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REFERENCES: Reports of SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS dated 11-30-63 & 12-6-63, at Dallas.
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RUBY's being able to enter the basement area at Dallas Police Headquarters.

It should be borne in mind that referenced reports contain the results of some interviews with news media representatives, police officials and some results of investigation by the Dallas Police Department.

The overlap with period of prior reports was occasioned by the fact that an effort is made in this report to incorporate the majority of interviews of news media and police representatives who were present at the shooting of OSWALD by RUBY on November 24, 1963, for ready-reference purposes.

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With regard to the interviews of JOHN A. SMITH, WARREN RITCHEY and I. N. WALKER, all employees of WJAP, Dallas, which are set forth above, these men are apparently mistaken in their identification of JACK L. RUBY as the man they saw at 8:00 a.m., 8:10 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., November 24, 1963, in view of information furnished previously by JACK L. RUBY, ELNORA PITTS, MALCOLM SLAUGHTER, KAREN BENNETT KARLIN and GEORGE SENATOR, all of whom are acquainted with RUBY. PITTS telephoned RUBY at RUBY's apartment at about 8:30 a.m. that date and talked to him. KARLIN telephoned RUBY at RUBY's apartment between 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. that date and talked to him. SLAUGHTER advised that his roommate, SIDNEY EVANS, JR., saw RUBY on the stairs of RUBY's apartment house at about 10:10 a.m. that date. SENATOR advised that RUBY left RUBY's apartment at about 10:30 a.m. that date to take a dog to the club. It is noted that a dog was found in RUBY's car after his arrest on that date. RUBY estimated he left his apartment that date at about 10:00 a.m. to go downtown.

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The Chicago Office advised that [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), had stated that RUBY had frequent contact with police and that RUBY had made trips with the Dallas Chief of Police to Hot Springs, Ark. He did not state the time of such trips or whether this was the present or a past Chief of Police.

CARL HANSSON, former Dallas Chief of Police, advised 12/5/63 that the name RUBY sounded familiar to him but that he did not know RUBY and that he had never made a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., with RUBY, or anyone else who was going there to gamble. He further stated that approximately 4-5 years he had been up in Kentucky and his wife was with him. He stated that on their return they decided to come through Hot Springs, Ark., and stopped there approximately 1½ hours. He stated they did not go into any gambling places at that time and he had never been in one there at any other time.

Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, advised on 12/9/63 that he did not know RUBY; that he had never gone to Hot Springs, Ark., with him or anywhere else. He further stated he had never been in any of the gambling places in Hot Springs, Ark., that he had gone to a lake on vacation near there during his vacation in 1947 and he thought he may possibly have gone back in 1948 but in both instances his wife was with him and he had not gone into any gambling establishments there.

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Regarding the interview of ROBERT MULHOLLAND, NBC News, at Dallas, Texas, set forth in the body of this report, it should be noted that the FERRIE referred to by MULHOLLAND is DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE, 3330 Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana, who was interviewed by Bureau Agents there on November 25, and 27, 1963. Details regarding these interviews are set forth on pages 190-200 and 285-297 in the report of SA WARREN C. DE BRUEYS at Dallas, dated December 2, 1963, entitled LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka; IS-R-CUBA; Bufile 105-82555; Dallas File 100-10461. In these interviews, FERRIE denied any association with or acquaintanceship with OSWALD in New Orleans, Louisiana. Information had been received by the New Orleans Division indicating the possibility that FERRIE and OSWALD had been associating together in New Orleans, Louisiana, but investigation failed to establish any association. Details regarding interviews of acquaintances of FERRIE and this reported association are contained in the above referred to report under the heading Associates, Acquaintances, and Persons in Contact with Subject in the Past, pages 179-349 of this report.

The appropriate leads have been set forth for the New Orleans Division to re-interview FERRIE and to interview JOHN COPORAN, News Director, WDSU, New Orleans, in captioned report, for any information indicating a possible association between DEMAR and/or RUBY with OSWALD, in line with the speculations of MULHOLLAND in the body of this report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS Office: Dallas
Date: December 11, 1963

Field Office File No.: Dallas 44-1639 Bureau File No.: 44-24016

Title: JACK L. RUBY;
LEE HARVEY OSWALD (DECEASED) - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Captain W. B. FRAZIER, Dallas PD, advised received phone call, 3:45 A.M., 11/24/63, from FBI, advising anonymous call from male indicated group was going to kill OSWALD that day, that night or following day; he immediately contacted Captain J. W. FRITZ who told him to contact Chief of Police CURRY but he found CURRY's phone to be out of order. TOM HOWARD, Attorney for RUBY, advised Captain FRITZ, Dallas PD, that RUBY states left Western Union, 11:16 A.M., 11/24/63, walked one block to Main Street ramp leading to basement of PD; as he approached a car was at the entrance and the driver was talking to officer on duty standing at ramp entrance; that RUBY walked behind the officer and down ramp into basement and in very short time OSWALD appeared in area; that RUBY did not discuss this matter with officers because he did not want to get the officer in trouble. Interviews with police officials reveal police personnel were ordered to and did search basement area prior to arrival of OSWALD in area; officers posted at basement entrances with instructions to permit only officers and news media representatives to enter; that officers searched basement area on two occasions, guns removed and unauthorized persons ejected. Several city employees state they were ejected from basement area prior to OSWALD's arrival in area. Interviews with officers and others indicate approximately 60 officers in basement or immediate area at time of shooting. Patrolman ROY EUGENE

VAUGHN stated was instructed to go to top of Main Street ramp, north side of police building, morning of 11-24-63, and to admit no persons except press and police officers with credentials; that he talked to expoliceman N.J. DANIELS on sidewalk; that a police car drove out, occupied by Lt. PIERCE, Sgt. MAXEY and Sgt. PUTNAM and shortly thereafter, he heard a shot; states he knows RUBY by sight and is positive RUBY did not enter via Main Street entrance. Dallas PD ran VAUGHN on polygraph and results reveal no reason to question information furnished by VAUGHN. NAPOLEON J. DANIELS, ex-patrolman stated was talking to VAUGHN at Main Street ramp, and about 2 minutes prior to hearing shot, saw man walk west on the south side of Main Street and go down ramp into basement of PD; and states photo of RUBY is similar in appearance; also saw black unmarked squad car carrying three officers drive up Main Street ramp from basement just prior to this incident. Lt. RIO S. PIERCE; Sgt. JAMES A. PUTNAM and Patrolman BILLY JOE MAXEY, all state they drove up Main Street ramp from basement just prior to shooting, saw VAUGHN on duty as they drove out, but did not see RUBY. Additional copies of letters and some affidavits obtained by Dallas PD from officers assigned to security of OSWALD set out herein, and contain no pertinent information in conflict with information received in interviews conducted by FBI. Over 50 representatives of news media interviewed, of which approximately 32 state were in basement at time RUBY shot OSWALD; 10 others state were in and out of basement on 11-24-63 although not there at time of shooting; majority comment favorably on security afforded OSWALD by Dallas PD, some saying they saw officers search basement of PD and building and roof across street prior to shooting; one states has been on Presidential trips with Presidents EISENHOWER and KENNEDY and considered security at Dallas PD to be good; one crime reporter for 15 years states Dallas police were well organized and required press card in every area entered; none knew of unauthorized person in basement except RUBY; some

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representatives state security lax, were not required to show identification, and some of these state they were well known to Dallas PD officers. Persons interviewed report no association between RUBY and OSWALD and no conspiracy between RUBY and anyone else to gain entry to basement of Dallas PD and/or to shoot OSWALD known.

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DETAILS

Date Dec. 9, 1963

tel Captain W. ~~F~~FRAZIER, Radio Patrol, Dallas Police Department, advised that about 3:45 a.m., November 24, 1963, he received a telephone call at the Dallas Police Department from Mr. NEWSOM, a Special Agent of the Dallas FBI Office, to the effect that the FBI had received an anonymous telephone call from a male individual, indicating that a group was going to kill LEE HARVEY OSWALD that day, that night or the following day. The anonymous caller had stated further, he did not want any officer hurt and that was the reason for the call but was going to kill OSWALD and there was nothing anybody could do about it.

Captain FRAZIER stated subsequently, about 5:00 a.m. to 5:30 a.m., November 24, 1963, he called Captained J. W. FRITZ, Homicide and Robbery Bureau, Dallas Police Department, at his (FRITZ's) home and related the circumstances of the above call from the FBI. Captain FRAZIER stated that Captain FRITZ told him that Chief JESSE CURRY was handling the transfer of OSWALD and suggested that he (~~FRITZ~~) call Chief CURRY.
FRAZIER

Captain FRAZIER stated between 5:30 a.m. and 5:45 a.m., November 24, 1963, a Deputy COX or COY from the Dallas Sheriff's Office, called and stated Sheriff DECKER had instructed him to call the Dallas Police Department and request that Chief CURRY call him (DECKER) about the transfer of OSWALD. Captain FRAZIER added that the Deputy Sheriff indicated Sheriff DECKER wanted OSWALD transferred to the County Jail as soon as possible.

Captain FRAZIER stated as he recalls he thereafter called Captain J. W. FRITZ again and advised him that Sheriff DECKER wanted OSWALD transferred as soon as possible. Captain FRAZIER stated Captain FRITZ again told him that he (FRAZIER) would have to contact Chief CURRY as he (CURRY) was handling it.

Captain FRAZIER stated he attempted to call Chief CURRY at his residence about 6:00 a.m., November 24, 1963,

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for approximately 15 minutes and the line was busy. Captain FRAZIER said he contacted the telephone operator and asked the operator to check Chief CURRY's telephone and see if a conversation was in progress on that line or if the line was out of order. Captain FRAZIER said the operator called back and stated the telephone was out of order.

Captain FRAZIER stated by this time it was about 6:15 a.m., November 24, 1963, and Captain CECIL E. TALBERT arrived at the office and relieved him (FRAZIER). Captain FRAZIER said he advised Captain TALBERT of the facts relating to the above threat and also of his attempts to contact Chief CURRY and the fact that Chief CURRY's telephone was out of order. Captain FRAZIER said he also advised TALBERT that Sheriff DECKER wanted Chief CURRY to call him.

Captain FRAZIER stated Captain TALBERT said that he would send a squad car by Chief CURRY's residence and have Chief CURRY call him (TALBERT). Captain FRAZIER said he (FRAZIER) then went off duty, and he has no knowledge as to what may have transpired thereafter.

Date 12/10/63

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 Captain CECIL E. TALBERT, Dallas Police Department, voluntarily furnished the following information:

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 When he arrived for duty at 8:00 AM on November 24, 1963, he was informed by Captain W. B. FRAZIER that the Dallas FBI Office and Sheriff BILL DECKER had called and informed that the FBI had received an anonymous call that LEE HARVEY OSWALD would be killed this date. Captain FRAZIER told him that he had attempted to contact Chief CURRY but had been unable to do so. TALBERT attempted to contact Chief CURRY by telephone and the telephone line was out of order. He directed a squad to Chief CURRY's home with instructions for Chief CURRY to call him. At about 8:30 AM, Chief CURRY called and he relayed the above message to the Chief.

Chief CURRY told him to get in touch with the FBI and Sheriff DECKER and inform them that he would be in his office by 8:30 or 9:00 AM and he would contact them at that time. TALBERT telephonically contacted the FBI and Sheriff DECKER and relayed Chief CURRY's instructions. TALBERT could furnish no further information regarding any action taken by Chief CURRY or the Police Department regarding this matter.

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Date December 11, 1963C. E. Talbert
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 Captain CECIL E. TALBERT, Patrol Division, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, was interviewed at his place of residence, 1211 Toltz, Dallas, Texas, at which time he furnished the following information pertaining to November 24, 1963, the day that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot in the basement of the City Hall:

He advised that on November 24, 1963, he reported at the Dallas Police Headquarters which is located in City Hall for his regularly scheduled duty. It was on or around 9:00 a.m., that morning, acting on his own behalf, he began to make some arrangements for the transfer of OSWALD. Although Captain TALBERT was not completely aware of all the specific details concerning the transfer of OSWALD from the City Jail to the County Jail, he decided that he would begin to initiate his plan of coverage for the transfer. His first step along this line came at approximately 9:00 a.m., when he began to discuss the coverage and security of the transfer with Lt. R. S. PIERCE, who he identified as being commander of Central Headquarters Division Area. After a brief discussion, Capt. TALBERT directed Lt. PIERCE to call in 3 squads from their district assignments from the three different stations and to take four individuals from headquarters station. His plan was to obtain at least two men from each squad at this time. The original plan and the plan that was put into effect was that the police officers being made available for the transfer were to report to Central Station with the squad cars parked in the immediate area in case the cars were needed. All officers were to report and have their cars parked in position prior to 9:30 a.m., that morning. Although he could not be positive Capt. TALBERT was quite sure that the majority of officers involved were available by 9:30 a.m., barring a few individuals who may have been a little late. In regard to this plan, Capt. TALBERT advised that he obtained a total of 19 patrolmen and identified these individuals as follows:

M. L. WISE
 A. R. BROCK
 L. G. TAYLOR
 B. G. PATTERSON
 L. E. JEZ
 R. E. VAUGHN

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K. K. ANDERSON
~~P. L. PATE~~
R. C. NELSON
H. J. WAGES
~~J. R. GREGORY~~
E. L. FOX

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In addition to the foregoing individuals, Capt. TALBERT identified the following listed individuals as supervisors who would assist in the control of the transfer of LEE HARVEY OSWALD:

Lt. PIERCE
Sgt. P. T. DEAN
Sgt. PUTNAM
Sgt. STEKLE
Lt. WIGGINS

Capt. TALBERT went on to say that although he had not been briefed on all the aspects of the transfer, he had learned that the transfer route was originally planned from the basement level of city hall, out the ramp way to Commerce Street, up Commerce over to Main, and directly down to the county jail. Capt. TALBERT later learned that the route was being changed and that the second plan was to transfer OSWALD by means of the armored car from the Dallas Police Department basement level, up Commerce to North Central Expressway to Elm Street, left on Elm Street to Houston Street, and left one block to the Dallas County Jail. Capt. TALBERT stated that he had originally based his coverage of the transfer on the original route but later changed a few men to cover the second planned route.

Capt. TALBERT continued to say that Lt. PIERCE instructed one of his supervisors, Sgt. P. T. DEAN, to check all the entrances and exits leading from the basement level of city hall to assure that all personnel, other than authorized individuals, were cleared from the immediate area. He added at this time that there were no reserve officers utilized in the basement of the police building and that specific arrangements were made to check the vicinity of the basement. In regard to this, Capt. TALBERT stated

that he had two of his supervisors search the immediate area on the basement level of city hall and that the two supervisors in charge of this were Sgt. PUTNAM and Sgt. P. T. DEAN. Although he could not recall the exact time, Capt. TALBERT stated he had discussed the search of the area with the two supervisors prior to the transfer. At the time of their discussion he could recall both DEAN and PUTNAM had advised him that the search included the cars, trunks of cars, tops of pipes, entrances and exits, were all checked with negative results. Nothing unusual was found during the check and he could recall being satisfied with the area search. Capt. TALBERT went on to say that he personally checked the doors leading off the basement level to insure that they were all locked.

In regard to other security measures that were taken by Capt. TALBERT he stated that the city basement elevators of which there are two, were both "shut off" and this was done by means of a key. He explained this by saying that the elevators were adjusted so that they could not be operated below the level of the first floor of city hall. The service elevator which has an operator, was instructed not to pass the level of the first floor. Capt. TALBERT stated he could not recall the name of this particular operator, but felt it was something like "MITCHELL" or "MICHAEL." In regard to this, all city hall employees who were not police officers were cleared from the area including the parking attendant, whose nickname he could recall as being "KING." He could recall that "KING" was sent to the first floor prior to 10:00 a.m. that morning.

After the search had been conducted and the area cleared of all individuals other than authorized, Capt. TALBERT personally continued to check the area to include the Commerce Street exit leading from the basement area. He explained that the authorized personnel were those police officers who were to assist in the transfer as well as all news personnel who presented proper credentials. Capt. TALBERT could recall that during the course of the morning two news individuals were brought to him because they did not have press credentials. After a check of these two individuals, he determined that both were authorized newsmen and were permitted to stay on. He added that this check of news media representatives was one of several that was conducted during the morning hours prior to transfer of OSWALD.

Capt. TALBERT further advised that during the morning hours, prior to the transfer, he could recall that regular business was being carried on at the jail office. All individuals

conducting business at the jail office were checked and if it appeared that they were authorized they were allowed to complete their business. He could specifically state that the jail office business was light that morning and very few individuals were actually conducting business. He could not recall if this business was being carried on at the time of OSWALD's transfer.

Prior to the transfer, exact time he could not recall, Capt. TALBERT telephonically contacted the Homicide Section and advised Detective BECK that the parking area was checked and if Capt. FRITZ would desire to have uniformed officers proceed and follow the transfer vehicle which he still believed was to be the armored car. He was told that Capt. FRITZ was still interviewing OSWALD and that if anything was needed along this line he would contact him. Immediately thereafter, Capt. TALBERT prepared three plain police cars and three marked cars for the purpose of escort if desired. Subsequently, Chief STEVENSON and Chief LUMPKIN contacted Capt. TALBERT and advised that the armored car that was to arrive for the purpose of transfer should be backed into the ramp way leading from Commerce Street as far as possible. Upon arrival of the armored car it was noted that because of its weight, the armored car could only back in a short distance and in order to maintain the security measures, Capt. TALBERT assigned two officers, one on each side of the armored car, to insure no one would either leave or enter from that ramp way. Although Capt. TALBERT was not aware of the officers' identity at that time, he later learned that Sgt. P. T. DEAN and Officer R. A. WATKINS were assigned to each side of the armored car.

Capt. TALBERT further advised that just prior to the arrival of the armored car, Chief LUMPKIN, Chief STEVENSON and Capt. TALBERT discussed the route and traffic obstructions that he may encounter during the transfer. Although he had no personal knowledge of the number of individuals around the county jail, Capt. TALBERT was advised by an unknown police officer that there were approximately 600 people in the vicinity of the county jail. He added that Sgt. STEELE was instructed to place a police officer at each traffic light and to maintain their cars at a close distance. His plan was that the lead car would flash its lights as they approached and the officer who was assigned to the corner would be able to cut off all oncoming traffic. He explained that after the vehicle had cleared the intersection the police officers stationed at various points were to follow in their cars to give assistance

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Capt. TALBERT could also recall that upon arrival of the armored car at the Commerce Street exit, a plain car with three detectives were sent out the Main Street ramp way so as to be in condition in front of Armored car for purposes of escort. Capt. TALBERT identified the occupants of this car as being Lt. PIERCE, who was at that time driving; Sgt. J. A. PUTNAM, who was in the right front seat; and Sgt. B. J. MAXEY who was in the left rear seat. He was later informed by Lt. PIERCE that it was approximately five minutes prior to the shooting of OSWALD that they had proceeded from the basement level of City Hall. Lt. PIERCE advised Capt. TALBERT that his route was out the Main Street exit, left on Harwood Street, and then over to the Commerce Street exit of the basement.

Although Capt. TALBERT could not be absolutely sure of the exact positions of each of the police officers assisting in this transfer, he did recall that Sgt. PUTNAM was stationed in the center of the ramp way and was trying to clear the news media that had congregated at this point. He could recall that Lt. WIGGINS was inside the jail office but was not aware of his exact duties in the jail office. He later learned that just prior to the arrival of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the basement area, Lt. WIGGINS had received a phone call from the Homicide Section who advised that Capt. FRITZ was on his way to the basement level of City Hall with OSWALD. Lt. WIGGINS had advised him that the Homicide Section had asked him if everything was ready, at which time replied in the positive.

Capt. TALBERT related that just prior to the transfer of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, which he estimated to be approximately 11:20 a.m., he noticed a Homicide detective, name unrecalled, pull a plain car on the ramp way behind the armored car and then observed another Homicide detective, name unrecalled, who pulled in behind him with another plain car. Although he did not know the identities of these two detectives, at this time, he later learned that the first car was being driven by C. W. BROWN and the other car was driven by CHARLES DHORITY. He observed that the second car, driven by Detective DHORITY, was attempting to straighten as well as back into position for the transfer.

Capt. TALBERT could recall that he was standing at the left front fender of the car that DHORITY was driving, and was attempting to clear the area of the people that had congregated. He stated that news media individuals were as close as two or three feet from the rear of the police car and for this reason was trying to clear the area. Although Capt. TALBERT did not actually see LEE HARVEY OSWALD being escorted from the basement level, he did hear a pistol shot during the time he was attempting to clear the congested area. He immediately turned to observe what had happened and noticed that several police officers were struggling with an individual whom he could not identify at that time. It was not until after the shooting that Capt. TALBERT realized that the individual identified as JACK RUBY had actually shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Immediately following the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Capt. TALBERT stated that he talked with Chief CHARLES BATCHELOR and asked him at this time if he could arrange to have all the individuals in the basement area assemble in the assembly room for purposes of a search. He explained this by saying that he was not aware of the fact that the pistol with which RUBY had shot OSWALD was in possession of the police officers. He later was advised by Detectives GRAVES that the gun had been recovered and that there would be no need to assemble the individuals for the purpose of a search. Capt. TALBERT then obtained several pads from the jail office and instructed Sgt. EVERETT to obtain the names and addresses of all individuals in the basement area. Although he could not recall the exact time, Capt. TALBERT stated that he had instructed Sgt. EVERETT prior to the arrival of the ambulance and later learned that the names and addresses of the individuals were not obtained as directed. Tel

Capt. TALBERT further advised that shortly thereafter, he proceeded to the Parkland Hospital with other officers to initiate security measures at the hospital. He stayed at the hospital until approximately 5:30 p.m. that day at which time he returned to the police headquarters. He could not recall the exact time, but Capt. JAMES M. SUTER relieved him and the remaining officers around the area. He estimated this time to be approximately 6:45 p.m. that day, and stated that he thereafter left for his home.

In regard to his particular assignment, Capt. TALBERT advised that he was acting on his own behalf concerning the security measures and was not instructed by any particular superior as to what he was or was not to do. At no time prior to the proposed transfer, did Capt. TALBERT receive any specific instructions concerning the details of the transfer and most of this information was obtained during the course of the morning.

Capt. TALBERT continued to say that he has never worked for JACK RUBY in any way whatsoever, but had heard through rumor that an individual by the name of "COX", who was alleged to be a reserve officer, was at one time employed by JACK RUBY. He stated that he could not base this on any particular fact and had only heard this through rumors. He could offer no information pertaining to any association between JACK RUBY and any Dallas police officer and felt that the only connection would be that of any normal association. He explained this by saying that several of the police officers are required to check night clubs and for this reason there would be a chance that several police officers would know of him only as a night club owner.

Capt. TALBERT stated that he felt he could not estimate the number of individuals that were in the basement level of City Hall either prior to the transfer of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or after the shooting had taken place. He was not particularly concerned over the exact number who were present and stated that his only intentions were to maintain the security measures. He was unable to identify any of the news media representatives who were in the basement level at the time of the transfer.

In regard to any background information concerning JACK RUBY, Capt. TALBERT stated that he was never personally acquainted with JACK RUBY and when he did see RUBY he could only recall that it was a familiar face. He related that he could not associate the name with the face and was not aware that RUBY was a night club owner in the Dallas area. Subsequent to the shooting of OSWALD, Capt. TALBERT was reminded by Lt. PIERCE that they had seen JACK RUBY approximately two years ago Ramada Inn Pancake House but could not recall any circumstances surrounding this meeting. He stated that to the best of his recollection he did not talk to RUBY at this time.

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Capt. TALBERT continued to say that he did not observe RUBY prior to the transfer and did not at any time talk with RUBY either before or after the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He advised that he could offer no information pertaining to LEE HARVEY OSWALD and was not aware if there was any relationship between RUBY and OSWALD. The first time he had heard the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shortly after the assassination of President KENNEDY on November 22, 1963.

In regard to this entire matter concerning the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD on November 24, 1963, Capt. TALBERT advised that he had prepared a statement which was submitted to the Chief of Police, Dallas, and that the information that was furnished in this statement was essentially the same information that he had just now furnished interviewing Agents.

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JESSE H. CURRY

Chief of Police JESSE H. CURRY, Dallas Police Department, was interviewed and immediately advised of the official identity of Special Agent LEO L. ROBERTSON. He was advised that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised that he had the right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement. He then furnished the following information: REV.

On December 9, 1963, he advised that the police department had not given a press card or pass to JACK RUBY or any sticker for his car. He advised that Captain GLEN KING, his Administrative Assistant, was the press relations officer and that he had checked with him and was satisfied that RUBY had no kind of press card or otherwise which was issued by the police department which would have admitted him to the area. In addition to the information that Chief CURRY previously gave on November 25, 1963 he advised on December 10, 1963, as follows:

He advised that at the time OSWALD was shot he was either in his office or near the entrance between his office and the lobby. He could not recall which. He stated he did not know JACK RUBY, that none of his officers had ever worked for RUBY, and that it was against departmental regulations for any Dallas policeman to work for any night clubs or any other type of establishments where alcoholic beverages were sold.

He advised he did not know how many people were in the basement inasmuch as he had not been down there immediately prior to the shooting. Chief CURRY stated he had discussed security measures with his staff, that he had not given any specific assignments to any one individual inasmuch as the department went strictly by chain of command, and he did not feel it was necessary to give specific assignments.

He stated he believed that Assistant Chief CHARLES BACHELOR and Deputy Chief STEVENSON had made a couple of trips down to the basement that morning prior to the shooting of OSWALD. He advised that when they got down there, Captain TALBERT had already set up security measures, that

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the two chiefs conferred with him, thought his plans were adequate, and when they returned to the 3rd floor, they told him they thought everything was all right.

Chief CURRY reiterated that contrary to what had been released by various news media, he did not name a specific time when OSWALD was going to be moved from the City Jail to the County Jail. He stated that on the night before OSWALD was moved, he, (CURRY), was very tired and he was very sure the newsmen were also tired and they tried to pin him down to the time OSWALD would be moved. He stated that one of the newsmen, whose name he could not recall, finally said "Well, what time should we be here?" Chief CURRY said he told him they should be there by 10:00 a.m., but he did not state OSWALD was going to be moved at that time and that, as a matter of fact, they had made no attempt to move OSWALD until a few minutes after 11:00 a.m. on November 24, 1963.

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Date Dec. 11, 1963GLEN KING

Captain GLEN D. KING, Administrative Assistant to Chief JESSE E. CURRY of the Dallas Police Department, was interviewed and was immediately advised of the official identity of Special Agent LEO L. ROBERTSON. He was advised that he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement. He then furnished the following information:

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On December 9, 1963, Captain KING advised that he was the press relations officer for the police department and that he had not given a press card to JACK RUBY. He stated he was also sure that no one else in the police department had given RUBY a press card and that he would have known about it since he was the person assigned as press relations officer.

On December 10, 1963, Captain KING advised that he had no assignment in regard to moving LEE HARVEY OSWALD from the City to the County Jail but stated that since he was the press relations officer he went down to the basement at approximately 10:45 a.m. and was there until after the shooting. At the time he went into the corridor where the shooting occurred, he glanced over and saw the various media of the press and recognized two men from the Dallas Times Herald, JACK BEERS, a photographer, and also GEORGE PHENIX. He stated there were possibly others in the group he knew, although he could not recall the names of any others who were there at that time as he was more concerned with the set-up in the basement and was not actually thinking about who was down there.

He stated he has known JACK RUBY since about 1955 or 1956 as he worked in the Vice Squad at that time and they came in contact with most individuals who operated the type of places that RUBY had. He could not recall having seen RUBY since about 1956 and stated he doubted whether or not he would have recognized RUBY had he seen him. He stated at the time he arrived in the basement he would estimate there were

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possibly 30 or 40 members of the press there at that time but he was not sure about this as he was not thinking about that, as mentioned previously. He advised he was not in on the conference that the administrative staff had concerning security measures and did not know the actual plans, although he was aware that the press and police officers were the only authorized people who were supposed to be in the area. He did not know of any unauthorized person there and was not in a position to observe any of the members of the news media coming in at the time he arrived there.

He advised he had never known any police officers who had worked for RUBY and it was against the department's regulations for any Dallas policeman to work for any night clubs or any other type of establishments where they sold alcoholic beverages. He advised that shortly before the shooting, they were attempting to move two police cars onto the ramp and that he had gone out to the end of the corridor and turned to his right, which was south or onto Commerce Street and was attempting to get some of the police officers and newsmen moved back so that the police cars would have room to back up to the corridor where they were going to bring OSWALD out. He stated he was approximately half way between the two cars but was up on the west side of the ramp when he heard the shot. He looked around and saw that several officers had a man down, whom he later determined was JACK RUBY. He immediately ordered police officers to block all entrances and not let anyone in or out. He stated he then went over to where RUBY was lying and accompanied RUBY, Detective HARRIS and two or three other officers, whose names he could not recall, to the elevator where they took JACK RUBY to the 5th floor. He stated when they arrived on the 5th floor he ordered these men to strip RUBY down and search him thoroughly. He stated he had not hear of any information concerning any relationship between OSWALD and RUBY.

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Assistant Chief ~~CHARLES~~ BATCHELOR stated that he received all of his instructions on everything in the department from Chief CURRY. He stated that on the day of November 24, 1963, he had gone down to the basement at approximately 9:30 A.M. and observed regular and reserve police searching cars in the basement area. He stated he went back up to his office and then at approximately 11:00 he went down to the basement a second time and went on up to the armored truck which was parked at the entrance of the Commerce ramp on the south side of the station. He stated that he personally, got into the armored truck and searched it himself. He remembers that Lieutenant BUTLER and Lieutenant SMARTT were there as well as two or three patrolmen, whose names he could not recall. He stated he did not see the shooting but heard the shot and went immediately down toward the corridor where the shooting had occurred. He stated that before he got there, Deputy Chief LUMPKIN issued instructions that no one was to leave the area. He stated he did not know RUBY, that no policeman as far as he knew, had ever worked for RUBY inasmuch as that was against the rules and regulations of the department. He stated the security measures to be into effect was to have all entrances into the basement blocked or have guards stationed at each entrance and that no unauthorized person was to be allowed into the area without showing proper credentials. He had never heard any information concerning any relationship between RUBY and OSWALD. He stated that he could not estimate how many people were present, but there were just a few photographers there when he went down the first time and he did not recall seeing anyone come in when he went down the second time prior to the shooting inasmuch as he was occupied with searching the armored truck. He stated he was not thinking about the number of people there and did not know that they had a double row of officers lined up on either side of the corridor and had officers posted at all entrances leading into the basement but that he could not honestly give an estimate as to the number of people in the basement area.

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Deputy Chief of Police GEORGE LUMPKIN, in addition to the information previously given, advised that he accidentally met Chief STEVENSON of the Detective Bureau in the hallway on the third floor and he went down to the basement with him just approximately three to five minutes prior to the shooting of OSWALD. He stated that he had no assignment in connection with the moving of OSWALD; that he was in charge of the Service Division and went to basement partly out of curiosity and partly to see that the jail office was functioning as it should be. He stated that the jail office was empty and he stepped on out into the corridor to be of any assistance that might be needed. He did not know RUBY and could not recall ever having heard his name prior to the shooting. He stated that no police officers had ever worked for RUBY to his knowledge, and that the department had rules against any officers working at any place where they had a beer license. He did not know the details of the security measures since that was not his responsibility but was aware that orders had been given that no unauthorized person was to be in there. He did not personally see anyone come into the area inasmuch as they were all there, so far as he could tell when he arrived. He did not know of any unauthorized person that was allowed into the basement. He has never heard of any relationship between OSWALD and RUBY. He stated he did not see the actual shooting as he had stepped out into the corridor leading from the jail office to the ramp where two police cars were parked. He stated he had stepped around to the right of the corridor as he came from the jail office and was standing just around the corner about even with the middle of the police car which was sitting there. He stated that when he heard the shot, he saw the officer struggling to subdue RUBY and he went over and gave orders to all officers present that no one was to be allowed to leave the area. He reiterated that he was in no way responsible for anything pertaining to the moving of OSWALD but that since he was in charge of the Service Division, the patrol and so forth, was supporting the movement. He advised that he had no idea how many people, officers or otherwise were present because at the time he went out there, he was not thinking of people there and did not even think about that at that time. Tex

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LUMPKIN could not recall the names of all of the officers present. He stated that there was a double row of them stationed on either side of the corridor and that he knew there were guards posted at all entrances. He stated that Captain FRITZ, Captain TALBERT, Lieutenant SWAIN, were in or near the corridor. He could not recall their exact location. He stated that Chief STEVENSON, he believed, was near one of the squad cars and Assistant Chief BATCHELOR was up at the armored truck along with Lieutenant GEORGE BUTLER and Lieutenant SMARTT. He stated there were also some uniform officers by the truck but he could not recall who they were.

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O. A. JONES, Captain of Police, Forgery Bureau, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information freely and voluntarily to Special Agents EDWARD J. MABEY and KENNETH P. HUGHES, who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of the FBI. He was immediately advised of the nature of the investigation; that he did not have to make any statement, and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. JONES was also advised of his right to counsel.

Prior to 11:00 AM, on November 24, 1963, he was in the administration offices in the Police & Courts Building performing administrative duties. A little before 11:00 AM, Deputy Chief STEVENSON told JONES to place two officers at the entrance of the Commerce Street ramp to help and assist the armored car that was en route. STEVENSON also advised JONES to take any remaining detectives that were available on the third floor to the basement and place them where needed. JONES and two or three other detectives, names unknown, went to the basement where JONES placed Patrolman JEZ and one other unidentified patrolman at the entrance of the ramp on Commerce Street. He also advised Captain TALBERT of the Chief's instructions on placing these two patrolmen at the entrance of the ramp and advised that they were not to be moved. JONES placed two detectives, names unknown, at the jail office door. JONES noticed that there were newsmen inside the jail office and called this to the attention of Assistant Chief BATCHELOR and Deputy Chief STEVENSON. JONES, Chief BATCHELOR and some other officers removed the newsmen from the inside of the jail office and then continued moving these individuals down the hallway and into the basement area. JONES was aware of an automobile driving up the Main Street ramp in the wrong direction during the process of moving the press back. He later found out that the driver was Lieutenant R. PIERCE. At this point, Chief STEVENSON approached JONES and stated that there had been a change in plans and that two automobiles were now going to be used. These automobiles were located behind the press line and were started up and had to drive through the press line to get into position. JONES assisted in holding back the press lines during this process and gave instructions to all officers near the jail office and the doors to allow no

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