and I assisted in getting this man from the fifth floor jail to the Homicide and Robbery Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,

T. D. McMillon

T. D. McMillon

Detective

Criminal Investigation Division

24 NOV 1963

MR. J. E. CURRY
CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT FOR
SECURITY OF LEE HARVY
OSWALD

SIR:

ON 24 NOV 1963 I WAS ASSIGNED TO THE BACK
OF THE CITY HALL AT APPROXIMATELY 11:10
FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURITY IN THE TRANSFER
OF LEE HARVY OSWALD FROM THE CITY
TO THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL.

I WAS STATIONED NEAR THE JAIL OFFICE DOOR
WHICH EXITS ONTO THE RAMP LEADING IN A
NORTHERLY DIRECTION TOWARD MAIN STREET.

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my immediate right and I was the sec-
person from the door on the north side
the hallway which leads to the jail office
door. I do not know who was on my left.

at approximately 11:25 AM
Captain Fritz came out the jail office
door and asked was ~~it~~ everything all right
and I answered "yes sir". I do not know
he was speaking directly to me. Two
homicide detectives were holding onto
prisoner escorting him and I recognized
detective Lavette on the prisoner's
Captain Fritz had proceeded past me.

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with the prisoner had proceeded slightly 24

PAST ME. ~~THE PRISONER~~ AS THE PRISONER

~~THE PRISONER~~ WAS EVEN WITH ME I MADE

A LEFT FACE WHICH ~~CAUSED~~ CAUSED ME

BE WALKING IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION

~~THE PRISONER~~ JUST AS I HAD ~~THE PRISONER~~ TAKEN ABOUT 100

STEPS IN FORMING THE BARRIER ON THE NORTH

SIDE OF THE PRISONER A MAN JUMPED FROM

SOMEWHERE SLIGHTLY TO MY RIGHT AND IN

FRONT OF ME. I HEARD THIS MAN YELL "YOU BASTARD

SON OF A BITCH YOU SHOT THE PRESIDENT." I SAW

THE MAN AS HE APPEARED TO JUMP OR TO

MOVE TOWARD THE PRISONER. I SAW A SHORT

BARREL REVOLVER AND HEARD ONE SHOT

I ATTEMPTED TO GRAB THIS MAN BY THE

CO 4 M O

BUT AFTER I HAD GOTTEN HOLD OF THIS MAN

RIGHT AWAY SEVERAL MORE OFFICERS WERE

ALSO TRYING TO SUBDUCE HIM. AT THIS POINT

I WAS ON THE FLOOR JUST OUTSIDE THE

JAIL OFFICE AND THE MAN SAID "I HOPE I

KILLED THE RAT-SON-OF-A-BITCH. ~~BECAUSE I~~

DO NOT KNOW WHO TOOK THE GUN FROM THIS MAN

BUT ~~THE~~ DETECTIVES ARCHER, CHAMBERS, C.

WAGGONER AND SOME MORE OFFICER TOOK THE

MAN INTO THE JAIL OFFICE AND AT THIS

HE WAS ON THE FLOOR ^{AND I RECOGNIZED HIM AS JACK R} WE ~~TOOK~~ ^{TOOK}

MY HANDCUFFS ON THIS MAN AND DETB

CHARDY, ARCHER, CAPT. KING AND I TOOK ^{THIS}

MAN TO DIRECTLY TO THE 5TH FLOOR MEN'S

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AFTER A PRELIMINARY SEARCH IN THE JAIL OFFICE
~~ON THE 5TH FLOOR MEN'S JAIL WE INSTRUCTED~~
ON THE 5TH FLOOR MEN'S JAIL WE INSTRUCTED
JAILERS TO SEARCH THIS MAN AND STRIP HIM
LEAVING HIM CLAD ^{WE ARE} ONLY HIS SHORTS. ~~WE~~
INSTRUCTED THE JAILERS TO NOTIFY THE JAIL DOCTOR TO COME
EXAMINE THIS MAN.
DETECTIVES CHARDY, ARCHER AND I STAYED
THIS PRISONER FROM 11:25 AM UNTIL RELIEVED BY
DETECTIVES AT APPROXIMATELY 3:25 PM. DURING
THE TIME ~~WE~~ WE WERE WITH THIS MAN
HE WAS INTERROGATED BY MR. SARBELLE OF SECARB
SERVICE AND MR. HALL OF F.B.I. HE WAS
CONTACTED BY AN ATTORNEY, MR. TOM HOWE
AND HE WAS EXAMINED BY DR. BIBBERI
WHEN WE WERE RELIEVED BY HOMICIDE
OFFICERS, DETECTIVES CHARDY, ARCHER AND
I ASSISTED IN GETTING THIS MAN FROM 74

THE 5TH FLOOR JAIL TO THE HOMICIDE
~~AND~~ ROBBERY BUREAU OFFICE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

T. D. McMillan #13
DETECTIVE, C. I. D. AUTO
BUREAU.

November 30, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,
Lieutenant Arnic Merrell, 501

In November 30, 1963 Reserve Officer, Lieutenant
Arnic Merrell was interviewed by the undersigned
officers as to any information he might have
concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald
which was not covered in his original report
dated November 26, 1963.

After reading his original report, Merrell
stated that there was nothing of significance
which he could add.

Merrell further states that he has not been
contacted by any federal agency at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. Cornwall

F. I. Cornwall, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

Jack Revill

Jack Revill, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. L. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

This is a statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer Sunday, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 7:45 A. M.

2. I reported to Assembly Room.

3. I was assigned to ———

I was answering the telephone and making assignments from the Assembly Room. I assumed charge of men reporting and set up a man power pool to be used as needed.

4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:

Reserve Officer A. B. Craig was guarding the double doors between the main building and the basement parking area.

5. Did you know Ruby? No.

6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?

After the shooting when Ruby was placed on the jail elevator.

Signed:

La. Earrie Merrell

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Date: 11-26-63

Sir:

This is a statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer Sunday, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 7:45 a.m.
2. I reported to (person and place). Assembly Room
3. I was assigned to (state place or area and who you assisted and what assignment consisted of such as crowd control, search, guard, etc.).

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Print name Lt. Bernie Merrell

November 30, 1963

J. L. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Shooting of Joe Harvey Oswald
L. D. Miller

L. D. Miller was interviewed by Lieutenants C. C. Wallace and F. C. McCaughren at 9:15 am on November 30, 1963. The interview was essentially the same as his original report dated November 27, 1963. The following was added by L. D. Miller:

I have not been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding this incident, and have no knowledge how this person got into the City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace

C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

F. C. McCaughren
F. C. McCaughren, Lieutenant
Burglary & Theft Bureau

November 26, 1963

Mr. J.E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Shooting of Harvey Oswald

Sir:

On Sunday November 24, 1963 when prisoner Harvey Oswald was being brought from the jail into the basement I was standing on the east side of the door to the jail office. Detective Cutchshaw was on the west side of the door and Detective McMillan was standing next to me.

I saw the movement of a person coming across the ramp from the east of me and heard a shot at about the same time. This person was hit from behind and propelled in my direction. I grabbed him around the neck and helped to take him into the jail office. When I first made contact with this person he still had a pistol in his hand.

I did not know this person and to my knowledge had never seen him before.

Respectfully Submitted

Louis D. Miller

Louis D. Miller 1236

Detective

Criminal Investigation Division

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STATEMENT OF OFFICERS PRESENT IN CONNECTION WITH OSWALD'S DEATH

LIEUTENANT T. MONTGOMERY - #1017

On Sunday November 21, 1963 at 11:15 am Captain Fritz, Lt. R. E. Swain, Det. J. R. Leavelle, Det. L. C. Graves and myself escorted Oswald from Captain Fritz's office to the jail elevator. Det. Leavelle had been handcuffed to Oswald. Patrolman C. G. Lewis, Jr., was the elevator operator as we carried Oswald down from the 3rd floor of the city hall to the basement. When we got off of the elevator in the basement, Lt. R. E. Swain walked out in front of Captain Fritz. Det. Leavelle was to Oswald's right and Det. Graves was to Oswald's left, and I was in back of Oswald about three feet as we approached the door leading from the basement and jail office. Captain Fritz told us to stop, that he was going to check one more time. The captain said, "All right, come on." He walked out of the door leading from the basement jail office to the ramp where the cars come down into the basement. We had to stop approximately five feet from the driveway of the ramp because the car was not in position. When we stopped I saw a blur of something and heard a shot. I went around Det. Graves and grabbed Jack Ruby by the head. At the time I grabbed Ruby by the head he was being held by W. J. Harrison, T. T. McMillon, R. L. Lavery and W. J. Gutchaw. We forced Ruby to the ground and a check was made for the weapon. We then moved Ruby into the basement jail office and put him back on the floor being held down by the same officers. While being held down on the floor of the basement jail office, Ruby said, "I hope I killed the son-of-a-bitch." I asked Chief Patchelor if we had better get Ruby on the elevator and get him up into the jail. Chief Patchelor said yes, and Ruby was taken to the elevator. I then went to where Oswald was lying on the jail office floor. A doctor was applying artificial respiration. The ambulance people arrived and loaded Oswald on the cot, and I went with the cot to the ambulance.

Leslie D. Montgomery-Page 2

I then joined Captain Fritz, Detective L. R. Beck and C. W. Brown in their car and went with them to Parkland Memorial Hospital, 5201 Harry Hines Blvd. Upon our arrival at the hospital I was told by Captain Fritz to guard the east end of the hall of the Emergency Room. Oswald was taken to the operating room and I then moved up to the first floor main entrance to help maintain security. I was then relieved and returned to the outside entrance of the Emergency Room where I joined Captain Fritz and Det. E. P. Beck, and we all three returned to the city hall to our office. I answered the telephone and stood by for further orders. At 3:25 pm on Sunday November 24, 1963 Det. E. L. Boyd, W. B. Hall and myself were told by Captain Fritz to get Ruby out of jail and bring Ruby to Captain Fritz's office. We checked Ruby out of the jail and brought him to Captain Fritz's office.

I then answered the telephone and stood by for further orders. I was told by Lt. Wells to interview a Bill DeMar (stage name) true name, William Delano Crowe, Jr. I interviewed this person and found him to be the master of ceremonies at the Carousel Club. The over-all content of the interview was the fact that this person was broke and that Ruby was supposed to pay him. He did also state that he thought Oswald was in the Carousel Club on November 20, 1963-Wednesday. DeMar said he could not be definite about this but he felt it was Oswald. This person was released without an affidavit taken. I then stood by for further orders and answered the telephone.

At 10:30 pm Sunday, November 24, 1963 I was told by Captain Fritz to go home and return at 8:00 am November 25, 1963.

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STATEMENT OF R. C. NELSON:

I do not know Jack Ruby.

I saw him after the shooting and I had not seen this man in the basement of the City Hall prior to the shooting.

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment of Officer
R. C. Nelson, #1652 ✓
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963 at approximately 9:00 A.M., I was told to report to 511.

On arrival Lt. Pierce told me and 3 other men to report to Sgt. Dean in the basement of the City Hall. Upon reaching the basement, Sgt. Dean and Sgt. Putnam advised me to check people in both sections of the basement.

I stationed myself inside the building just West of the exit door from the jail office. I had been at this position approximately 3 minutes when a man asked if he could go to the window of the jail office to get someone out of jail. Sgt. Putnam came up and I asked him about letting people go to the jail office window. He told me to station myself by the first window of the jail office and let people use this window to contact jail office personnel.

At approximately 9:45 A.M., a reserve policeman stationed himself in the hall way on my left side. I do not know this officer's name. The reserve and I checked everyone who came by us for identification.

At approximately 10:45 A.M. I noticed a television camera on the elevator in the basement, two men were with this camera. One of these men approached me and asked if they could move the camera through my position into the parking area of the basement. I told Lt. Pierce, who was standing close by what the man wanted. Lt. Pierce talked with this man and then told me it would be all right to let them pass. The two men who were originally with the camera, pushed it by me and the reserve officer.

At approximately 11:20 A.M., I heard a shot come from the area outside the basement doors. Several reporters who were standing in front of the jail office windows started toward the double doors of the basement. I ran to the door in an effort to keep persons from coming through the doors at this time. Several officers were subduing the suspect (Ruby) in front of me, someone yelled to watch for the gun. I reached for the suspect's left hand and felt for a gun. After this I returned to the area outside the jail office windows and remained there until relieved by Lt. Pierce.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald C. Nelson

Ronald C. Nelson
Patrolman, #1652
Patrol Division

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E.C. ✓
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STATEMENT OF POLICE RESERVE OFFICER W. J. NELSON:

I recall someone going over the railing at the bottom of the Main Street ramp, but I have racked my brain and cannot recall whether it was before or after the shooting.

I do remember that the person had on a suit, but I do not know the color. I don't remember seeing a hat, but I can't say whether he was wearing one or not. This could have been about the time the ambulance pulled in.

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. I. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

This is a statement of facts relating to my activity as a Reserve Officer Sunday, November 24, 1963, to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 9:30 A. M.
2. I reported to Lt. Merrell, Assembly Room.
3. I was assigned to the garage area of the basement immediately below the Commerce Street exit. My assignment was to cover the door opening into the sub-basement machinery area. I was on this assignment until approximately 15 minutes after the shooting.
4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:
Lt. Suits, Sgt. Croj (Reserves)
5. Did you know Ruby? No.
6. When and under what circumstances did you see Ruby?

Did not see him.

Signed:

J. Newman
J. Newman

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Revised
for [unclear]

To: Lt. Revill

December 6, 1963

Subject: Reserve Police Officer W.J. Newman
Res: 10923 Cotillion, BR-9-5923
Bus: 4112 S. Buckner, EV-1-7161

Sir:

SUBJECT called this date and stated that he remembered someone going over the railing at the ramp leading into the parking area of the basement the morning OSWALD was shot. He further stated that he could not remember whether it was before or after the shooting. Also that he saw the person was wearing a suit, and he saw only his back, and could not identify him.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. Westphal

R.W. Westphal, Detective
Criminal Intelligence Section

The only reason you and I are here is to assist the people of Dallas

December 1, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,
Patrolman William J. Newman, 317

On December 1, 1963 Reserve Officer, Patrolman William J. Newman was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in his original report dated November 26, 1963.

Newman stated, after reading his original report, that he recalled observing an unknown white male run down the Main Street ramp into the basement of the City Hall, approximately one minute prior to the shooting of Oswald. This unknown male disappeared into the group of newsmen and police officers and was not observed by Newman again.

Patrolman Newman states that he observed this individual just prior to someone in the crowd announcing, "Here he comes!" Less than a minute lapsed from this time until the shooting of Oswald. Newman states that he did not know Jack Ruby.

At this time Patrolman Newman has not been contacted by any federal agency.

Respectfully submitted,


Jack Revill, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau


C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

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November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Jack Ruby

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was assigned by Lieutenant Higgins to the Downstairs Jail Office. I am a Police Clerk and was following normal duties assigned to me.

I did not know Jack Ruby and had never seen him before the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald. I did not see Ruby until he was brought in by the arresting officers. I did not see the shooting.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnnie F. Newton

Johnnie F. Newton
Police Clerk 6
Service Division

W. W.

November 30, 1963

STATEMENT OF POLICE CLERK JOSEPH P. KEATON:

I did not see the actual shooting because my view was blocked by several officers. I did not know Jack Ruby and do not recall ever having seen him before.

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December 11, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Telephone Interview with Ike
Pappas -
301 East 48th Street
New York City, New York
PLaza 2-5463
Radio Station WHEW

Sir:

On December 11, 1963 at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Pappas called and I talked to him regarding the Oswald shooting, November 24, 1963. Mr. Pappas stated that he was on the third floor of the City Hall and that he observed Captain Irits and the Detectives as Oswald left their office and went downstairs on the jail elevator. He took the City Hall elevator to the basement and hurried into the basement ramp area and got there about one minute before Oswald was brought out. He took a position about the middle of the driveway on the North side. Jack Ruby came from a position to Pappas's left side.

Mr. Pappas stated that he had seen Jack Ruby at the press conference late Friday night and that at that time Jack Ruby gave him a guest pass to the Carousel Club. He stated he had not seen Jack Ruby on Saturday at the City Hall.

Mr. Pappas stated he knew 2 other men that were present at the time of the shooting - one man was Hank Machriella of the Daily Tribune, New York City, New York (a writer) and the other man was Tom Petit, also of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Wallace
C. C. Wallace, Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau

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November 29, 1963

STATEMENT OF D. L. PATE

I was assigned to a post at the bottom of the Commerce Street ramp. I took this position at about 11:05 a.m. My duty was to keep everyone off the ramp when they came up with the prisoner. I left for about 3 minutes to take my shotgun on the inside of the jail and then returned directly to the post.

I know Jack Ruby but I did not see him in or about the City Hall. I have known Ruby about 6 or 7 years. The last time I saw Ruby was about 3 months ago.

November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment of Officer
Officer D. L. Pate #1183
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963 at approximately 9:00 A.M. I was told to report to the Patrol Captain's office along with several other officers.

We stayed in the Captain's office until approximately 9:45 A.M. when Captain Talbert advised us to report to the basement. When we got to the basement, Captain Talbert gave me the keys to his car and told me to pull the car out of the parking space and put it in a position to drive out.

I stayed with the Captain's car until approximately 10:45 A.M. when Captain Talbert came and told me to park the car back in a parking space and take a position at the base of the ramp leading out to Commerce Street.

He ordered me to watch the armored car when it backed down the ramp and not let it hit the over head.

After the armored car arrived and backed into the Commerce entrance, Captain Talbert ordered me to take a post at the front of the ramp leading out to Commerce Street and not let anyone onto the ramp when they carried the prisoner to the armored car.

I called Officer L. C. Taylor, #1130 and asked him to stand on the side next to the building and help me keep everyone off the ramp.

I was at this post when the prisoner was shot.

When I heard the shot I started toward the scene and then someone hollered not to let anyone out of the basement. I then went to the back of the basement where I could cover the elevators leading to the new city hall.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. Pate

D. L. Pate
Patrolman #1183
Patrol Division

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December 1, 1963

STATEMENT OF E. G. PATTERSON:

I was stationed on the west side of the armored car when it backed into the Commerce Street ramp. It was so close to the wall that no one could have walked through.

I met Jack Ruby about two years ago, but I don't think I would know him if I saw him. I did not see him in the basement or around the City Hall to recognize him.