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Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment Of Officer
I. E. Jer #1479 On
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

"At approximately 9:00 A.M., Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was relieved of my post on the Third Floor of the City Hall by Sergeant Putnam. I went to the basement of the City Hall where I reported to Sergeant Dean. I was assigned to the City Hall Doctor's Office and the two adjacent doors, one of which was the annex stairway door. I then stood by the stairway door until Sergeant Putnam and Sergeant Dean arrived in the basement with several Reserve Police Officers at which time another officer was assigned to this position and I helped search the basement for unauthorized personnel. This assignment was completed at approximately 9:25 A.M.

"I was then assigned to Sergeant Steele and we went across Commerce Street to search the buildings lining the south side of the street. This assignment was completed at approximately 9:55 A.M. After this, I was posted at the Commerce Street exit ramp of the City Hall Basement. I remained at this post and allowed only properly identified press and police personnel to enter. At approximately 11:00 A.M. two armored cars arrived at the ramp exit and my assignment was to assist these trucks backing into the ramp.

"I then went to the intersection of Commerce and Harwood to stop the flow of traffic until the armored trucks and escort cars could leave the City Hall. I worked traffic until approximately 12:30 P.M. when I returned to the exit ramp.

"I was relieved by Sergeant Dean at approximately 1:00 P.M. at which time I went to the Patrol Officer (Station 511).

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ I. E. JER
I. E. Jer Dallas Police Dept. Texas
Patrolman #1479
Patrol Division

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry,
Chief of Police

Subject: Shooting of Lee Oswald

Sir:

"On Sunday, November 24, 1963, at around 11AM, Deputy Chief Stevenson approached me in the administration offices and directed me to place two officers at the Commerce Street entrance to the ramp leading into the basement of the City Hall. He said to instruct these two officers that an armored truck was enroute and for them to assist the truck back as far as possible down the ramp into the City Hall. He also told me to take any remaining detectives that were available on the third floor to the basement and place them any place they were needed in the basement to supplement the officers already stationed. Most of the detectives had previously been sent to the basement. I entered each of the bureaus except Homicide and Robbery and told the duty officer to have any available officers to report outside the jail office and went to the basement. Two or three detectives accompanied me and remained near the jail office. I went to the head of the ramp on Commerce Street and informed Patrolman Jez and one other patrolman to remain there and keep the way clear and to assist the armored truck in backing into the City Hall. I informed Captain Talbert of these instructions.

"I then returned to near the jail office and stationed some of the detectives at the doors leading into the building proper, and noticed the Press Media was inside the jail office, but outside the admitting desk. I saw Assistant Chief Batchelor and Deputy Chief Stevenson and called Chief Batchelor's attention to the people in the jail office. I accompanied him inside and upon his instructions this area was cleared. Upon leaving the jail office we also had all persons except security personnel moved north of a line running east from the brick corner of the jail office to the railing on the opposite side and on a line

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"from this point running east to the exit lanes for cars from the basement to the ramp itself.

"Deputy Chief Stevenson then approached and said there had been a change in plans and, as the truck could not get into the City Hall, they were going to use two cars. At this time two police cars were started and brought up onto the ramp. Several officers had to move to allow the cars to get onto the ramp. I had given instructions to all officers near the jail office and at the doors to allow no one in the area from the jail to the cars and on down the route the prisoner would take, and that the press would not be allowed to approach or even to attempt to converse with the prisoner, and that no one was to follow until after the cars left the basement.

"I was about midway between the corner of the jail office and the back of the car on the ramp, when someone shouted 'here he comes!'. I turned to walk to the car on the ramp to make sure the way was clear and that officers were stationed on each side of the cars and all the way down the east side of the ramp to the cars. I saw officers along the route and officers on each side of the ramp near the cars and at the top of the ramp. I also saw Chief Stevenson on the ramp, so I turned to watch the parking area in the basement of the City Hall, when I heard a shot. This was sometime shortly before noon, but I don't remember the exact time. I turned toward the sound of the shot which had come from my left and to my rear. I shouted to the officers to bar all exits and all ramps. I saw the officers closing the exits and went toward the scuffle where apparently officers had a man in custody. As I approached the center of the scuffle several voices said 'It was Jack Ruby'. I do not know who said this, but as the prisoner was on his feet by this time I could see he was Jack Ruby, whom I had known 10 or 12 years before as the owner of the Silver Spur, a nightclub on South Ervay. I told the officers to take him to the jail and then had other officers assist Lt. Swain in keeping the crowd in the designated area. I assisted in this measure until after the ambulance left with Oswald and I then returned to the third floor after instructing the officers on

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"the doors to let only persons with identification come to the third floor. After returning to the third floor, I assisted in the administration offices.

"I had not seen a man that I recognized as Jack Ruby in the City Hall during the period of the investigation, until after the shooting in the basement.

"Respectfully,

"/s/

"O.A. JONES,
Captain of Police
Forgery Bureau"

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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,

/s/ R. L. Lowery
Detective, ID#1081
Juvenile Bureau

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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

Members: Dallas Police Dept.

Texas

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. Q. Bellah and myself. Shortly before the prisoner was to be transferred, Sergeant D. R. 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,

Dallas, Texas

/s/ R. H. Lunday
R. H. Lunday
Deputy Chief of Police
Traffic Division

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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,

/s/ F. M. Martin
F. M. Martin
Captain of Police
Juvenile Bureau Dallas, Texas

Frank Martin
Frank M. Martin

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Texas Dallas Police Dept.

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

B. J. Maxey

"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 E. 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 knew 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.

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"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,

"/s/ Billy J. Maxey
Billy J. Maxey
Sergeant of Police
Patrol Division"

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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

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Vs/ Louis D. Miller
Louis D. Miller 1236
Detective Dallas Police Dept.
Criminal Investigation Division

L.D. Miller

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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

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"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,

"/s/ RONALD C. NELSON

"Ronald C. Nelson

"Patrolman, #1652

"Patrol Division

R. C. NELSON

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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 Wiggins 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,

/s/ Johnnie F. Newton
Johnnie F. Newton
Police Clerk 6
Service Division

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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 I. C. Taylor, #1430 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

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Patrolman #1183

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry,
Chief of Police.

Subject: Assignment of Officer
B. G. Patterson #1553
on Sunday, November 24, 1963.

Sir:

Approximately 9:00 A.M., November 24, 1963, I received instructions to report to Station 511 for assignment. I arrived at 511 at approximately 9:10 A.M., and was told by Lieutenant Pierce to report to Sergeant Dean in the basement. Sergeant Dean gave me my assignment which was the south ramp exit on Commerce Street. My orders were not to let anyone in the basement except members of Press and Police with proper identification. Sergeant Dean said I would have another officer to assist me as soon as they completed a search of the basement.

Officer B. E. Jez came up the ramp to Commerce Street Exit to assist me at approximately 9:45 A.M. There were also about three or four reserve officers at my location. Officer Jez went across Commerce Street with several other officers to search a building, then returned to his assignment. At 11:00 am, Lieutenant Pierce said the subject would be moved in an armored car and for me to guard the right side as it was backed down the ramp. The car arrived at about 11:10 A.M., and was backed into the opening of the Ramp. No unauthorized person entered the basement during this time. I remained at my assignment on the right side of the car.

A few minutes later I heard noise in the basement. I saw someone walking across the top of a car. A little later I heard a siren and saw the ambulance pull into the Main Street Ramp entrance. Someone said to move the armored car out of the way of the ambulance, so I got in and told the driver to move it to the south side of Commerce Street. The ambulance came out of the basement and I returned to my assignment on the ramp until relieved by Sergeant Dean.

Respectfully submitted,

B. G. Patterson

E. G. Patterson

Patrolman #1553

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Security Of Parking Area
Of City Hall During Transfer
Of Lee Harvey Oswald

Sir:

"At approximately 9:00 A.M., Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was instructed by Captain Talbert to call enough squads to the City Hall to assist in the transfer of Lee Harvey Oswald. I called thirteen (13) squads to report to Station 511. This was a total of nineteen (19) men.

"When the officers started arriving I instructed Sergeant P. T. Dean to report to the parking area and remove all unauthorized persons from this area and keep this area free from such persons until after the transfer had been made.

"At approximately 9:40 A.M. I instructed four (4) officers to report to Sergeant Dean for the purpose of securing this area and instructed the remainder of the officers who had been called to the station to remain in the Sergeant's Room of the Patrol Office to be used as a pool as needed.

"I later checked the parking area at approximately 10:15 A.M. and found it to be free of unauthorized personnel.

"I then went to the Homicide Bureau for additional information. I remained at this location until the interrogation had been completed. At this time Chief Curry and Chief Stevenson instructed me to secure a car and some uniform officers and escort the armored trucks via Elm Street to the Court House.

"I rode the elevator to the basement and got equipment number 205. The exit ramp was blocked leading to Commerce Street by one of the armored trucks and it was necessary for me to exit on Main Street. Sergeants P. J. Maxey and J. A. Putnam were in the car with me. Sergeant Putnam was seated on the right front and Sergeant Maxey on left rear.

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"At this time a large number of members of the press were located at the bottom of the ramp. Sergeant Putnam got out of the car and assisted me while getting through the crowd. He then returned to the right front of the car.

"I continued up the ramp where I observed Officer R. E. Vaughn at the top of the ramp. He was standing just outside the ramp on my right.

"No one entered the basement by the north ramp while we were leaving.

"We made a left turn from the basement on Main Street and stopped for a short time for the red light on Main and Harwood, then continued to the top of the ramp on Commerce Street.

"By the time we were in position in front of the armored car the shooting must have already occurred as officers were running to cover all exits of the City Hall.

"Respectfully submitted,

R. S. Pierce

W. / P. S. Pierce

P. S. Pierce

Lieutenant of Police, Dallas, Texas

Patrol Division

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November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Incident Involving Lee Harvey
Oswald

Sir: *Dallas Police Dept., Texas*

"At approximately 10:30 A.M. on November 24, 1963, I, Detective James K. Ramsey, 1527, went into the basement of the city hall and stationed myself by the cement pillars next to the three parking stalls reserved for the Chief Officers.

"I received instructions along with other detectives from Captain O. A. Jones to place myself approximately at the start of the exit ramp for the security of Lee Harvey Oswald.

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"I saw Mr. Oswald being led on to the ramp in the base-*Texas*ment when I heard a shot, and I immediately started running toward a white male detective W. E. Chambers and a few other officers had seized the suspect. When I reached the suspect, approximately five to six officers and I assisted in subduing the suspect and taking him to the jail office. I assisted in the search of the suspect's person. He was handcuffed and as he was being picked up from the floor, the suspect stated, "I wanted to save the State some money". He was then taken by other police officers into the jail office elevator. I then went to Lee Harvey Oswald who was lying on the floor inside the jail office and observed the City Doctor administer aid to him. There was a bullet wound in Oswald's left side, and there was powder burns around the wound.

W. E. Chambers

"I then helped other officers and ambulance attendants place Oswald on the stretcher and place him into the ambulance, which was waiting on the ramp in the basement.

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"I then accompanied Lt. McKinney and four other detectives to Parkland Hospital to establish security measures at the Hospital.

"Respectfully,
/s/James K. Ransey
James K. Ransey
Detective 1627
Forgery Bureau"

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment of Officer
Jerry Raz, #1551
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

"On Sunday, November 24, 1963 at approximately 9:30 A.M., I reported to Station 511. I waited in the Radio Patrol office until about 10:15 A.M. At this time Captain Talbert took me along with about 10 other officers to the basement of City Hall and into the parking area. I waited in a group with the other officers until about 11:00 A.M. At this time Sergeants Dean and Putnam assigned me to work traffic at Elm and Stone Street.

"While waiting for my assignment I did not have to confront anyone for entry or exit to the city hall basement. I did observe two TV cameras and about twenty reporters.

"I departed the City Hall basement approximately 11:05 A.M. and reported to my traffic assignment. About 11:30 A.M., I was informed by Police Radio to report to Parkland Hospital. I arrived at Parkland Hospital and worked traffic on Harry Hines Blvd. at the hospital entrance. I was relieved from this post at 1:00 P.M. by a Police Reserve Officer. I then went back to my patrol duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Raz
Patrolman #1551
Patrol Division

Texas

Dallas Police Dept.

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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 to down stairs Jail Office by Lt. Wiggins. I had instructions to stay by the phone and to advise the dispatcher when Oswald had been loaded into armor car and was in route to County Jail.

I did not know Jack Ruby personally nor would I have known him if I had seen him, but I have heard his name before as owning a night club.

I did not see the shooting, but I was looking out glass in door to see when he was loaded into armored car. There was a shot and a scuffle and Lt. Wiggins said Oswald was shot and to call a doctor. I then called dispatcher for a doctor.

I did not see Jack Ruby in the basement until after the shooting when dectives brought him into Jail Office under arrest.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Willie B. Slack
Willie B. Slack #992
Patrolman
Dallas Police Department

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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.

I was on the ramp when the truck was backed in to take the prisoner to the County Jail. I was accompanied by Chief Batchelor. The Deputy Sheriff opened the rear doors of the truck and a Nehi bottle fell out and broke. Chief Batchelor and I searched the truck completely, found one coke bottle, and planned seating arrangement in the truck.

We had just finished and I was still facing the truck and outside to see if all officers were in their place when I heard one shot. Immediately I looked around and saw a scuffle. I was not aware that the prisoner was being brought out at that time.

I immediately ran down to try to be of assistance. Several officers had Ruby down and were handcuffing him.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ V. S. Smart
V. S. Smart
Lieutenant
Criminal Investigation Division

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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 Lt. Wiggins to the down stairs Jail Office. I am a police clerk and was following normal duties assigned to me.

I did not know Jack Ruby personally and would not have known him had I seen him. I did not see him in the basement until after the shooting, when he was brought in by the arresting officers.

I did not see the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Jerry D. Slocum
Jerry D. Slocum
Police Clerk 6
Dallas Police Department

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment of Sergeant
D. F. Steele
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was acting area commander of the Oak Cliff Sub-station. At 9:15 A.M., accompanied by Reserve Officer J. F. Harrison, I reported to Lt. R. S. Pierce at the Central Station. I was instructed by Lt. Pierce to stand by in the Patrol office for assignment.

At 9:30 A.M., I accompanied Captain C. E. Talbert to the first floor exit onto Commerce Street. Captain Talbert instructed me to get a man and check the roof of the building across Commerce Street from the vehicular exit of City Hall. This area was checked and was secure. Upon completion of this assignment I secured five reserve officers and assigned them to move all bystanders from the North side of the 200 block of Commerce. After this assignment I placed 2 reserve officers at Commerce and Pearl and 2 at Commerce and Harwood to stop all pedestrian traffic on the North side of Commerce Street. In addition I placed a reserve officer at the Commerce Street entrance to City Hall to restrict exits onto Commerce St.

Upon completion of these assignments I assisted Sgt. J. A. Putnam and P. T. Dean in assigning officers to traffic ^{corners} on Elm Street.

At 11:00 A.M., Captain C. E. Talbert instructed me to report to the traffic command post at Elm and Houston to secure 3 traffic men to complete the coverage of all intersections on Elm Street.

Respectfully submitted.

/s/ "D. F. Steele
D. F. Steele
Sergeant of Police
Patrol Division"

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment of Officer
Lester C. Taylor On
Sunday, November 24, 1963

Sir:

"On Sunday, November 24, 1963 I was assigned to the Patrol Captain's Office. At approximately 11:00 A.M., Officer Taylor went to the basement of the Police and Courts Building to Station 505. I was contacted by Captain C. E. Talbert. He asked if we were busy upstairs and I told him "no". Captain Talbert advised me to go out on the ramp and see if I could be of any assistance. I contacted Sergeant Patrick T. Dean who assigned me beside the Armored Car on the Commerce Street ramp on the east side of the vehicle. Later Officer R. A. Watkins came up on the ramp and took a position at my location.

"Just before Oswald was brought out, Officer D. L. Pate asked me to come on down to the bottom of the ramp and help him keep the reporters from coming up the ramp to the armored car. This was my location when Oswald was shot.

"To the best of my knowledge I let one (1) person into the building from my location. He was a white male approximately 6'2", 190 pounds, with grey hair, no hat. This man had a press card, color green.

"Officer Watkins was at my location when this man was admitted.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lester C. Taylor

Lester C. Taylor

Patrolman #1430

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November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. F. Curry
"Chief of Police

"Subject: Assignment of Officer
Gerald L. Tolbert #1473
On Sunday, November 24, 1963.

G. L. TOLBERT

"Sir:

"At approximately 9:25 A.M. on Sunday, November 24, 1963, while working Squad 53, with M. F. Farris #1852, we received a call on the Radio to contact Station 511 by telephone. M. F. Farris at this time made contact with Station 511 on the telephone and Squad 53 was advised to report to Station 511 on markout.

"On arrival at Station 511 we were advised by other officers present to stand by at Station 511 until approximately 10 A.M. when we would be needed to transfer Lee H. Oswald to County Jail. At approximately 10:15 A.M. I was ordered to report to the basement of City Hall. On arrival I was instructed by Sergeant J. A. Putman to back Squad Car #122 out of marked off basement parking area and line it up behind the station wagon at the north end of the basement, then stand by to drive squad car number 122 to the County in escort for the transfer of Lee Harvey Oswald.

"I was then advised by Sergeant Putman to back squad car #122 into the parking area again and get three other officers to accompany me to the car. They were M. F. Farris, D. K. Erwin, and W. E. Hibbs. After I did this, I was advised by Sergeant Putman to stand by the bottom of north ramp to City Hall Basement and check any vehicle that came down the ramp. No cars came down the ramp while I was standing at this position.

"At approximately 10:55 A.M. I was taken off of this position by Sergeant Putman and was assigned to the Elm Street and Pearl Expressway to work traffic. I was told Lee Harvey Oswald was to be transferred by armored car. A squad car would precede the armored car and I was to halt traffic at my intersection until escort had cleared the intersection and then I was to proceed to the County Jail to assist with crowds at this location. I

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"got in my squad and proceeded to my assignment. I arrived on my traffic corner at approximately 11:15 A.M. While standing at the intersection of Elm and Pearl, I observed two armored cars turn west on Elm Street from Pearl Expressway and proceed down Elm to Harwood. At approximately 11:25 A.M. a citizen stopped at the intersection and informed me that Lee Harvey Oswald had been shot in the basement of City Hall. At this time I heard sirens and a squad car came down Pearl Expressway, and turned west on Elm to Harwood, running Code Three. A short time later I stopped traffic at this intersection to let an ambulance and squad car proceed west on Elm Street; Code 3. At this time I checked by radio to see if any other emergency vehicles were in this vicinity and to see if we would be needed elsewhere. I was advised to stand by my present position. At this time Sergeant Flusche working Squad 40 stopped at my location. I heard on his radio the Dispatcher ask for a two man squad and someone told the Dispatcher Squad 53 was a two man squad. The Dispatcher called me and I was advised to pick up my partner, Max E. Farris, at Elm and Lamar, then proceed Code #3 to Parkland Hospital.

"Respectfully submitted,

"/s/ GERALD L. TOIBERT

Gerald L. Toibert

Patrolman #3473

Patrol Division

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Subject: Assignment of Officer
Roy E. Vaughn #1539
Sunday, November 24, 1963

"Sir:

"At approximately 9:00 A.M. while working Squad 105, Officer Roy E. Vaughn received a call to call Extension 511. Officer L. C. Taylor advised me to report to the City Hall and to park the squad car on the street and report to Station 511.

"At approximately 9:15 A.M. or 9:30 A.M., Lieutenant R. S. Pierce told Officers A. R. Brock and B. G. Patterson; R. C. Nelson, and I to report to Sergeant Patrick T. Dean in the basement of the City Hall.

"Officer B. G. Patterson and I were instructed by Sergeant Dean to guard the north and south ramps of the City Hall. I was assigned to the Main Street Ramp.

"During this time there were several police vehicles which contained police officers that entered the basement by this ramp.

"At approximately 10:15 A.M. Ex-Police Officer N. J. Daniels came by this location and remained until after the shooting occurred.

"At approximately 11:18 A.M. a city squad car which contained Lieutenant Pierce, Sergeant Maxey and Sergeant Putnam exited by this ramp.

"At approximately 11:21 A.M. I heard what sounded to be a shot. I stayed by the post and allowed no one to enter or leave the basement area. After the shooting, about five (5) police reserves were sent to this ramp to assist with the crowd and traffic.

"At approximately 12:45 P.M. a white male approached me at this entrance and stated that he was an employee of Jack Ruby and would like to talk to someone about this. I escorted

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"this person to the basement of the City Hall after being relieved on my post by a police reserve and called Captain Fritz's Office and Detective Boyd came to the basement and took custody of this person.

"I contacted Lieutenant Pierce in the Patrol Office and he advised me to secure the post and return to service with the Dispatcher.

"Respectfully submitted,

"/s/ Roy E. Vaughn
Patrolman #1539
Patrol Division"

"REV/bb"

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November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Incident involving
Lee Harvey Oswald

Sir:

At approximately 10:30 A.M., November 24, 1963, I was working as a detective assigned to the Forgery Bureau detail and was on duty stationed in the basement of the city hall directly in front of the pay telephone booths at the exit to the basement into the driveway parking area in the basement to await further security instructions from Captain O. A. Jones.

I stayed in this general area until Captain Jones arrived and gave instructions to about twenty-five detectives including myself. We were placed in two lines to give maximum security to the prisoner.

A blue detective's car was backed into position which blocked my view when the deceased was brought from the hallway. I saw a sudden movement from the suspect and heard a gun blast. There were so many reporters that pushed their way forward that I was unable to get to the suspect. I jumped across the trunk of the car and grabbed the suspect, and there were two other officers attempting to wrestle the gun away from him. We all fell to the floor where the suspect was subdued and disarmed.

Respectfully, R.C. Wagner
/s/ R. C. Wagner
R. C. Wagner
Detective 1480
Forgery Bureau

Dallas, Texas

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Subject: Assignment of Officer
Homer J. Wages #1305
On Sunday, November 24, 1963

"Sir:

"At approximately 9:00 A.M., Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was working Squad #93 with Officer T. R. Gregory and was advised to report to Station 511 on Special Assignment. We arrived at Station 511 at about 9:20 A.M. and remained there until approximately 9:45 A.M. when we were told to go to the basement to get out assignments. I remained in the basement until given my assignment by the supervisors in charge. My assignment was to stop traffic at Main Street and Central Expressway. After I received my assignment, I immediately went to my corner and remained there until about 11:50 A.M. when I was advised to report to Parkland Hospital.

"Respectfully submitted,

(Unsigned)
"Homer J. Wages
Patrolman #1305
Patrol Division"

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H. J. Wages

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry,
Chief of Police.

"Subject: Assignment of Officer
R. A. Watkins on
Sunday, November 24, 1963.

"Sir:

"On November 24, 1963, at 10:20 A.M., I was told to report to the basement. Captain Jones advised me, along with several detectives, to stand by near the Jail Office entrance in the garage part of the basement.

"Officer D. L. Pate came down the ramp and said he needed some assistance at the ramp entrance to the basement on the Commerce Street side. The armored truck was already in position at the entrance. Sergeant Dean told me to report to the top of the Commerce Street ramp on the East side of the armored car with instructions to keep unauthorized persons out.

"I remained at this location until I was relieved by Officer W. J. Harrison at approximately 12:15 P.M..

"Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Watkins

"/s/ Richard A. Watkins
Patrolman, #1419
Patrol Division"

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Dallas Police Dept.

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November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Murder of Lee H. Oswald

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, my tour of duty was from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. My assignment was the Jail Office and the Jail. I had no instructions to provide security outside the Jail and Jail Office.

I received a call, and I do not remember who called me, which told me they were bringing Oswald down from the third floor. I had hung up the phone when I noticed the elevator was enroute to the basement, and as the elevator opened at approximately 11:20 a.m., Captain Fritz and four detectives brought Lee H. Oswald from the jail elevator taking him into the basement to transfer him to the County.

Captain Fritz asked if everything was in readiness, and I stepped outside the Jail Office into the hallway leading to the basement where I stopped. Captain Fritz came out of the Jail Office, followed by the detectives and Oswald.

They had passed where I was standing approximately six or seven feet when I saw a man lunge toward Oswald and heard a shot. I saw several officers grab the man with the pistol and wrestle him to the floor. Immediately, they picked him up and brought him into the Jail Office and disarmed him. They then brought Oswald into the Jail Office and laid him on the floor. I called for a doctor and an ambulance, Code 3.

As they were taking the man who did the shooting from the floor, I recognized him as Jack Ruby, who is a night club operator and well known in police circles. Ruby was placed on the Jail elevator and taken upstairs.

The Jail intern came into the Jail Office and tried to give Oswald some attention, but the ambulance arrived, he was placed in it and taken to Parkland Hospital.

I have known Ruby for several years. I have been in his business, The Silver Spur, 1717 S. Ervay, and The Vagas Club, 3508 Oak Lawn, both on and off duty. My visits to his places of business while on duty were for police business. My visits to his places of business while off duty were for personal recreation for my wife, myself and friends.

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"I have not been in his places of business, nor have I seen him, in the last three or four years. I did not see him in the basement prior to the shooting of Oswald.

"Respectfully submitted,

~~/s/~~ W. Wiggins
W. Wiggins
Lieutenant of Police
Service Division"

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"November 25, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Subject: Assignment of Officer
Marvin L. Wise #1572
On Sunday, November 24, 1963

"Sir:

"On Sunday, November 24, 1963, working Squad 71, I was advised to report to Station 511. This was at approximately 9:00 A.M. I remained at Station 511 until told by Lieutenant Pierce to report to the basement and stand by for assignment. This was at about 10:15 A.M. I reported to Sergeant Dean and was assigned traffic assignment at Elm and St. Paul by Sergeant Dean. I remained at St. Paul and Elm until approximately 11:35 A.M.

"I was then advised by radio to report to Parkland Hospital Command Post. I remained at Parkland Hospital until 1:45 P.M. I then cleared with the Dispatcher.

"Respectfully submitted;

"/s/ Marvin L. Wise
Patrolman #1572
Patrol Division"

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ROBERT S. HUFFAKER, JR., 4700 East Side Avenue, Apartment 115, a newsman for KLED-TV, Dallas, advised that on November 24, 1963, he went to the Dallas Police Station about 8:00 AM, and entered the first floor door on the Main Street side. No one was checking for identification at the time he entered this door. However, he rode the elevator to the third floor and, as he got off the elevator, he was required to produce identification revealing that he represented a news media.

HUFFAKER went to the basement of the Police Department Building about one-half hour before OSWALD was shot. He was required to show his press card as he entered the parking area in the basement. At that time, he observed that everyone else who entered the basement area was required to produce identification. There were only a few persons in the basement when he first arrived. He noted that Sergeants PATRICK DEAN and JIM PUTNAM appeared to be in charge of security in the basement, and he was impressed with the thoroughness with which they seemed to be checking all persons in the area. He even noted they were checking police automobiles parked in the area.

J. A. Putnam

HUFFAKER advised he does not know JACK RUBY and cannot recall having seen him in the basement of the Police Department prior to the shooting. In fact, he did not get a look at RUBY's face even after OSWALD was shot. He had assumed a station directly in front of the doors leading from the elevator onto the ramp in the basement and had been trying to keep persons out of the line of the KLED camera, in order that OSWALD could be photographed as he left the doors leading from the elevator. His eyes were focused on OSWALD as he approached the automobile which was to transport him to the County Jail and, when the shot rang out, he looked toward OSWALD, as the latter fell to the floor. About that time, officers in the group grabbed RUBY and he was unable to distinguish one person from another.

HUFFAKER stated that the quick movement of RUBY toward OSWALD would not have attracted his attention, inasmuch as the seventy-five or more newsmen in the area were constantly jostling for position and it was not uncommon for one of them to jostle against another or to move quickly to a more advantageous site. He did not hear anyone yell at RUBY just prior to or simultaneously with the shooting, but advised there was so much noise in the area

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it is possible someone could have yelled without him hearing.

HUFFAKER stated that it appeared to him that all persons in the area were being closely checked for identification prior to admittance to the basement area. At no instances did he observe persons admitted without exhibiting identification.

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DAVID A. TIMMONS, 900 Marigold Street; advised that he is Producer-Director for WBAP-TV, Channel 5, Fort Worth, and has worked for this station for the past fifteen years.

Mr. TIMMONS advised that he and JOHN H. TANKERSLEY, also, of WBAP-TV, proceeded to Dallas, Texas, about 4:00 A.M., on November 23, 1963, and that he was floor director for Camera #1 with WBAP-TV for National Broadcasting Company. TIMMONS said that he and TANKERSLEY had their camera on the third floor of the Dallas City Hall during Saturday, November 23, 1963, until Sunday A.M., November 24, 1963, at which time it was learned that an armored car was being backed into the basement of the City Hall. TIMMONS said he and TANKERSLEY were directed to take their camera to the basement of the city hall as LEE HARVEY OSWALD would be leaving from that area.

TIMMONS stated that he and TANKERSLEY took the camera, which was on a tripod and was top heavy due to the fact that the camera had been set high on the tripod in order to take pictures over the crowd. He said that they left the third floor by elevator to the basement and upon entering the basement door the camera started to "wobble". TIMMONS said that he was helping push the camera from the back and when the camera began to "wobble" that JAMES TURNER, also an employee of WBAP-TV and also a camera employee for WBAP-TV, came over and helped him and TANKERSLEY steady their camera and get it in through the door.

TIMMONS said that he did not see RUBY at any time in the basement of the City Hall and did not see the action that took place concerning the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD because he, TIMMONS, at that particular time was on the right side of the camera holding the mike connections and the action was on the left side of the camera.

TIMMONS stated that he does not have any information or knowledge as to how JACK RUBY may have gotten into the basement of the City Hall.

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Mr. JOHN H. TANKERSLEY, 1967 Milan Street, ^{FORT WORTH, TEXAS} advised that he has been employed as an engineer for WBAP-TV, Channel 5, Fort Worth, since 1948.

Mr. TANKERSLEY stated that he was assigned to Dallas, Texas, by WBAP-TV for television coverage and arrived in Dallas for his assignment at about 4:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 23, 1963. TANKERSLEY said he and DAVID A. TIMMONS, Producer-Director for WBAP-TV, were on what was designated as Camera #1 for this television station and NBC.

TANKERSLEY said further that on Saturday, November 23, 1963, his camera was set up on the third floor at the Dallas City Hall and that they covered the third floor Saturday, Saturday night, until Sunday A.M., November 24, 1963. Shortly before Noon on November 24, 1963, TANKERSLEY said his crew received word that an armored car was being backed into the basement of the City Hall and that he was to discontinue coverage of the third floor and take the television camera to the basement. TANKERSLEY said that this television camera was on a tripod and was set very high in order to "shoot" film over the crowds and therefore, it was top heavy and was hard to handle. He said he and TIMMONS proceeded to the basement of the City Hall by elevator and believes that there were four other detectives in the elevator with them. Upon arriving in the basement, TANKERSLEY said the camera began to "wobble" as they started into the basement from being top heavy and that he and TIMMONS steadied it as they were going through the door to the basement and there was another person that helped them steady this camera and believes it possibly was a detective, however, he does not recall at this time.

TANKERSLEY said that he did not see JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN in the basement until he saw RUBY appear to lunge toward LEE HARVEY OSWALD as OSWALD was being brought down the corridor.

TANKERSLEY advised that he does not have any information as to how RUBY may have gotten into the basement of the City Hall.

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JOSEPH L. SCHOTT:jj

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JAMES TURNER, 6337 Norma, Fort Worth, Texas, stated he is employed as a cameraman for WBAP-TV. He arrived at the police station in Dallas, Texas about 1 a.m., Sunday, November 24, 1963. He stated when he first arrived there, he saw a man, whose name he never learned, and this man was carrying a folder and stated he was an insurance salesman. He stated he noticed this man talking to some of the police officers and this individual apparently was well known to the police department. He cannot recall at this time the name of any individual officer whom he saw talking with this individual. He stated that on Sunday morning, just before LEE OSWALD was scheduled to appear in the basement of the building, he noticed two cameramen from his own station who entered through a double door leading into the basement. These two men, JOHN H. TANKERSLEY and DAVID A. TIMMONS were pushing a tripod which contained their television unit. He stated that as it was almost time for OSWALD to make his appearance, he rushed over to assist these two men in pushing the television equipment into the proper place. As soon as he did this, he ran back to his camera and was there when OSWALD made his appearance. At that particular moment, he noticed an individual standing near a column behind the line of newsmen. Later he learned this individual was JACK RUBY, the man who shot OSWALD. He stated this was the first time he noticed RUBY in that he had never seen RUBY before.

About 15 minutes after OSWALD was shot, TURNER was leaving the basement of the police station and a police officer was checking the identity of each person who left the basement. As he walked up to the officer, he noticed the man he had first met, who stated he was an insurance salesman, was attempting to get the officer to allow him to leave through the exit on Commerce Street. As TURNER approached this individual pointed towards TURNER and told the police officer, "That man can identify me". TURNER stated he told the officer "I do not know this man and I cannot vouch for him as I do not even know his name". TURNER stated that he showed his credentials to the officer and the officer wrote his name down on a paper he had. As he, TURNER, left, the man was still talking to the officer.

TURNER described this individual as white male, 45-50 years, 5'9", medium build, very thin face, wearing a tan trench

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coat and wearing a hat, appearing to be an average businessman.

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Mr. GEORGE ROBERT PHENIX, 2550 Klondike, advised he is a newsman associated with KRLD-TV for the past six weeks. He advised that on the morning of November 24, 1963, he went to the Dallas police station and was immediately admitted to the basement without identifying himself. He advised no one had questioned him regarding his identity or as to his business there. PHENIX advised he was carrying a 16 millimeter sound camera.

He related that prior to LEE HARVEY OSWALD being brought to the basement floor, he set up his location across the ramp just north of the hallway leading from the elevators. He advised as OSWALD approached the ramp after entering the garage through the double doors, he was almost knocked down by someone bursting through the crowd and then he heard a shot. He stated he did not see this person but believes the person who came by him must have been the individual who shot OSWALD.

PHENIX stated at this time several officers jumped the individual who shot OSWALD and disarmed him.

PHENIX related that the police immediately blocked off all exits; however, he displayed a badge which reflected that he was with the KENNEDY newsmen and he was immediately allowed to leave the basement. He stated that at no time did he display any identification as to his name or his occupation. He stated, to his knowledge, no other newsmen were asked for their identification.

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GEORGE ROBERT PHENIX, 2550 Klondike, Newsman, with KRLD-TV, Dallas, advised that about 9-10 AM, November 24, 1963, he went to the Dallas Police Station in one of the KRLD mobile units, driven by WES WISE, also of KRLD-TV. This unit was clearly marked and easily recognized as a KRLD unit.

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They drove to the basement from the Main Street side and WISE let him out near the basement entrance to the elevators. Then WISE immediately drove out on the Commerce Street side. There was no one on duty at the entrance and no one checked him at this time.

PHENIX set up his location across the ramp from the door leading from the elevators. Later, a uniformed officer was observed by him to be checking the various individuals in the basement and also checking the automobiles in the parking area in the basement. One officer came up to PHENIX, looked closely at him, and appeared to have recognized him, inasmuch as he was not required to produce any identification. He feels sure he was not required to produce identification, because the officer recognized him as a representative of KRLD-TV. PHENIX was too busy setting up and maintaining his position to observe what precautions were taken at the various entrances to prevent entry of unauthorized persons. No other newsmen have said anything to him about having been asked for their identification at the time of their entrance to the building. He, personally, does not know whether the security set up by the Police Department covered all entrances to the Police Department or was confined to the basement area.

Other than the checking of persons in the vicinity of the elevator exit in the basement, as observed by him, he has no idea of what precautions were taken at the various entrances to the building. PHENIX advised he was almost knocked down as OSWALD approached the ramp en route to the automobile which was to transport him to the County Jail. At first, he thought this was possibly the individual who shot OSWALD. Since that time, he has reviewed the film of the shooting and has decided the person who bumped into him could not possibly have been JACK RUBY, inasmuch as RUBY came toward OSWALD from an entirely different angle. He could not recall having seen RUBY in the basement prior to the time he shot OSWALD. PHENIX's eyes were on OSWALD and he was not actually looking at RUBY. When the shot was fired, there was immediately so much confusion and so many people milling about that he could not distinguish RUBY.

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Mr. F. C. VOORHIES, Circulation Manager, "The Dallas Times Herald" stated the paper published three editions of "The Dallas Times Herald" for Sunday, November 24, 1963.

Mr. VOORHIES stated the first edition of the Sunday paper for November 24, 1963, hit the street approximately 8:30 p.m. on November 23, 1963, which was a Saturday night. He stated the second edition of "The Dallas Times Herald" for Sunday, November 24, 1963, hit the street at approximately 12:03 a.m. which was Sunday, November 24, 1963. He stated the third edition of "The Dallas Times Herald" for Sunday, November 24, 1963, hit the street at approximately 12:45 a.m. on November 24, 1963, which was Sunday.

An examination of the first edition of the paper which hit the street at 8:30 p.m. on November 23, 1963, did not carry any information as to the time the assassin of President KENNEDY would be transferred from the City Jail to the County Jail.

The second edition of the paper which hit the street at 12:03 a.m. on November 24, 1963, carried an article on the front page written by GEORGE CARTER, Staff Writer. This article reports an interview with Chief CURRY and reads, "Chief Curry said Oswald will be put into the custody of Sheriff Bill Decker sometime Sunday. When reporters asked when the transfer to the County Jail would take place, he said, 'You better be here around 10 AM'".

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by Special Agent RAYMOND M. LESTER, JR. & WARREN A. LARSON md; jn Date dictated 11-27-63

1Date November 28, 1963

Mr. C. J. PRICE, Administrator, Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas, advised the newspapers had misquoted information furnished to them by his Personnel, Publicity and Public Relations Man, Mr. STEVE LANDRIGAN. He advised that on November 24, 1963, the hospital has given instructions to be alerted for anything which might happen due to the large crowd which was forming near the Police Station and County Jail at the time of the removal of OSWALD. He stated that no information whatsoever had been obtained by the hospital that any attempt would be made on OSWALD's life or that he would be shot. He said that immediately upon learning that OSWALD had been shot, the necessary steps had been taken and the large crowd which arrived at the hospital was held from the immediate area of the Emergency Ward due to these arrangements. He advised that many reporters converged on the hospital and one of them, identity unknown, asked Mr. LANDRIGAN why they were so well prepared for the situation. Mr. LANDRIGAN replied that this was due to the initiative of the Hospital's Administrative Staff in their efforts to be prepared for any eventuality which might occur. He stated that this had been misinterpreted by the newspapers. Actually the hospital had received no threats or any information which would cause them to be anything other than alert for a situation which could cause many people to receive injuries. He stated that there had been some question concerning the removal of OSWALD's body from the hospital, however, this was readily clarified when he informed the Police that OSWALD was a prisoner when he came to the hospital and it was Police responsibility to release the body to appropriate person or persons. He stated that precautions were being taken at the hospital, inasmuch as a large crowd had gathered inside and outside of the building and the hospital staff lacked sufficient security personnel to cope with any incident if created by the crowd.

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by Special Agent NORMAN W. PROPST & URAL E. HORTON, JR./md;jn Date dictated 11/28/63

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At 2:30 AM, I received a telephone call at the office of the Dallas FBI from an unknown male who spoke in a calm voice and asked, "I would like to talk to the man in charge."

I told the caller that the SAC was not present at that time and asked him if someone else could help him. The caller then said, "Wait a minute.", and apparently turned the phone over to another man. I am not certain there were two different voices, however, the tone of the unknown caller's voice changed somewhat at this point.

The voice at this point was calm and mature in sound and this person stated as follows: "I represent a committee that is neither right nor left wing, and tonight, tomorrow morning, or tomorrow night, we are going to kill the man that killed the president. There will be no excitement and we will kill him. We wanted to be sure and tell the FBI, Police Department, and Sheriff's Office and we will be there and we will kill him."

The unknown caller hung up without any other statement and without identifying himself in any manner.

I immediately prepared a memorandum reflecting this information and furnished same to SA MILTON L. NEWSOM. I was present when SA NEWSOM furnished this information to the Dallas County Sheriff's Office at approximately 3:00 AM, and to the Dallas Police Department at 3:20 AM.

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by SP4/V/AG/IV SPC VERNON R. GLOSSUP/cab Date dictated 11/25/63

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Deputy Sheriff, C. C. McCOY, Dallas Sheriff's Office, was contacted at 3:00 AM telephonically. Deputy McCOY advised he was man in charge at that time. Deputy McCOY was advised of information contained in a memorandum of Security Patrol Clerk VERNON R. GLOSSUP, specifically, "I represent a committee that is neither right nor left wing, and tonight, tomorrow morning, or tomorrow night, we are going to kill the man that killed the President. There will be no excitement and we will kill him. We wanted to be sure and tell the FBI, Police Department, and Sheriff's Office and we will be there and we will kill him." McCOY was told that this information came from an unknown male caller.

Deputy McCOY advised he had received a call which he believed identical except the man said, "I represent a committee of around one hundred people who have voted to kill the man who killed the President."

McCOY said Sheriff DECKER was advised of this call and security precautions are being made to protect OSWALD.

McCOY said the unknown caller indicated to him they were advising the Sheriff's Office because they did not want any of the Sheriff's Office men hurt, but they were going to kill the man anyway.

McCOY said plans had been made to transfer OSWALD to the County Jail from the Dallas City Jail at 10:00 AM on November 24, 1963. He said this information had been made public through news releases.

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by Special Agent MILTON L. NEWSOM/mfr

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Captain W. B. FRAZIER, man in charge, Dallas Police Department, at 3:20 AM was advised of information received from an unknown caller by Security Patrol Clerk VERNON R. GLOSSUP at the Dallas FBI office, as follows: "I represent a committee that is neither right nor left wing, and tonight, tomorrow morning, or tomorrow night, we are going to kill the man that killed the President. There will be no excitement and we will kill him. We wanted to be sure and tell the FBI, Police Department, and Sheriff's Office and we will be there and we will kill him."

FRAZIER said the Police Department has not received any calls of this type to his knowledge, but he advised he would check other bureau heads in the Police Department to see if a call of this type had been received. He stated he would advise the Dallas office of this information. He said he would give this information to Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY immediately. He was advised that the Dallas Sheriff's Office received a similar call.

FRAZIER said that plans to transfer OSWALD to the County Jail may be changed in view of this threat, and the Dallas Police Department will keep the FBI advised.

FRAZIER stated that OSWALD's planned transfer had been publicized primarily as a form of cooperation with the press and news agencies of the press, and other news agencies.

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Captain C. E. TALBERT, Dallas Police Department, telephonically contacted the Dallas FBI office at 7:28 AM and advised information that Special Agent NEWSOM previously furnished to Captain W. B. FRAZIER had been furnished to Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY. Captain TALBERT stated that Chief CURRY expected to be in his office at the Police Department between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM on November 24, 1963. TALBERT said it was his personal opinion that no effort would be made to "sneak" OSWALD out of the City Jail when transferred to the County Jail as the Police Department hoped to maintain proper relations with the press. He said the press and other news agencies had set up extensive coverage for OSWALD's transfer from the City to the County, and he did not feel the Police Department would want to "cross" the news agencies.

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Shortly after 8:00 AM November 24, 1963 I called Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY and was unable to reach him. At 8:15 AM, Chief JESSE CURRY called me and first mentioned another matter regarding the evidence which his Department had given us for the FBI Laboratory. I then relayed to him the following, which was given to Security Patrol Clerk VERNON R. GLOSSUP by an unknown caller at 2:30 AM on November 24, 1963: "I represent a committee that is neither right nor left wing, and tonight, tomorrow morning, or tomorrow night, we are going to kill the man that killed the President. There will be no excitement and we will kill him. We wanted to be sure and tell the FBI, Police Department, and Sheriff's Office and we will be there and we will kill him."

Chief CURRY advised me that he had already received this information from one of his officers and that he was taking all precautions. He stated that he had changed his schedule for the moving of OSWALD. He stated he was not going to give this out to the press and that he had two armored cars and that OSWALD would be placed in one of the armored cars and that both of them would go out, which would mean that one of the cars was being used for diversion purposes.

I mentioned to Chief CURRY that according to the employee who received this information from the anonymous caller, that he seemed very calm while talking and could have possibly been reading the statement; he had a very mature sounding voice, and possibly there was another voice heard in the background.

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