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"trances to the basement. I went to the doors leading out of the basement by the information desk and wouldn't let anyone in or out.

"I remained here until Captain Jones sent me to Parkland Hospital with a group of eight other detectives and Lieutenant McKinley to guard exits and entrances to the third floor where Oswald had been taken. I remained on this assignment until relieved at about 3:10 p.m.

"Respectfully submitted,

/s/ C.A. Greeson
Detective
Criminal Investigation
Division"

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"November 27, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Sir:

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

- "1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 10:00 A.M.
- "2. I reported to Lt. Merrell in Assembly Room.
- "3. I was assigned -----

"Shortly after I arrived I was assigned to the sidewalk on the south side of the City Hall near the ramp exit. Some regular officers were guarding the ramp exit. After a few minutes a man who I recognized to be a detective asked me to see that the glass doors at the top of the steps of the police and courts building were kept closed, and no one to leave or enter. I remained in this position for about 30 minutes after the shooting.

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

"Res. Lt. Suits, Montgomery, A. W. Capps, and several I do not know names of.

- "5. Did you know Ruby? No.
- "6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?

"Never did see him.

"/s/ O. W. Harrison"

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"November 27, 1963

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

"Sir:

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

1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 9:00 A.M.
2. I reported to Lt. Merrell in Assembly Room.
3. I was in a group of five Reserves assigned to assist in the Houston-Elm area. While we were waiting for transportation (30 or 40 minutes) in the basement parking area, I assisted in holding and placing the TV Camera cables that were being set up. We were taken to the Houston-Elm area by a police squad.
4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:
Tex (L. B. ~~K~~Bridges, T. D. ~~C~~linkscales.
5. Did you know Ruby? No.
6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?
Never did see him.

"Signed: H. H. HATLEY
"H. H. Hatley"

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"December 1, 1963

"Mr. J.E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Sir:

" Re: Interview of Reserve Officer,
Patrolman Harold B. Holly Jr., 325

"On December 1, 1963 Reserve Officer, Patrolman Harold B. Holly Jr. was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald. Holly had not submitted a report prior to the interview with these officers.

"Patrolman Holly stated that he reported to the City Hall at approximately 11:30 a.m. on November 24, 1963. He was assigned to work traffic at the intersection of Main and Harwood Streets. At approximately 11:45 a.m. he was assigned to Parkland Hospital to assist in the handling of traffic at that location.

"While there, Holly stated that an unknown reserve police officer related to him that he, the unknown reserve officer, had passed Jack Ruby into the basement of the City Hall after Ruby had presented press credentials.

"Holly was shown photographs of several reserve officers by Captain J. M. Solomon and was unable to identify this unknown reserve officer.

"Captain Solomon advised the undersigned officers to be skeptical of this information and not to place too much credence in it.

"Holly stated that he was not familiar with Jack Ruby and had not seen him on the date of Oswald's

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"shooting. At this time Holly has not been contacted by any federal agency.

"Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jack Revill, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau"

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"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Sir:

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

- "1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 9:30 A.M.
- "2. I reported to Capt. Arnett.
- "3. I arrived at the City Hall about 9:30 A. M., Sunday morning. I arrived in the Assembly Room about 9:40 A.M. and reported to Capt. Arnett. I had just checked in when Sgt. Dean, Dallas Police Department, came in and asked all Reserve Officers to help search the parking area in the basement of the City Hall. I personally searched all air conditioning ducts and heating ducts, above all pipes that run just under the ceiling in the basement. I also checked the open space under north ramp. I searched several cars. They all belonged to the City of Dallas.

"I reported to Capt. Arnett, Police Reserve, and Sgt. Dean, Dallas Police Department, where I had searched and found clear. I was ordered to stand by for further assignment. At approximately 10:40 A. M., I was ordered by Lt. Ben McCoy to check the condition on Commerce Street in regard to number of Police Reserves to handle sightseers and traffic. I remained on Commerce Street as the Reserve Supervisor in charge of the Reserve Officers on Commerce Street, 2000 block.

"At approximately 11:00, Police Chief Batchelor's car was brought out of the basement to the officer double parked just east of ramp exit. I was told by the officer that this was the Chief's car, that he left the keys in it and wanted me to keep an eye on it. I placed a Reserve by it to work traffic around it. I was told a few minutes later by Chief Batchelor that an armored truck was on the way to the City Hall. He said the truck would have to back down the exit ramp. I was asked to assist the armored truck to back down ramp. The truck arrived, two other Reserve Officers and myself worked traffic to help truck driver back down ramp. A second armored truck was

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"parked just ahead of the Chief's car. I was working Commerce Street when the shot was fired in the basement. A detective came running out of the basement and said to seal the doors leading into City Hall. I had one man on Commerce Street door, two men on Harwood Street door, one man on Main Street door.

"These were my movements from 9:35 A. M. to 11:45 A. M., Sunday morning, November 24, 1963.

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

"Sgt. Mayo, L. W., Patrolman Chennault, J. R., and Patrolman Craig, A. B.

"5. Did you know Ruby? No.

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

"/s/ J. R. Hopkins"

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"December 1, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Subject: Assignment of Charlotte
Howell
November 24, 1963

"Dear Sir:

"On Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was assigned to work days in the Records Bureau. At approximately 11:20 A.M. I was standing at the Information Desk inside the Records Bureau, when I heard what sounded like a firecracker going off. I did not see or hear anything else.

"I did not see Lee Oswald or Jack Ruby before or after the shot. I have never met Jack Ruby, nor have I ever been in either one of his clubs. To the best of my knowledge, prior to this event, I had not even seen Jack Ruby.

"Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Charlotte M. Howell Tex
General Clerk
Police Records Bureau"

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"November 27, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Sir:

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

- "1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 7:50 A. M.
- "2. I reported to Assembly Room.
- "3. I was assigned to ----- I was in a group of approximately ten reserves that was taken to the basement parking area to assist in searching the place.

"About 10:00 or 10:30 A. M., I was taken along with another group of reserves to the Elm-Houston area to assist in the handling the crowd there:

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

"Capt. Arnett, Lt. Merrell and several others that I do not know by name.

- "5. Did you know Ruby? No.
- "6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?

"Never did see him.

"RW"

"/s/ J. C. Hunt"

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"November 29, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Dear Sir:

"Re: Interview of Patrolman
Jerry D. Hutchinson, 1778

"On November 29, 1963 Patrolman J. D. Hutchinson was interviewed by the undersigned officers as to any information he might have concerning the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald which was not covered in his original report dated November 27, 1963.

"Patrolman Hutchinson stated, after reading his original report, that the only addition he could make is that from approximately 11:00 a.m. when he was assigned his duty just outside the jail office door until the time Lee Harvey Oswald was shot no one entered the basement from the Police and Records Building who was not authorized.

"Hutchinson further stated that he knows Jack Ruby and that he did not gain entrance to the basement through these double doors from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the shooting.

"Patrolman Hutchinson states that he has not been contacted by any federal agency at this time.

"Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jack Revill, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

/s/ F. I. Cornwall, Lieutenant
Special Service Bureau

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November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Sir:

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

- "1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 8:30 A. M.
- "2. I reported to Lt. Merrell in Assembly Room.
- "3. I was assigned to the basement parking area about 9:00 A. M. to assist Sgt. Putnam search the area. I saw a rifle taken from a car I guess was a detective's car. About 10:00 A. M., an officer requested Sgt. Putnam to send me to Commerce and Pearl to control traffic because of a stuck signal light. About 10:30 I moved back in front of City Hall on Commerce and assisted with crowds and traffic after the shooting. Then back to assembly room.
- "4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:
"A. W. Capps, O. W. Harrison, Sgt. Putnam.
- "5. Did you know Ruby? Yes. I was with a squad several weeks ago that answered a call to a night club (don't recall location) regarding a drunk. We were unable to locate the subject and just as we were leaving the driveway a man was getting in a car and the officers paused long enough to say 'Hello, Jack', and told him they were looking for a drunk. The man called Jack said, 'OH', 'I took care of him.' The officers said this was Jack Ruby.
- "6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?
"Never did see him, Sunday morning.

"/s/ J. Kasten"

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"November 30, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Subject: Assignment of George M. Kemp
November 24, 1963

"On Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was assigned to work days on the Information Desk of the Records Bureau. At about 11:20 A.M. I heard what sounded like a pop. I did not see or hear anything else.

"I did not leave the Information Desk either before or after the shot.

"I did not see Lee Oswald or Jack Ruby before or after the shot. I met Jack Ruby one time about six months ago when he came to the City Hall on business.

"Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George M. Kemp
Police Information Clerk
Records Bureau" TEA

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"December 2, 1963

"Mr. J. B. Curry
Chief of Police

"Subject: Murder of Lee Harvey Oswald

"Sir:

"The following information is submitted relevant to my activities in the basement of the Police and Courts Building immediately prior to, at the time of, and immediately following the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack Ruby, Alias Jack Leon Rubenstein.

"At approximately 10:45 a.m. on November 24, I went to the basement of the Police and Courts Building because of the number of newsmen who were assembled at that location. The newsmen were there because of the impending transfer of Oswald from the City to the County Jail.

Jack Beers
Jack Beers "When I went into the parking area and driveway, a large number of newsmen were already there. I spoke briefly with Jack Beers, photographer for the Dallas Morning News who *Tex* was, at that time, standing on the rail on the eastern side of the driveway. I stayed in the basement talking with newsmen and preventing them from going up the south ramp toward the location where the armored car was parked.

"I talked briefly with Captain O.A. Jones, Captain C.B. Talbert and Captain Arnett of the Police Reserves.

"When the vehicle, driven by Lieutenant R. S. Pierce, was driven from the basement to Main Street, I was on the west side of the driveway near where the ramp to Commerce Street starts up. I was at this location when the vehicle,

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"driven by Detective C. N. Dhority, was backed toward Main Street and I was watching this vehicle when I heard the shot. I yelled for the officers on the Commerce Street side to keep people from coming in or leaving and then went over to where Ruby was being held. The persons I remember seeing with Ruby were Officer W. J. Harrison of the Juvenile Bureau and Detective D. R. Archer of the Auto Theft Bureau. I went with these officers inside the Jail Office with Ruby and then up the elevator to the 5th Floor where I left them and returned to the basement. When I returned to the basement, Oswald had already been picked up by the ambulance. I then returned to my office and talked with newsmen who continued to come into the Administrative Office inquiring about the incident which had occurred in the basement.

"Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Glen D. King
Captain of Police

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

"Sir:

"On Sunday, November 24, at approximately 9:45 A.M., I arrived at the basement of the City Hall and reported to Captain Arnett. They had just completed searching the basement, I had no specific assignment. I was told to stand around and keep my eyes open, to let no-one in the part of the basement where the cars come and leave unless they had a Press Card.

"I noted every car that came into the basement was thoroughly searched by the regular officers.

"At different times I walked up both ramps to observe the crowds that were gathering, and talked to the officers standing at both entrances to the basement.

"I was constantly bothered by reporters, asking questions and wanting information which I did not know.

"I was told rumors were that there were several threats going around, and that was the reason for all the security.

"Prior to Oswald's arrival from the Jail Office we were told to keep the Press against the railing and to keep one side clear, which we did. In a few minutes Oswald came out of the door and had just rounded the corner. I was looking at his face, and in just a fraction of a second later I saw a blur, my thoughts were that some reporter was attacking him (Oswald). I then heard a muffled shot, and heard someone say 'get the Doctor.' I saw Captain Arnett grappling in the crowd and ran to his aid, but saw he was O.K. Then, heard someone holler not to let anyone out, so I ran halfway up the North ramp and stood there. No-one passed.

"I did not know the subject Ruby and had never seen him to the best of my knowledge.

"Respectfully,
"/s/ Harry M. Kriss
"Harry M. Kriss
"Lieutenant
"Dallas Police Reserve"

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"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"November 27, 1963

"Subject: Jack Ruby

"Sir:

"On October 24, 1963, I was stationed on the Jail Elevator, and was to operate it. I was assigned by Sgt. ~~M. O. Rogers~~, as it was felt this would enhance security. TEA

"I had seen Jack Ruby around nine years ago, but I had never talked to him nor met him personally, while as a apprentice policeman, working the district that the Vegas Club was on.

"I did not see Jack Ruby in the basement, and I probably would not have recognized him had I saw him.

"I did not witness the shooting of Oswald, but I was standing by with the elevator in the Jail Office.

"Respectfully submitted

"/s/ C. G. Lewis #1026

"Patrolman

"Dallas Police Department"

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Sir:

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

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

"/s/ J. C. McCain"

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Sir:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Two plain cars were brought out of the parking area and parked on the ramp headed south. I assisted in getting the cars through the crowd that was blocking the entrance to the parking area. I then moved several people who I assumed were press people away from the west wall of the south ramp over to the

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"east side, and then stood by the west wall approximately one foot south of the jail hall. I heard a commotion and glanced to my left; I saw two plainclothesmen with a man between them coming toward the ramp; I looked back to my front and right to see what the press people were doing, and I heard what I thought was a flashbulb exploding. I looked back to my left and saw a man with a gun pointed at the midsection of the man the two plainclothesmen had between them.

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

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

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

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

"Respectfully,

"/s/ Ben C. McCoy
Lieutenant
Dallas Police Reserve"

"RW"

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"November 27, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Sir:

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Respectfully submitted,

/s/ "T. D. McMillon
T. D. McMillon
Detective
Criminal Investigation Division"

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Sir:

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

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

"2. I reported to Assembly Room.

"3. I was assigned to -----

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

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

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

"5. Did you know Ruby? No.

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

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

"/s/ Lt. Bernie Merrell"

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"November 26, 1963"

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Sir:

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

- "1. Approximate time I reported to duty. 9:30 A. M.
- "2. I reported to Lt. Merrell, Assembly Room.
- "3. I was assigned to the garage area of the basement immediately below the Commerce Street exit. My assignment was to cover the door opening into the sub-basement machinery area. I was on this assignment until approximately 15 minutes after the shooting.
- "4. Names of other officers in the same area that I can recollect are:
"Lt. Suits, Sgt. Croy (Reserves)
- "5. Did you know Ruby? No.
- "6. When and under what circumstance did you see Ruby?
"Did not see him.

"/s/ W. J. Newman"

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"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Subject: Assignment of Sergeant
James A. Putnam On
Sunday, November 24, 1963

"Sir:

"On Sunday, November 24, 1963, at approximately 9:00 A.M.,
Sergeant Dean advised me he had instructions to
search the basement parking area and instructed me to assist
him. I was with Sergeant Dean when he assigned the officers
at each entrance to the area to be searched. The assignments
were as follows:

"R. C. Nelson

Basement Entrance From Police &
Courts Building

B. E. Vaughn

North Ramp Entrance on Main Street

B. G. Patterson

South Ramp Exit on Commerce Street

A. R. Brock

Elevators In Basement

Reserve Officer Assigned by Reserve Captain Arnett, Entrance
On South Side From Engine Room

"Sergeant Dean instructed the men on these posts to refuse
entrance to anyone except properly identified Police Officers
and members of the Press.

"After securing the area, Sergeant Dean contacted Reserve
Captain Arnett, who provided approximately twelve (12) Reserve
Policemen to assist us with the search. Officer L. E. Jen,
Sergeant Dean, Reserve Captain Arnett, approximately twelve
(12) other Reserve Policemen and I conducted a search of all
vehicles and all of the possible hiding places in the basement
parking area.

"I assisted Sergeant Dean by remaining in the basement and
checking the posts as often as possible and also asking for
identification of anyone in the basement that I did not recog-
nize, as Police or Press Personnel.

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"Shortly after the search was completed an unmarked police car occupied by two detectives drove into the basement. I checked the inside of their car. Following this car was a police patrol wagon, driven by C. G. Lewis. He stopped the vehicle and I checked the cab and opened the rear doors of the passenger compartment. I then assigned Officer W. E. Hibbs, and Officer G. L. Tolbert to take a position at the bottom of the north ramp and instructed them to look into all vehicles that came into the basement. T.C.K.

"At approximately 10:45 A.M. Sergeant Dean called approximately twelve (12) officers together that had been standing by in the basement and gave them traffic assignments at each intersection that the prisoner was supposed to travel enroute to the County Jail.

"At approximately 11:18 A.M. Sergeant Dean advised me to go with Lieutenant Pierce in his car and to get one man to go with me.

"I asked Sergeant Maxey to come with us and the three of us left the basement by the Main Street ramp, at approximately 11:20 A.M. When we arrived at the top of the ramp I observed Officer R. E. Vaughn standing to my right. I did not see anyone come into the basement as we left.

"We went to the Commerce Street side of the ramp and as we stopped the car, Detective Reynolds ran from the basement beside the armored car and yelled to cover off the Police and Courts Building, Oswald had been shot. I assisted him temporarily and then returned to the Lieutenant Pierce's car.

"Respectfully submitted.

/s/ James A. Putnam
James A. Putnam
Sergeant of Police
Patrol Division

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J.E. Curry
Chief of Police

"SUBJECT: Location of Detective H.B.
Reynolds at the time of the
shooting of Oswald,
November 24, 1963

"Sir:

"Below is submitted report supplied by Detective H.B.
Reynolds as regarding his activities on November 24,
1963.

"At 11:00 Lieutenant Swain came into the office and told us, one by one, to start toward ___ Jail Office. Stephens and I, the last two left, and I went to the double doors leading outside into the ramp area. I was there when Oswald was brought out of the elevator. At this time, I noticed that an Attorney Tom Howard was standing in the lobby outside of the Jail office behind the uniformed officer stationed there. As officers escorting Oswald started out into the ramp area, I heard a shot.

"I ran back into the lobby and down the lobby to the Commerce Street exit, and up on the street and ordered an uniformed officer to block the Commerce Street exit to the old City Hall and to not let any one out. I ran to the Hardwood Street exit and ordered an uniformed officer to not let any one out of that exit. I came back to the Commerce Street exit and entered on the first floor of the City Hall to see a Negro running toward the exit on the Main Street. I immediately went after him along with Sgt. Everett and a reserved officer who were

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"catching up with him at that time. This colored male was handcuffed, and I took possession of him and took him to the Homicide office where I released him to Detective Baker, and then I took position in front of the Chief's office to stop pressmen from entering into this office.

"Respectfully submitted,

/s/ R. E. Swain, Lieutenant
Burglary and Theft Bureau "

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"SUBJECT: Location of Detective Ivan R.
Stephens at the time of the
shooting of Oswald,
November 24, 1963.

"Sir

"The following is a report submitted by Detective Ivan R. Stephens regarding his activities on November 24, 1963 at the time of the incident at the basement.

"At about 11:15 a.m., November 24, 1963, Lieutenant Swain ordered me to the basement of the City Hall to aid in the transfer of the prisoner, Lee Harvey Oswald to the County Jail. I went to the basement and remained in the lobby in front of the jail office when the Homicide men brought Oswald down on the inside jail elevator and started to the East Jail Door that leads to the parking area. These door were open at the time. I was behind the pressmen that were taking pictures through the Cashier's Doors of the jail, and I remained behind these pressmen and photographers in order to keep out any unauthorized persons that might attempt to come in behind the prisoner through the lobby.

"I heard the shot and heard someone cry that the prisoner had been shot. I did not see the scene and was about forty feet from where the prisoner was shot. I saw the detectives carry Oswald inside the jail office and also saw some detectives attempting to carry a man inside of the jail office that was the one someone had said had shot the prisoner. I attempted

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"to help these men get the prisoner inside the office. As soon as the prisoner was secured, I walked over where Oswald was lying on the floor, and saw a bullet hole in his left side as he was lying on the floor. He appeared to be conscious at the time and city doctor was called and was working on him when the ambulance came for him. I returned to the third floor for further assignment.

"Respectfully submitted,

/s/ R.E. Swain, Lieutenant
Burglary and Theft Bureau"

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Subject: Security Of Police Parking
And Prisoner Loading Area
Sunday, November 24, 1963

"Sir:

"At approximately 9:00 A.M., Sunday, November 24, 1963 I discussed the need for coverage against possible violence around the City Hall with Lieutenant R. S. Pierce. I instructed him to call three squads from their district assignments from the three stations and pull four from Headquarters Station, getting two man squads where possible. The officers were to be in Central Station with their squad cars parked on the street, available for immediate use but dispersed in parking, not later than 9:30 A.M. Out of thirteen squads we obtained a total of nineteen (19) patrolmen. Supervisors at the station for the security were Lieutenant Pierce, Sergeant P.T. Dean, Sergeant Putnam, Sergeant Steele, and I. Lieutenant Wiggins was in the Jail Office.

"Lieutenant Pierce instructed Sergeant Dean to secure all entrances and exits to the parking and prisoner loading area, than clear the basement of all personnel other than police, and reserves. Sergeant Putnam was instructed to assist in the assignment.

"The area in which the prisoner Oswald would be escorted was to be thoroughly searched. Areas searched were the cars parked in the basement, including their trunks, and engine compartments, the tops of all pipes, and air conditioning ducts, the

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service rooms opening into the basement were to be looked after clearing them of personnel. The building elevators were out off on the first floor so they could not be used to reach the basement and the parking attendants were sent from the basement to the first floor of the City Hall with instructions to remain with the elevators to prevent tampering. The City Hall service elevator is a self-service type but had an operator. This man was instructed that he was not to go below the first floor until notified. The service elevator from the sub basement of the Police and Courts Building exit, into the basement parking area and has no doors to lock so a reserve officer was stationed there.

"The sergeants used a total of seventeen (17) regular and reserve officers to execute the search. The extra officers were held in the sergeant's room at my office and the reserves were retained in the assembly room. These officers were not permitted in the basement to insure no confusion in the systematic search.

"After the area was secured and cleared only officers, reserves, and accredited news press were permitted to re-enter. Identification of the news personnel was made by their press credentials. All civilian employees of the Department were cleared from the basement lobby and instructed to remain at their desk.

"Officer R. C. Nelson and a reserve officer were stationed in the hall leading to the jail service windows. The door from the jail to the lobby remained locked and the public used the first window, set at an angle, to conduct jail business.

"Detective Beaty and Lowery remained with the officers during most of the period the parking and prisoner area was closed off. Everyone conducting business at the jail was scrutinized and they did not appear to have legitimate business, they were conducted from the basement.

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"There was little traffic on Main and no one loitering. A large crowd was gathering on Commerce. I had everyone removed from the City Hall side (north) of Commerce to the south side. Sergeant Steele and Reserve Harrison checked the buildings opposite the basement drive for possible snipers.

"The information received from the FBI by Captain Frazier was: two calls from males stated 'one hundred of us will kill Oswald before he gets to the County Jail.' Due to this and the crowds formation I built up my personnel on the Commerce Street side.

"I called Homicide and told Detective Beck of the parking area check and asked if Captain Fritz wanted uniformed officers to proceed and follow the transfer vehicle. He said Captain Fritz was with the prisoner and they would let me know. I prepared three plain and three marked cars to use either type Homicide desired.

"I was contacted by Chief Stevenson and Chief Lumpkin regarding an armored car. I was to back into the drive as far as possible from Commerce. When it arrived two more officers were stationed at the bottom of the Commerce Street ramp with instructions that no one was to pass up or down the ramp after the prisoner passed them. Due to its height, the armored car could only be backed in a short distance.

"Before the arrival of the Armored Car, Chief Lumpkin, Chief Stevenson, and I discussed the route and traffic obstructions. They were reportedly six hundred (600) people around the County Jail. I instructed Sergeant Steele to place a regular officer at each traffic light with his squad car close by. The lead car would flash its lights as they approached and the officer would cut all opposing traffic. After the vehicle passed they were to enter their cars and follow to the County Jail

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"Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cecil E. Talbert
Captain of Police
Patrol Division. "

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