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RONALD C. NELSON, 1302 Winding Trail, Duncanville, Texas, was interviewed at his residence. He was advised that he was not required to make a statement; that any statement he did make might be used against him in a court of law; and that he had the right to legal advice prior to making a statement.

NELSON advised that he has been a patrolman with the Dallas, Texas, Police Department for nearly four years. He stated that while serving in this capacity on November 24, 1963, he was in the Sergeant's office at the Dallas, Texas, Police Department at about 9:15 to 9:20 AM, when he was instructed by Lieutenant PIERCE to report to Sergeants P. T. DEAN and PUTNAM in the basement of the city hall. Patrolman VAUGHN and two other police officers were given the same instructions and they all four proceeded to the basement area. Sergeant PUTNAM instructed him and another officer to check all persons in both areas of the basement to determine that they were either police officers or members of the press. They were instructed to send away any other individuals who were not authorized to remain. After they filled this assignment, he and the other officer working with him were sent through the double doors into the city hall section of the basement, and he stationed himself at the end of the corridor located about 20 feet from the double doors and just west of the exit door from the jail office. The other officer assigned there with him was a reserve officer whose name he does not know. He was there for just three or four minutes when Sergeant PUTNAM told them to station themselves just behind the first jail office window, where people were coming in regard to jail business such as seeing prisoners, some of them bringing packages and so forth. They were instructed not to let any unauthorized persons through the doors leading into the corridor and ramp area of the basement, where a number of newsmen had already congregated and were waiting for LEE HARVEY OSWALD to be brought from the jail and transported to the County Jail.

While he was stationed here, he checked a number of individuals who approached the jail office window and checked

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any packages and topcoats they may have been carrying. He let no one through the door, leading to the ramps, who was not an officer or a member of the press. While there, he recalls that two men came down the City Hall elevator with a television camera, which they requested to be allowed to roll through the door into the corridor leading to the ramps. He called Lieutenant PIERCE and asked him if this could be permitted, whereupon Lieutenant PIERCE talked with one of these men and checked their identification, and then stated to NELSON that they could be allowed to take their camera to the desired location.

NELSON stated that he did not see JACK RUBY shoot OSWALD that morning inasmuch as he could not observe the spot where the shooting occurred from his position. He stated he was at his post until the shooting occurred and that he heard the shot when it was fired. He advised that when he heard the shot, he immediately went through the double doors leading into the area where OSWALD was shot and saw a great number of individuals running about excitedly. In just a short moment, he noticed officers bringing RUBY past him and into the jail office. He heard someone say, "See if he's got a gun," and when he noticed RUBY's left arm was free, he felt RUBY's left hand to make sure he did not have a gun in it. He then returned to his post which he had just left.

NELSON stated that he does not know RUBY and never knew OSWALD. He added that he has never been employed at any of RUBY's establishments and knows of no other police officers who may have been so employed. He further stated that he has never heard anything indicating a relationship which may have existed between RUBY and OSWALD. He stated that he did not see RUBY before the shooting occurred, and has no information concerning RUBY's activities prior to this event or concerning any individual with whom RUBY may have talked prior to shooting OSWALD.

NELSON stated that when he first arrived in the basement area, he would estimate that there were about 20 people in the area, most of whom he believed were newsmen. He does not recall the identities of any police officers and, with the exception of those named by him above, he added that he could not identify any of the newsmen present.

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NELSON stated that he is sure that police officers were stationed at all points of entry into the basement area and that the others, as himself, were instructed to make sure that no person would enter the area without being either a police officer or a newsman and that they were to properly identify themselves or be so recognized prior to gaining entrance into the building. NELSON stated that he does not know of any unauthorized person who may have been permitted entrance into the building or without showing identification.

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W. J. Newman
WILLIAM J. NEWMAN, Dallas Reserve Policeman, residence 10923 Cotillion Drive, Garland, Texas, advised that he was called by Sgt. SULLIVAN of the Police Reserve to report to the Central Police Station as soon as he could get there on Sunday morning, November 24, 1963. He stated he arrived there between 9:00 and 9:15 AM and was told to report to Sgt. PUTNAM of the regular Police Department. Sgt. PUTNAM requested that all of the Reserves, approximately 25 in number, assist them in searching all cars and areas in the basement. This was at approximately 9:20 AM when they began, and at about 10:15 AM Sgt. PUTNAM told him to guard the door underneath the ramp coming in to the basement from the Commerce Street side where the armored truck was parked.

He advised the door he was guarding went into the basement, which was the engine room. He stated that no one came in or out of this door while he was stationed there, and he was there from approximately 10:20 until approximately ten or fifteen minutes after the shooting. He advised that he did not see the shooting. He did not know RUBY. He never knew or heard of any officers working for RUBY. He stated at the time he went into the basement there were probably fifteen or twenty people already there other than policemen and that they were newsmen, photographers and TV cameramen. He did not know any of them. He stated these people were already there and he was not in a position to observe any others coming in to the basement, so that he was unable to say what identification they had to show or if they were challenged to show any form of identification.

He estimated that at the time of the actual shooting there were approximately fifty people in there other than the police officers. He knew of no security measures taken other than what his assignment was but did say that he had heard the armored car was going to be a decoy and that OSWALD would be taken to the County Jail in another car. He did not recall who told him this.

As mentioned previously, he was assigned to guard the door leading to the engine room. This door is on the east side of the ramp and back toward the Commerce Street side of the building. It is to be noted that both the Main Street and Commerce

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Street ramps enter into the basement level on a sharp grade. NEWMAN, from where he was stationed, could see the lower part of the Main Street ramp but was not able to see the top of the ramp where the police officers guarding the Main Street ramp were stationed since he was on the level of the basement floor. He stated at approximately one minute before the actual shooting occurred he saw a man coming down the lower part of the Main Street ramp. From his position he was unable to see the upper part, therefore could not say whether an officer stopped and asked this man for any identification.

He stated from the time he saw the man on the lower part of the ramp, the man had to take just a few steps and he was on the basement floor level. He advised that the various members of the news media which were mentioned previously were all on the basement floor level. Therefore, they were in his line of vision and prevented him from getting an unobstructed view of the man. His obstructed view prevented him from seeing where the man disappeared into the crowd. He advised that he did not know JACK RUBY and had not heard any talk concerning him prior to the shooting. He never heard of any connection between RUBY and OSWALD.

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Captain J. M. SOLOMON, Dallas Police Department, was contacted and was immediately advised of the official identities of Special Agents KENNETH P. HUGHES and EDWARD J. MABEY. 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. In reference to Reserve Police Officer HAROLD B. HOLLY, JR.'s, statement that another reserve officer had told him that he had seen RUBY come down the ramp in the basement, he furnished the following information:

SOLOMON displayed 19 photographs of reserve officers who were stationed at Parkland Hospital. From these photographs, HOLLY picked out an individual who resembled the individual that made the statement to him regarding RUBY's being in the basement. SOLOMON, upon viewing the photograph picked out by HOLLY, made a statement to the effect, "Well, he was there" or something similar to that. The officer's picture that HOLLY picked out was that of W. J. NEWMAN whom SOLOMAN advised was assigned to traffic control at Harry Hines Boulevard at the entrance to Parkland Hospital. SOLOMON was told that NEWMAN was interviewed by Lieutenant JACK REVILL and Lieutenant C. C. WALLACE, both of the Special Services Bureau. A copy of these two officers' interview with NEWMAN is as follows:

"December 1, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Sir:

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

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

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"in his original report dated November 26, 1963.

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

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

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

"Respectfully submitted,

"/s/ Jack Revill

"Jack Revill, Lieutenant

"Special Service Bureau

"/s/ C. C. Wallace

"C.C. Wallace, Lieutenant

"Special Service Bureau"

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JOHNNIE F. NEWTON, 8906 Angleton Street, Dallas, Texas, after being advised of the Agents' identities; that he did not have to talk to the Agents; that any statement he made could possibly be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney, advised as follows:

He is employed by the Dallas Police Department as a Police Clerk 6 and is normally assigned to the Northwest Substation. He has been employed by the Dallas Police Department for approximately nineteen months.

On November 24, 1963, the Sergeant at the Northwest Substation told him to report to Lieutenant WIGGINS at the City Jail for assignment. He proceeded to the City Jail where Lieutenant WIGGINS assigned him to the desk duty in the City Jail Office. He worked from 6:30 AM until 2 30 PM. Other employees on duty in the Jail Office with him this shift were Patrolman WILLIE B. SLACK and Clerk JERRY SLOCUM. He was given no special instructions concerning his duties this day, other than that any telephone calls or personal calls received concerning OSWALD should be referred to the Dallas Secret Service Office.

About 10:00 AM, he stepped out of the Jail Office into the basement to call an officer to the telephone. He did not recall this officer's name. At this time, he noticed police officers stationed in the basement and in the hall outside of the Jail Office. He did not recall the identity of these officers. After returning to the Jail Office, he noticed from the windows that open onto the hall outside the office that the police officers stationed there were checking the identification of people entering the basement area.

NEWTON stated that business in the Jail Office was carried on in a normal fashion and that prisoners were being released up to a point of about thirty minutes before OSWALD was brought down for transfer.

NEWTON continued that the Jail Office personnel received no warning or instructions that OSWALD was being removed from the jail until they saw OSWALD being led out

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of the jail elevator into the Jail Office. He could see people in the hall outside the Jail Office; however, he did not know whether they were police officers or members of the press.

OSWALD was led from the elevator by Captain FRITZ and several other detectives, whose names were not known to NEWTON, through the Jail Office, out the swinging door, to the basement parking area. As this group went through the swinging door, he heard the press hollering something to the effect, "Here he comes." He estimated that this was about 11:15 or 11:20 AM.

NEWTON stated he remained in the office and could not see the activities in the basement, except numerous people whom he assumed were detectives and newspapermen. He saw numerous flash bulbs and heard a noise that he thought was a flash bulb exploding shortly after this group, with OSWALD, went through the swinging door.

Almost immediately, a group of eight to ten police officers brought a man into the Jail Office and laid him on the floor at the east end of the office. They appeared to be trying to subdue this man and he saw that one of the officers had a revolver that he assumed they took from this man. He later learned that this man was JACK RUBY. NEWTON stated he looked around the room and noticed that OSWALD had been returned to the Jail Office also, and was lying on the floor. The handcuffs had been removed from OSWALD and he saw that OSWALD had been shot.

Lieutenant WIGGINS telephoned for an ambulance and called Parkland Hospital to stand by. The ambulance arrived in approximately three minutes and OSWALD was removed to the ambulance on a stretcher. While waiting for the ambulance, the jail doctor rendered aid to OSWALD. NEWTON did not know the doctor's name.

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During the few minutes time lapse while waiting for the ambulance to remove OSWALD, detectives removed RUBY to the jail elevator and took him upstairs.

NEWTON advised he did not see the shooting; that he did not know RUBY and had never seen him before, and that he did not have any knowledge of any police officer working for RUBY in any capacity. He stated that he was only in the basement area one time prior to OSWALD being shot and then only for a few moments to call a police officer to the phone, and that he could not estimate the number of police officers or press and television people in that area. He knew of no unauthorized people in the jail basement that day and he has no information that there was any relationship between RUBY and OSWALD.

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D. L. PATE, Patrolman, Second Platoon, Dallas, Texas Police Department, advised that on November 24, 1963, at about 9:00 AM he reported to the office of Police Captain TALBERT, who subsequently gave him the keys to his car with instructions to put it in a position in the basement of the Police Department in order that he could exit without delay when the time arose. PATE stated he followed the instructions of TALBERT and thereafter stayed with the car until about 10:45 AM, when Captain TALBERT instructed PATE to take a position on the ramp leading from the basement area to the Commerce Street exit with instructions to let no unauthorized persons into the area. As PATE recalled, there were two unmarked police cars parked behind an armored truck which was to take LEE HARVEY OSWALD out of the area.

Sometime after 11:00 AM, PATE recalled seeing OSWALD being escorted into the basement, shortly after which he heard a shot. At the time of the shot, PATE stated he was not in a position to see OSWALD or JACK RUBY, whom he subsequently learned was the assailant. PATE stated he started toward the scene where there appeared to be much commotion from his position on the ramp and someone, identity unknown, yelled for him to go back and cover the elevators in the rear of the basement with instructions to let no one out. PATE stated he immediately carried out those instructions.

PATE stated he had known RUBY for about six or seven years, having met RUBY when he operated the Vegas Club, as his, PATE's, assignment was covering the North Dallas area in which the Vegas Club was located. He stated he made routine checks of the clubs in his area while on duty. He stated he never associated with RUBY socially, had not been employed by him nor did he know of any officers who worked for RUBY.

PATE stated he did not recall the identity of any specific officers or individuals at the scene of the shooting and that he did not see RUBY prior to the incident. PATE stated he last saw RUBY approximately three months ago.

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PATE further informed that he had no knowledge of any connection between RUBY and OSWALD and that OSWALD was completely unknown to him.

Officer PATE stated he had no over-all knowledge of the security measures instituted by his superiors concerning the removal of LEE HARVEY OSWALD from the Dallas Police Station on November 24, 1963.

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BOBBY GENE PATTERSON, No. 1553 Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, residence 3463 Caracas Street, Mesquite, Texas, advised that at about 9:30 a.m. on November 24, 1963, he was assigned by Sergeant P. I. DEAN along with Patrolman L. E. JAZ to guard the Commerce Street South Ramp exit from the basement of the Dallas Police Department. His instructions were to let no one into the basement except members of the press and officers with proper identification.

He advised that Officer JAZ was assigned with a group to go across the street on Commerce to assist in searching a building after which time he learned with PATTERSON of their assignment. At about 11:00 a.m., a Lieutenant PIERCE advised that that LEE HARVEY OSWALD would be brought to an armored car and assigned PATTERSON to guard the right side of the armored car as it backed down the ramp. The armored car arrived at about 11:10 a.m. and backed into the opening of the ramp. No unauthorized person entered the basement during this time. PATTERSON advised that he did not see the shooting as he was behind the armored car and his view was obscured from the area where LEE HARVEY OSWALD was brought into the basement. He said he did not hear a shot. A few moments after the armored car was parked in the basement he heard a noise and saw someone jump across the top of one of the police cars parked in the basement.

PATTERSON advised that he did not know JACK RUBY other than having checked RUBY's establishment. He stated that he was not personally acquainted with RUBY but would know him on sight. PATTERSON advised he had never worked for RUBY, as this was against departmental regulations and to his knowledge no officers for the department had ever worked for RUBY.

PATTERSON stated as he recalled there were approximately ten officers blocking off the other entrances into the basement of the Dallas Police Department who were checking persons for proper identification. He advised that many people were turned back whose identities were unknown and who

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did not have proper identification, however, he does not recall the identities of these individuals. He stated that he does not know RUBY on sight and he is certain that RUBY did not gain entrance or attempt to gain entrance at the point he was guarding.

PATTERSON advised that he did not know the officers or newspaper men who were congregated in the basement and could not see the main group, as there were many strange newspaper men and many officers in the area whom he did not know.

PATTERSON said that he had not seen RUBY in the area nor had he talked with RUBY between the periods of November 22, 1963, and November 24, 1963. He said that he has no information whatsoever concerning any relationship between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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Date December 2, 1963

Lieutenant RIO S. PIERCE, assigned to the Central Station, Dallas Police Department, was advised of the identity of the Agents; that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement made could possibly be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney. He advised as follows:

On November 24, 1963, he worked the day shift from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. About 9:00 A.M., Captain C. E. TALBERT, instructed him to call enough uniform officers to the City Hall to assist in the transfer of OSWALD to the County Jail. He called 19 radio patrol officers to the station and placed them under the supervision of Sergeants P. T. DEAN and J. A. PUTNAM.

The following uniform officers were called for this detail and assigned as follows:

ANDERSON, K. K.	Field and Elm Streets
BROCK, A. E.	Basement elevator
BURTON, T. E.	Commerce and Central Streets
ERWIN, D. K.	Commerce and Pearl Streets
FERRIS, M. E.	Lamar and Elm Streets
FOX, L. L.	Harwood and Elm Streets
GREGORY, F. E.	Central and Elm Streets
HIBBS, W. E.	Ackard and Elm Streets
JEZ, L. E.	Commerce Street ramp
NELSON, R. C.	Hall, inside jail
PATE, D. L.	Commerce Street ramp
PATTERSON, B. G.	Commerce Street ramp
RAZ, J.	Stone and Elm Streets
TAYLOR, L. C.	Commerce Street ramp
TALBERT, C. E.	Pearl and Elm Streets
VAUGHN, R. E.	Main Street ramp
WAGES, H. J.	Central and Main Streets
WATKINS, R. A.	Commerce Street ramp with armored car
WISE, M. L.	St. Paul and Commerce Streets

Captain TALBERT advised Lieutenant PIERCE that the men assigned to him would seal the basement, that all exits would be guarded, all cars would be searched, all vent pipes

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checked, also other places a person could hide. All civilian employees would be removed from the basement area and the elevator in the new building would be locked at the first floor. About 9:20 or 9:30 A.M., as the officers started to arrive at police station, PIERCE instructed Sergeant P. T. DEAN to take a group of officers to the basement area to carry out these instructions. About 10:15 A.M., Lieutenant PIERCE checked the parking area in the police basement and satisfied himself that the area had been cleared.

Lieutenant PIERCE advised that he then proceeded to the Homicide Bureau for additional instructions. He left Sergeants DEAN and PUTNAM in charge of the uniform officers who in turn assigned the men their specific posts.

Lieutenant PIERCE remained at the Homicide Bureau until about 11:15 A.M. at which time Chief CURRY and Chief STEVENSON instructed him to secure a police car and some uniform officers to escort the armored truck from the Commerce Street ramp to the Court House. Lieutenant PIERCE proceeded to the Police Department basement where he obtained a police car and instructed Sergeants B. J. MAXEY and J. A. PUTNAM to accompany him. When he arrived in the basement which was "jammed" with police officers and press and television people. He estimated that approximately 50 press people were there and a like number of police officers. He stated that he could not identify any of the Press people by name.

After obtaining the police car, Sergeant PUTNAM moved the crowd out of the way so that the car could proceed out the Main Street ramp. Lieutenant PIERCE observed Captain C. O. ARNETT, a reserve police officer and another reserve police officer, unknown to him, stationed at the bottom of this ramp and officer E. E. VAUGHN at the top of this ramp. Lieutenant PIERCE accompanied by Sergeants MAXEY and PUTNAM, proceeded out of the police station in the police car, turning left on Main Street, left on Harwood and proceeded to the Commerce Street police ramp. When they arrived at this position, officers were running to cover all exits of the City Hall and they learned at this time that OSWALD had been shot as he was being transferred.

Lieutenant PIERCE stated that he did not see the shooting or hear the shot fired. He is acquainted with RUBY and has known RUBY for approximately 12 or 13 years. His acquaintance with RUBY was through official police work and

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he has never worked for RUBY nor does he know any other police officer that has ever worked for RUBY in their spare time or otherwise. He last saw RUBY approximately one year ago and he did not see him on November 24, 1963, the day that OSWALD was shot.

Lieutenant PIERCE advised that he did not have an occasion to personally admit anyone to the building, however, his instructions to his men were that only authorized newsmen with a press pass or other credentials and police officers with proper identification were to be admitted to the building. He has no knowledge of any unauthorized persons being admitted to the basement area.

Lieutenant PIERCE advised he has no knowledge or any information regarding any relationship existing between RUBY and OSWALD.

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Date December 7, 1963R. S. PIERCE

Lieutenant RIO S. PIERCE, 3227 South Edgefield, Dallas, Texas, member of the Dallas Police Department, was reinterviewed for more specific details concerning his leaving the Main Street exit of the City Hall basement on November 24, 1963, a few moments before LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot. He related the following:

PIERCE related that he was accompanied by Sergeants PUTNAM and MAXEY. As they proceeded up the Main Street ramp, Lieutenant PIERCE observed Captain ARNETT, a reserve police officer, at the bottom of the ramp. He is not positive but believes that another reserve officer was also at the bottom of this ramp leading to Main Street, with Captain ARNETT. Lieutenant PIERCE stated this ramp is very narrow, barely wide enough for passage of automobiles, and it would be a tight squeeze for a man to stand along side while a vehicle was going up this ramp. As he approached the top of the ramp leading to Main Street, he observed police officer VAUGHN standing in the center of the ramp opening and officer VAUGHN had to move for the police car to emerge. Lieutenant PIERCE stated that on either side of this doorway is a high curb that reaches from the building line to the sidewalk and it was necessary for officer VAUGHN to move to the sidewalk so that the police vehicle could proceed. Lieutenant PIERCE observed officer VAUGHN standing in approximately the center of the sidewalk just east of the doorway as he, Lieutenant PIERCE, passed.

Lieutenant PIERCE did not observe officer VAUGHN's movements after turning into Main Street. Lieutenant PIERCE stated he observed two or three persons on either side of this doorway as they drove out of the ramp but he did not recall who they were nor did he pay any particular attention to them and could not recall whether they were actually persons known to him. He explained that he had subsequently been informed that one of these persons was a former Dallas policeman by the name of N. J. DANIELS and another was a bootblack who had formerly operated in the City Hall. He is personally acquainted with DANIELS but said he did not know if he could recognize the bootblack or not. He said that he does not recall who the people were standing by the Main Street ramp when they emerged and could not say whether or

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not DANIELS was one of these people.

Lieutenant PIERCE subsequently heard during the police investigation as to how RUBY got into the basement; that officer VAUGHN had asked this former policeman, DANIELS, if anyone had gone down the basement while he moved from his post and DANIELS told VAUGHN that no one had. He said that it was strange that DANIELS told VAUGHN that he had seen no one enter and had told others that he had. VAUGHN was subsequently questioned by the Police Department with the polygraph concerning the allegation that RUBY entered the basement through his post. According to Lieutenant PIERCE, VAUGHN was truthful when he said he did not see RUBY or allow him to enter the Police Department basement.

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~~R. A. PRETHER~~, of 9610 Rustown, Dallas, Tex, Reserve Patrolman, was immediately advised of the identity of the interviewing agents. He was advised 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 and that he had the right to consult an attorney.

PRETHER stated that he was not in the basement on November 24, 1963, and in fact was no where near the Police and Courts Building, as he was not on duty on that date.

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S. A. PUTNAM

Sergeant JAMES A. PUTNAM, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, who resides at 2015 Joan Drive, Dallas, Texas, was contacted concerning the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD on the morning of November 24, 1963, at the Dallas City Hall. PUTNAM was advised 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 could consult an attorney at any time he desired. PUTNAM voluntarily advised as follows:

At 9 a.m. on the morning of November 24, 1963, Sergeant P. T. DEAN, Patrol Division, Dallas Police Department, acting on orders of Lieutenant R. S. PIERCE, Patrol Division, assigned PUTNAM to assist Sergeant DEAN with a search of the basement area of Dallas City Hall. He said that he, Sergeant DEAN, Officer L. E. JEZ, Reserve Captain ARNETT, and several other unknown reserve Police Officers searched the basement area for any unauthorized persons or weapons. He added that their search, which was completed at approximately 9:30 a.m., developed nothing unusual and the entire area was considered safe and secure. He added, however, that during the search several building maintenance employees were asked to leave the basement area, which they did.

Sergeant PUTNAM advised that he and other officers in the basement, from about 9:30 a.m. until approximately 11:20 a.m., were securing the area and checking out any unidentified persons there. He said to his knowledge no unauthorized person was located in the basement during that time.

He related that the following officers were assigned to the positions listed below:

- R. C. NELSON - basement entrance from Police and Courts Building;
- R. E. VAUGHN - north ramp entrance on Main Street;
- B. G. PATTERSON, south ramp exit on Commerce Street;
- A. R. BROCK, elevators in basement.

Sergeant PUTNAM advised that at about 11:19 a.m. he received instructions from Sergeant P. T. DEAN to accompany Lieutenant PIERCE in his car which was to lead the armored car, in which OSWALD was to be placed, to the County Jail. Sergeant PUTNAM added that he and Lieutenant PIERCE were accompanied by Sergeant MAXEY.

At approximately 11:20 a.m. Lieutenant PIERCE's car left via the Main Street exit, where Officer R. E. VAUGHN was on duty, turned left

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on Main Street, then left on Harwood, then left on Commerce to the Commerce Street ramp. Immediately upon arriving there, at about 11:21 a.m. or 11:22 a.m., Detective (FNU) REYNOLDS ran out of the basement shouting that OSWALD had been shot and to "cover off the building." Sergeant PUTNAM said he got out of the car and ran to secure the Harwood Street entrance to City Hall. Moments after securing that entrance, Sergeant PUTNAM saw a Negro, male, running down the hall. Sergeant PUTNAM stepped into the hall, stopped this individual, searched him, and then turned him over to Detective REYNOLDS (same REYNOLDS mentioned above). Sergeant PUTNAM said since he had to return to the Harwood Street entrance, he did not take the time to ask this individual's name or why he was running.

From the time Sergeant PUTNAM departed from the Main Street exit at approximately 11:20 a.m. until shortly after OSWALD was shot, he gave the following precise account of his movements and observations:

Sergeants PUTNAM and MAXEY accompanied Lieutenant PIERCE in PIERCE's car which left the basement area at approximately 11:20 a.m. Lieutenant PIERCE was driving, Sergeant PUTNAM occupied the front seat with PIERCE, and Sergeant MAXEY was in the rear seat behind Lieutenant PIERCE. As the car approached the top of the ramp on Main Street, Officer VAUGHN was the first person seen by Sergeant PUTNAM. There was no other police officer stationed at that point. VAUGHN was directly in front of the ramp at a point near where the sidewalk joins the street. He believes VAUGHN moved slightly to the right (PUTNAM's right) and took one or two steps into the street, then waved PIERCE's car onto Main Street.

Sergeant PUTNAM said as the car approached the top of the ramp he noticed four to six people standing on the sidewalk near the curb, to his left. He indicated he saw this group out of the corner of his eye and did not look directly at anyone in the group. Sergeant PUTNAM was unable to say if JACK RUBY was one of the individuals in that group.

Sergeant PUTNAM stated that the Main Street exit presented no spectator or vehicle traffic problem, since OSWALD was to leave via the Commerce Street exit and spectators at the Commerce Street exit had been moved across the street earlier. He added that pedestrian and vehicle traffic appeared to be light at that time.

He is well acquainted with Officer VAUGHN and knows VAUGHN to be "a forceful officer." Sergeant PUTNAM said he knows VAUGHN well enough to feel certain, in his own mind, that VAUGHN would have stopped RUBY or any unauthorized person attempting to get entrance into the basement.

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Sergeant PUTNAM said he is positive no one entered the basement from the Main Street exit as Lieutenant PIERCE's car was going up the ramp at approximately 11:20 a.m. He pointed out that the Main Street Ramp exit is somewhat narrow and anyone walking down the ramp, as a car departed, would most certainly step close to the wall to avoid being hit.

He knew of no other cars that entered or left the basement via the Main Street ramp immediately before or after Lieutenant PIERCE's car departed.

Sergeant PUTNAM stated that he carefully observed each individual in the basement the entire time he was on duty there from 9 a.m. until he left that area at approximately 11:20 a.m. He said on several occasions he asked unknown newsmen to identify themselves, which they did. He added that in his opinion there was no unauthorized person in the basement during that period. He said that he did not see JACK RUBY in the basement just prior to his leaving that area and as Lieutenant PIERCE's car was leaving the basement via the Main Street ramp he saw no one except officer VAUGHN at that exit.

Sergeant PUTNAM advised he does not know JACK RUBY and has never had any contact or association with him. He heard Sergeant DEAN, Sergeant MAXEY and Lieutenant PIERCE comment that they knew RUBY, but in his (PUTNAM's) opinion, RUBY is not a friend or associate of any of the above officers. He understands, as a matter of fact, that none of the three officers liked RUBY. PUTNAM knew of no other Dallas Police Officers who knew RUBY. He also was of the opinion that no officer of the Dallas Police Department would have knowingly let RUBY into the basement area of City Hall on the morning of November 24, 1963.

PUTNAM understands that RUBY claims in a statement that he entered the Main Street entrance to the basement of City Hall on the morning of November 24, 1963, and passed two officers stationed at that entrance, who were talking.

Sergeant PUTNAM stated it is his understanding that it has been established that RUBY was at a Western Union Office near the police station at 11:16 a.m. on November 24, 1963. PUTNAM stated that he, himself, walked from that Western Union Office to the ramp, where OSWALD was shot, on three occasions, using a different entrance to the ramp on each occasion -- namely, Commerce Street entrance, Main Street entrance, and stairway to lobby to ramp. He said, time-wise, RUBY could have reached the ramp via any of the above routes in sufficient time to fire the fatal shot at OSWALD.

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Sergeant PUTNAM said that after OSWALD was shot there was some talk that RUBY may have entered the basement by assisting a television cameraman. He added, however, that the last television equipment was moved into the basement area at about 10:50 a.m. by two cameramen known to him by sight but not by name. PUTNAM added that RUBY was not among the crowd at that time or at any time while he was on duty in the basement, to the best of his knowledge.

PUTNAM estimated that at approximately 11:20 a.m. there were about 75 persons in the basement ramp and lobby. He estimated there were some 35 or 40 Police Officers and all others were representatives of the press, radio and television.

He advised he knew of no association between RUBY and OSWALD. He stated he did not know OSWALD and never had any contact with him.

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Sergeant JAMES A. PUTNAM, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, who resides at 2015 Joan Drive, Dallas, was contacted and he was advised 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 could consult an attorney at any time he desired. PUTNAM voluntarily advised as follows:

He knew of no Negro caught in the basement of the Dallas City Hall climbing over the tops of cars.

He stated that in an interview conducted by Special Agents of the FBI on December 3, 1963, he mentioned that when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot on November 24, 1963, Detective (FNU) REYNOLDS ran from the basement of City Hall shouting that OSWALD had been shot and to "cover off the building." He said he ran to the Harwood Street entrance to City Hall and moments later saw a Negro, male, running down the hall. He stopped this individual, searched him and then turned him over to Detective REYNOLDS (same REYNOLDS mentioned above). PUTNAM stated since he had to secure the Harwood Street entrance, he did not take time to ask this individual's name or why he was running.

PUTNAM did not know whether the above individual was arrested or released.

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by Special Agent JAMES F. GARRIS and JACK E. PEDEN:hcm Date dictated 12/7/63

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Date December 1, 1963

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Mr. JAMES K. RAMSEY was advised that he was being interviewed by Agents of the FBI and he did not have to make a statement. He was advised that any statement during course of this interview could be used against him or in a court of law. He was advised of his right to consult with an attorney before submitting to the interview and no threats or promises were given to Mr. RAMSEY during course of interview.

RAMSEY advised he is a Detective assigned to the Forgery Bureau of the Dallas Police Department and was working his regular duty schedule of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the day of November 24, 1963. Detective RAMSEY said he is under the direction of Captain O. A. JONES and on the day of November 24 was asked to standby in the Forgery Bureau which is located on the third floor of City Hall in the Police Department.

Detective RAMSEY stated about 10:30 a.m. he and Detective R. C. WAGNER, who is also in the Forgery Bureau, left the third floor of the Police Department and went down into the basement of City Hall which is located below the level of the street.

Detective RAMSEY stated there had been information circulating among detectives and photographers this day that LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the alleged assassin of President KENNEDY who was confined at the City Jail, was going to be transferred from City police custody to the custody of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, located in Dallas. He stated it was obvious at the time that they went to the basement of the City Hall that OSWALD had not been transferred at that time.

Mr. RAMSEY stated after arriving in the basement about 10:30 a.m., he went into the area used to park police cars, squad cars and other vehicles in the city hall where there were a group of uniformed police officers stationed with whom he had formerly worked. He stated among these officers he can recall seeing and talking with Officers GERALD L. TOLBERT, D. K. ERWIN, Badge 1849, and MAX FARRIS. He stated there were a number of uniformed officers in the parking area posted at various places; however, he could not recall others than he mentioned above. He stated there were approximately 25 uniformed officers stationed in the general area of the parking area portion of the basement. He stated at this time he would estimate the

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total number of people in the basement of City Hall near the ramp and parking area as about 75 to 100 people. He stated he could recall seeing Chief STEVENSON, Chief BATCHELOR, Captain MARTIN of the Juvenile Bureau, Captain NICHOLS of the Auto Theft Bureau, and Captain O. A. JONES. He stated these ranking officers were circulating in the area when he observed them. He stated there were numerous people who appeared to be reporters, TV cameramen and other newspaper reporters in the area, none of whom he knew. However, he stated the total number of people in the basement in the area he observed would be 75 to 100 people.

Detective RAMSEY said after he had talked with officers TOLBERT, ERWIN and FARRIS and others for about 35 minutes, he left the parking area and walked up the ramp toward the Commerce Street exit and ramp with Detective WAGNER and stood at the exit for about 8 minutes or so. He stated while standing at the Commerce Street exit he noticed Chief STEVENSON and Chief BATCHELOR come up the ramp at about the same time. He stated there was a patrolman by the name of TAYLOR also standing at the Commerce Street ramp exit.

He stated he stood at the exit, watched the crowd that was gathered across Commerce Street and said there were hundreds of people standing on the sidewalk across the street from the City Hall.

He stated there were some uniformed officers at the Commerce Street exit who appeared to be guarding the exit; however, he could not recall the number of these officers and does not know who they are.

Mr. RAMSEY said after having stood at the exit for about 8 minutes he and Detective WAGNER then walked down the ramp and as they arrived at the bottom of the ramp, Captain JONES told him and the other officers in the area to line up along the wall and pointed out the area where he wanted the officers to stand.

Detective RAMSEY stated at about this time or shortly before, there was an armored car which was being backed down the Commerce Street exit. The armored car was able to get about one quarter of the way down the ramp and had to stop because the exit was not big enough to allow it to pass.

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Detective RAMSEY stated as he recalled there were two plain clothes men who he believed to be detectives who went over to the armored car and opened the back door of the vehicle and apparently were searching the vehicle. He said he could recall hearing a bottle smash to the pavement as one of the officers opened the back door of the armored car.

Detective RAMSEY stated shortly after Captain JONES told him to line up against the wall with the other officers he could recall hearing someone say, "Here he comes," and at that time all the people who were lined up on the sides of the exit ramp closed in and he could hear what he thought was the sound of gunshots.

Detective RAMSEY stated he fought his way through the crowd of reporters and other news people and ran over to the scene where he saw a great amount of confusion and in the area of the confusion he saw Detective CHAMBERS. He stated the group of people was apparently wrestling with someone and RAMSEY stated he grabbed the arm of a person on the floor. He stated he helped hold this person and with some other officers whose names he cannot recall brought this person into the jail office. He stated he came to know this person later as JACK RUBY. While in the course of taking RUBY into the jail office he recalled RUBY saying, "I wanted to save the state some money."

Mr. RAMSEY stated other than the names he had mentioned he could not recall any other people as being down in the basement of City Hall at the time the shot was fired.

Detective RAMSEY stated after helping take RUBY into the jail office he ran back out to the area of the shooting and saw a person lying on the pavement he later came to know as LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He said about that time an ambulance arrived along with the city doctor and he helped persons at the scene put OSWALD in the ambulance and a short time after that he and Lieutenant McKINNEY and four other detectives went out to Parkland Memorial Hospital where he helped maintain security.

Mr. RAMSEY stated prior to the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD he had never seen JACK RUBY and did not know him.

Mr. RAMSEY stated he did not know any police officers who worked for or were friendly with RUBY.

Mr. RAMSEY stated he did not know of any formal security measures that were to be taken in the handling of the transfer of OSWALD from the city jail to the county jail other than the instructions that were given to him by Captain JONES in the basement at which time JONES had told him and other officers to line up against the wall.

Mr. RAMSEY stated he does not know of any relationship between OSWALD and RUBY. He stated he did not see RUBY talking to anyone in the basement area and had not seen him before the shooting.

Mr. RAMSEY stated he did not know of any unauthorized persons being in the basement area, or of anyone who was permitted to be in the area without identification.

Date 12-2-631JERRY RAZ

JERRY RAZ, Officer, upon interview at 517 Hardy, Garland, Texas, advised he reported for duty November 24, 1963, at approximately 9:30 a.m., to station 511 which is the traffic control office. Sergeants P. T. BEAN and PUTNAM were making assignments to the patrol officers blocking every intersection entering on Elm Street. Sergeant PUTNAM was calling off the street numbers and Sergeant BEAN was making the assignments. 121

At approximately 10:15 a.m., RAZ and approximately ten traffic officers went through the basement of the City Hall and into the parking area. At approximately 11:00 a.m. these officers left and reported to their traffic assignment.

Officer RAZ stated that he did not know what instructions had been assigned the police officers but on going through the basement, he noticed that there were news men, camera men and camera equipment in the basement. RAZ did not see anyone being challenged on entering the basement, but did notice that there was a police officer at each entrance to the basement.

Officer RAZ did not know of OSWALD's shooting until approximately 11:30 a.m., when instructed by police radio to report to Parkland Hospital where he worked traffic on arriving at that place.

Officer RAZ stated that he did not know JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He had heard JACK RUBY's name mentioned in connection with the Vegas Club on Oak Lawn and the Carousel Club, but did not know him and had never been in either club.

RAZ did not know whether or not RUBY knew OSWALD prior to the shooting and has heard no discussion among the Dallas Police Officers as to how RUBY gained entrance to the basement of the Municipal Building.

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 by Special Agent JAMES C. KENNEDY & DOYLE
WILLIAMS - md Date dictated 12-2-63

Date December 4, 1963

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Detective H. ~~BARON~~ REYNOLDS, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, who resides at 1607 Pat Drive, Dallas, was contacted concerning the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD on the morning of November 24, 1963, at the Dallas City Hall. REYNOLDS was advised 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 could consult an attorney at any time he desired. REYNOLDS voluntarily advised as follows:

On the morning of November 24, 1963, he was assigned by Lieutenant (FNU) SWAIN, Burglary and Theft Division, Dallas Police Department, to security duty in the lobby of the basement at City Hall, which area is adjacent to the basement ramp where OSWALD was shot and killed. REYNOLDS said he did not arrive at his duty station until approximately 11 a.m. He said to the best of his knowledge all exits to the basement were secure, but added he had no occasion to personally observe the basement ramp or the two exits to the ramp leading to Commerce and Main Streets. He stated that everyone in the lobby where he was assigned was required to properly identify himself and there was no unauthorized person in the lobby, to his knowledge.

He said at approximately 11:20 a.m. that morning he saw OSWALD leave the basement elevator, accompanied by two plain clothesmen. He and others in the lobby were able to see OSWALD as he left the elevator, through windows on one side of the lobby, but no one in the lobby could see OSWALD as he was led on to the basement ramp since the view was blocked shortly after OSWALD left the elevator. He said moments later he heard what sounded like a revolver being fired. He then heard someone yell that OSWALD had been shot, and he immediately proceeded to the Commerce Street side of the basement and instructed a uniformed officer, name unknown, on duty there to block the exit.

REYNOLDS said at the very moment he heard the shot he also heard Dallas Police Detective J. R. LEAVELLE, who was one of the two plain clothesmen escorting OSWALD on to the ramp, yell "You S.O.B." REYNOLDS later heard from unrecalled sources that Dallas Police Officer (FNU) VAUGHN of the Radio Patrol Division was on duty at the time of the shooting at the Main Street entrance to the basement ramp.

He also heard later from unrecalled sources there was a rumor to the effect that shortly before the shooting of OSWALD, JACK RUBY was seen getting out of an unattended Dallas police squad car parked in the basement parking area. He knew nothing further concerning this matter.

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REYNOLDS said he did not see the basement ramp area immediately before or after OSWALD was shot and had no idea of the number of persons in the area at that time. He said the basement lobby just off the ramp area is separated by two doors, which were closed, and those in the lobby were unable to see the ramp area. He estimated there were some 20 people in the lobby area, including approximately eight Dallas Police Officers, and some twelve newsmen and photographers.

REYNOLDS never knew JACK RUBY and he never had any contact or association with him. Furthermore, he knew of no Dallas Police Officers who were acquainted with RUBY, and he knew none who worked for RUBY. Furthermore, being on duty in the lobby, REYNOLDS did not see the shooting of OSWALD and he never saw RUBY at any time.

He stated he never knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD and he knew of no association between RUBY and OSWALD.

Date December 8, 1963(1)

Detective H. BARON REYNOLDS, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, who resides at 1607 Pat Drive, Dallas, was contacted and he was advised 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 could consult an attorney at any time he desired.

REYNOLDS voluntarily advised as follows:

On the morning of November 14, 1963, he was on duty in the basement lobby of Dallas City Hall, which is adjacent to the basement ramp where THE HARVEY OSWALD was shot. Immediately after OSWALD was shot, he (REYNOLDS) ran to the Commerce Street side of the basement and instructed a uniformed officer, name unknown, to block the exit. He then ran to the first floor of City Hall and immediately after arriving there, Sergeant (FNU) PUTNAM turned over to him a Negro, male, who had been running down the hall and who had been stopped by PUTNAM. REYNOLDS said he searched this individual and found no weapon. He asked this individual why he had been running and he replied he had delivered a tire. REYNOLDS then turned this individual over to Detective (FNU) BAKER of the Homicide Division.

REYNOLDS said BAKER informed him later the above individual was released.

REYNOLDS advised he knew nothing about a Negro allegedly caught in the basement of City Hall climbing over the tops of cars.

on 12/8/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 44-2639

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Date 12-3-63

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Patrolman WILLIE B. SLACK, Dallas Police Department, who resides at 5605 Sumatra Street, Dallas, was interviewed at Te 1 his residence. SLACK was advised that he was not required to make a statement; that any statement he did make might be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to legal counsel prior to making a statement.

Patrolman SLACK advised that on November 24, 1963, he was assigned to the City Jail Office from the hours of 6:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. This assignment was given him by Lieutenant WOODROW WIGGINS, Service Division.

Patrolman SLACK advised that he does not know JACK RUBY, has never met him and has never talked with him. He added that he has never been employed by RUBY at any of his establishments and knows of no other police officer who has been so employed.

Patrolman SLACK stated that his duty on November 24, 1963, was to advise the dispatcher when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was placed in an armored car and removed from the basement area of City Hall to be taken to the County Jail. He stated that during the time he was on duty there, no one but authorized personnel was admitted in the Jail Office. He stated that at about 11:25 to 11:30 a.m. OSWALD was brought down to the Jail Office by elevator and there were two detectives on either side of them. They passed through the office and through the door leading to the corridors, which corridors lead to the ramp where cars entered and left the basement area. He stated that he could see fairly well this area through a 12x12 inch glass in the corridor door. He stated that he followed with his eyes OSWALD and the detectives but did not have a clear view of individuals beyond OSWALD, inasmuch as the detectives behind him cut off his field of vision. He stated he did not notice RUBY walk out and up to OSWALD and did not see the shot which was fired at OSWALD, although he heard same. He stated that immediately following the sho:

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there was a great amount of confusion and from this time on he was concerning with keeping unauthorized personnel out of the Jail Office.

Patrolman SLACK stated that other than the men who walked through the office with OSWALD he cannot identify any other individuals, police officers or newsmen who were present in the basement area at the time of the shooting. He stated that he also has no idea concerning how many individuals were in the area, but he would estimate that the number would exceed 35 or 40 individuals.

Patrolman SLACK stated that he had cleared his office of all individuals between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. on that date and that guards were placed at the office door and no one was allowed to enter and no one used the elevator, with the exception of OSWALD and the accompanying police officers up until the time of the shooting.

He stated he does not know of any unauthorized person or persons who may have been admitted to the basement area prior to the shooting.

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Jerry D. Slocum
 Mr. JERRY D. SLOCUM, 505 W. Melba, Dallas, Texas, was advised he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of the identities of Special Agents EDMOND C. HARDIN and ROBERT J. WILKISON and that he had a right to talk to an attorney. No threats or promises were made to SLOCUM.

SLOCUM advised as follows:

SLOCUM is employed as a Police Clerk, Service Division, Dallas, Texas, Police Department Jail.

On November 24, 1963, he worked the 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. shift in the Booking Office which is his regular duty station. Lieutenant WIGGINS, in charge of the Service Division had previously assigned him to the Booking Office.

During the morning of November 24, 1963, he observed LEE HARVEY OSWALD escorted through the Booking Office. He understood OSWALD was taken to a show-up at that time.

Shortly after 11:00 a.m., the same morning, he observed OSWALD being escorted through the Booking Office by two detectives at the time OSWALD was in the process of being transferred from the Police Department Jail to the Dallas County Jail. One detective was on each side of OSWALD, several other police officers were behind them.

A few seconds after OSWALD disappeared from his view into the ramp area of the basement, he heard a shot in the ramp area.

A few seconds later JACK RUBY was brought into the

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Booking Office. A few seconds later OSWALD was brought into the Booking Office and he observed that OSWALD had been shot. He did not see the shooting of OSWALD.

At the time of the shooting, other police officers working with him and present in the Booking Office were, JOHN NEWTON and WILLIE B. SLACK. The press and TV representatives were excluded from the Booking Office a few minutes prior to the time when OSWALD was brought into the Booking Office prior to being shot.

SLOCUM had nothing to do with the security of the basement area of the Police Department, but understood that all entrances were guarded. He believes that there was a police officer standing guard at the Booking Office door.

He believes that a police officer, last name of LEWIS, operated the elevator which brought OSWALD down from upstairs prior to being shot.

SLOCUM stated he does not personally know JACK RUBY and would have not known RUBY if he had not seen him. He never worked in any night clubs operated by RUBY. He does not know any police officer who worked for RUBY and never heard of any officers working for RUBY. He did not see RUBY in the basement area until after the shooting.

SLOCUM is unable to estimate how many police officers, press and TV representatives were in the basement area. He does not know the names of any press or TV representatives that were in the basement area.

SLOCUM does not know of any unauthorized persons that were permitted to enter the basement.

SLOCUM stated he has never heard of any relationship

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between OSWALD and RUBY.

He said he had no other pertinent information concerning the shooting of OSWALD.

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Date Dec. 11, 1963*G. H. Springer*

Patrolman GERALD K. SPRINGER, 12211 Sunland, Dallas *T-1*
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:

He advised that on November 24, 1963, he was in a patrol car in the downtown area. He stated a call came on the radio for any cars who were unassigned to check in the radio. He stated his call number was 111, and when he checked in, he was instructed to come to Central Headquarters and report to the Chief's office for assignment.

He stated that he drove into the Main Street ramp, that Patrolman VAUGHN was on duty along with a couple of reserve policemen, whose names he did not know. He stated he observed 10 or 15 people standing back a few feet from either side of the ramp but they were not trying to go down into the basement. He did not pay much attention to the crowd and did not recognize anyone standing there on the sidewalk. He stated he parked his car near the First Aid Station, which is located on the northeast corner of the basement garage and proceeded to the 3rd floor of the building to the Chief's office. He stated this was at approximately 10:30 a.m. as nearly as he can recall and that when he arrived on the 3rd floor, Patrolman ART HAMMETT advised him to pick up *Tox* some telegrams and other mail and deliver it to Mrs. TIPPIT, the wife of the slain policeman.

When he left the 3rd floor and started back to his car, he noticed several newsmen, cameras, photographers and other persons there, but he did not pay too much attention to them and did not recognize any of them. He stated there could have been 8 or 10 or possibly more, but he was not thinking about how many were there could not give a more accurate estimate.

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He advised he got in his car, pulled out of the police station, and was in the vicinity of Ervay and Jackson Streets when he received a call on the radio to report-back to the Central Police Station. He stated he again drove through the Main Street entrance, was admitted by Patrolman VAUGHN and the same two reserve officers and parked his car in the same place as before in the basement. He stated he went back to the 3rd floor and Patrolman HAMMETT told him to disregard his assignment, that they would take the mail and so forth out to Mrs. TIPPIT later on.

He went back to the basement, contacted Sergeant PUTNAM and asked if there was anything he wanted him to do. Sergeant PUTNAM told him there was nothing for him to do, that all of the men had been assigned so he got back in his car, drove out the Commerce Street exit and left on a burglary investigation.

He stated he was in South Dallas approximately at the intersection of Hatcher and Scyene Streets when he heard on the radio that OSWALD had been shot. He stated he had formerly been on assignment where he worked downtown and made periodic checks in the Carousel Club and other "joints" of that nature, and he knew JACK RUBY when he saw him. He estimated it had been two or three months since he had seen RUBY and he did not see him in the basement or on Main Street the day of the shooting.

He advised he had never heard any information concerning a relationship between RUBY and OSWALD. He further advised he had never worked for RUBY and did not know of any police officers who had, stating it was against departmental regulations for a Dallas police officer to work in an establishment where alcoholic beverages were served.

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Leo Steele
 Sgt. D. ~~STEELE~~, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas,
 residence 1707 Kent Drive, Arlington, Texas, furnished the following
 information:

On the morning of November 24, 1963, STEELE, who is stationed at the Oak Cliff Substation, reported to the Central Police Station with Reserve Officer HARRISON at about 9:15 AM. STEELE had not been previously instructed to report to the station but had gone to the station relative to disposition of some property belonging to Officer TIPPIT (Deceased).

He was instructed by Lieut. PIERCE to stand by in the patrol office for assignment.

About 9:30 AM, while at the Police Station, Captain TALBERT contacted STEELE and instructed him to get another man and check the buildings and roofs on the south side of Commerce Street across from the City Police Building. STEELE and Officer JEZ checked the roofs of the 2-story buildings and the doorways and other entrances to the buildings; however, they were unable to get on top of the 3-story buildings. After checking these buildings, they went back to the police building and Captain TALBERT told him to take some reserve officers and move the spectators across to the south side of Commerce Street as they were blocking the police ramp and the police building doorway.

STEELE took five reserve officers and moved the spectators as instructed. He then took the reserve officers and stationed them at intersections on the north side of Commerce Street west of the police building and instructed them to move pedestrians to the south side of Commerce Street.

STEELE then went down into the basement and ramp area of the police building and assisted Sgt. DEANE in restricting the news-men and TV men in the basement area. STEELE estimated there were from sixty to seventy people in the basement at that time, including police officers. To his knowledge, no unauthorized persons were allowed entrance to the basement, and he saw some persons being checked by officers at the entrance as they came into the building.

He assisted Sgt. DEANE and Sgt. PUTNAM in assigning officers traffic corners on Elm Street. TALBERT instructed STEELE to report to

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the Traffic Command Post at Elm and Houston Street and to secure three traffic men to complete the coverage of all traffic on Elm Street. STEELE was not present in the basement of the Police Building at the time LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot. STEELE did not have knowledge of security measures in effect in the Police Building on November 24, 1963, other than his particular assignments.

STEELE has known JACK RUBY for approximately eight years, having become acquainted with him when he worked a district in North Dallas which joined the district wherein was located the Vegas Club operated by JACK RUBY. He had answered several calls to RUBY's place of business and thereafter occasionally ran into RUBY in the Dallas area. He has not seen RUBY in approximately two years. He was never in any of the clubs operated by RUBY except in his official capacity and was not acquainted with RUBY socially although he has been invited to RUBY's place on several occasions.

STEELE has never been employed by RUBY at any of the clubs operated by RUBY, nor does he have knowledge of any other officers who were employed by RUBY. STEELE advised that at one time he answered an assist-officer call to the Vegas Club, and on arrival at the club with another officer they found an unruly customer in the back of the club. As they were attempting to place handcuffs on this individual, RUBY ran into the room with a blackjack and began hitting the man on the head with a blackjack.

STEELE had never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD, to his knowledge, and does not have any information regarding any relationship between RUBY and OSWALD.

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Detective IVAN R. STEPHENS, Burglary and Theft Detail, Dallas Police Department, residing at 11306 Staloup, Dallas, Texas, was advised that he did not have to make a statement; that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law, and that he was entitled to talk with an attorney. He furnished the following information:

STEPHENS was instructed, on the morning of November 24, 1963, which is the day that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot in the Dallas Police Department, to go to the lobby of the basement area of the Dallas Police Department. Lieutenant SWAIN of the Burglary Detail, ordered him and approximately two or three other officers, whose identities he cannot recall at this time, to go to the lobby and "help any way we could." These instructions came just prior to the transfer time of OSWALD. STEPHENS and the other unidentified officers got to the lobby of the basement, and he thought there would be a supervisor there to give him instructions, but there was no supervisor to tell him what to do.

He stood in the lobby in front of the windows through which one can look and see the booking desk of the Sergeant. He had to show his badge on several occasions during the day, but when he arrived in the lobby he does not believe he was required to identify himself.

He estimated that there were 8 or 9 photographers and cameramen in the lobby which is a small area, and the area was quite crowded. He did not try to go on to the ramp area at that time but saw through the windows that OSWALD was being brought out of the elevator and on to the ramp area. Immediately after he heard the pistol shot he went to the swinging doors leading from the lobby area to the ramp area. He saw only turmoil and then realized that the officers were trying to get OSWALD back inside the booking room. He helped keep the crowd back as they returned OSWALD and got RUBY through the door into the booking area.

STEPHENS said he did not know of the entire security taken by the Dallas Police Department or what the overall plan was. He did notice approximately eight or nine photographers and four or five detectives in the lobby area, which area he had been sent to observe. He would estimate there were

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approximately 35 to 40 persons in the ramp area when OSWALD was brought out to the ramp area.

Detective STEPHENS said that he knew JACK RUBY and knew his name. In approximately 1955 when he was assigned to work in the area which covers the 3400 block of Oak Lawn Street, he went into RUBY's place and talked with RUBY there on two or three occasions. He has been in JACK RUBY's place in downtown Dallas on one occasion. He went in there on this occasion with Officer DELUNEY (phonetic). They stayed in RUBY's place approximately 10 or 15 minutes, and it is his understanding that DELUNEY had put JACK RUBY in jail on one occasion.

STEPHENS stated he had never worked for RUBY in any capacity.

STEPHENS said that it is his opinion that RUBY probably came through one of the ramp entrances and probably flashed some kind of card. He said that he suspects that the officer to whom RUBY displayed the card did not look closely at the card, and in view of the fact that RUBY had been around that area for some time, the officer apparently thought RUBY was one of the newsmen there. He admitted that he had nothing to base this on, but he suspects that is probably the way RUBY got into the basement of the Dallas Police Department on November 24. He did not talk to RUBY or see him between November 22, 1963, and November 24, 1963.

STEPHENS said that he has no information regarding any relationship between RUBY and OSWALD.

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D. T. SUITS
DONALD T. SUITS, 233 Sendero, Garland, Texas, advised that he was a Dallas Reserve Policeman who was on duty the day OSWALD was shot in the Central Police Station. He advised that Lieutenant BEN MC COY, Police Reserve Lieutenant, called and told him to report to the Assembly Room in the Central Police Station between 9:00 and 9:15 AM, on November 24, 1963. He stated his assignment was to check the reserve men in as they reported for duty. He recalled there were about twenty-six of them.

He stated that Sergeant DEAN, of the regular Police Department, came in about 9:20 AM and asked the reserves to help "shake" the basement down. He stated that the reserves, as well as regular police officers, checked every car and ~~men~~ in the basement and found everything in order.

SUITS advised he did not see the shooting, as he was standing on the west side of the first car that was parked in the driveway just outside the corridor where they led OSWALD out. He stated he was trying to keep the crowd back on the east side of the driveway at the time the shooting occurred and, therefore, was unable to see it. He stated he looked around immediately after hearing a noise, which he thought was a flash bulb popping at the time, and saw several plain-clothes men struggling with a man whom he later found out was RUBY. He advised he had heard of RUBY, but had never met him and would not have known him had he seen him. He never heard of any reserves or regular police officers who had worked for RUBY.

SUITS estimated there were probably at least 100 people in the basement besides the police officers and he assumed that most of them were newsmen, photographers, and television cameramen. He stated he saw a few people, probably five or six, come down the south ramp where the armored truck was parked prior to the time of the shooting and, in each instance, the officers standing there required them to show identification before they allowed them to pass. He stated that about five or six minutes before the shooting they apparently had stopped everyone from coming in, as he did not see anyone coming down during that interval.

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SUITS advised that he did not know any of the security measures, but surmised that they were planning on bringing an armored car into the area, inasmuch as he saw some officers measuring the wall prior to the time they placed the armored truck at the head of the ramp on the Commerce Street side. They had determined they could not get the armored truck down to the entrance of the corridor. He further advised that, inasmuch as he did not know RUBY, he would not have thought anything about it had he seen him there, inasmuch as he did not know any of the newsmen, etc., gathered there. He stated he had not heard any talk or anything of that nature concerning the relationship between RUBY and OSWALD.

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BILL M. SWAFFORD, Patrolman, Police Department, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information:

He presently resides at 3252 Hillglenn, Dallas, Texas, residence phone BR 9-4641. He has been employed by the Police Department for the past nine and one-half years in the Radio Patrol Division. He is acquainted with a CAROL DEEVERS, who last resided at 5005 San Jacinto, Dallas, Texas, but he has not seen her for about five months. He first met her at the Lasso Bar in the 200 block of South Akard Street, in Dallas, about six years ago. At that time, he was working in Patrol District 105 and it was part of his duties to check the various bars in the district. She frequented the Lasso Bar as well as a number of other bars in Dallas and, after seeing her on a number of occasions, became personally acquainted with her. He believed she was about seventeen years old when he first met her. They became very good friends as time went by and he felt that she considered him as an advisor, as she often called him for advice while he was on the job. He never became intimate with her, however.

CAROL very much resented her mother, as her mother had attempted to give her away as a child and, therefore, did not get along with her. On one occasion, CAROL was in some kind of difficulty and asked him to take her to her home. He took her home and on the following day CAROL's mother called the Personnel Department of the police station and complained that her daughter was being shown the affections of a married man. No disciplinary action was taken against him as a result of this call, however.

CAROL entered amateur strip-tease contests at the Theater Lounge, the Colony Club, and the Carousel Club in Dallas and was quite successful, as she was a fairly attractive girl. Later, she asked him if he knew where she could get a job in a strip-tease club, this being several years ago. Knowing JACK RUBY, as a result of having checked his places of business, he asked RUBY for her if she could get a job with him. She eventually was employed by RUBY and did exotic dances

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at one of RUBY's clubs under the name SUNNY SPAIN. She also worked at the Colony Club for ~~ABE~~ WFINSTEIN, he believed.

As concerned JACK RUBY, he met him some years ago through his work on the Police Department. He did not know RUBY at all well but saw him numerous times in the line of duty and on a few occasions when he socially visited RUBY's clubs. He characterized RUBY as being a very temperamental individual, who would not hesitate to loudly scold the employees in his place of business when speaking to a uniformed police officer, causing considerable embarrassment to the officers which, on occasions, included himself. He was disliked by many of his female employees for that reason. He never knew of RUBY to carry a gun and knows nothing concerning his background, personal life, or political convictions. The only favors that RUBY ever did for him was to occasionally buy him a cup of coffee and about three years ago he recalled RUBY buying him a Pizza Pie. He never asked RUBY for anything and it was obvious to him, as well as to his other police officers, that RUBY liked policemen.

He has not seen RUBY for some time and did not recall seeing him after the President's assassination at any time in the Dallas Police Department. He was not a member of the security force at any time during the week end of November 24, 1963, and could furnish no information concerning that matter.

He never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to the President's assassination and knows of no relationship between RUBY and OSWALD. He does not recall anyone possibly identical with OSWALD in Dallas or, in particular, during his routine patrol duties in the downtown area.

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Jessie ~~W~~ SYKES

On December 4, 1963, JESSIE WILLIE SYKES, residence 4915 Brasshere, Dallas, Texas, employed as a shoe shine boy in the Dallas Police Department locker room, advised Special Agents JOHN E. DALLMAN and R. NEIL QUIGLEY that on November 24, 1963, he was working at the Police Department locker room and felt that business that morning was very slow and decided to leave the building about 9:30 or 10:00 A.M. He took his camera and located himself across the street from the Commerce Street entrance where he noticed two armed cars being brought up.

He remained across the street from the Commerce Street entrance until after the shooting of OSWALD by JACK RUBY.

He did not at any time that morning, go to the Main Street ramp entrance and he did not see and does not know N. J. DANIELS, the former colored police officer. He is not acquainted with RUBY or OSWALD and knows nothing whatsoever about them except as stated above.

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