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November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Jack Ruby

Sir:

On Sunday November 24, 1963, I was assigned to down stairs Jail Office by Lt. Wiggins. I had instructions to stay by the phone and to advise the dispatcher when Oswald had been loaded into armor car and was in route to County Jail.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted

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

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Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Sir:

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Jack Ruby

Sir:

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was assigned by Lt. Wiggins to the down stairs Jail Office. I am a police clerk and was following normal duties assigned to me.

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

I did not see the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Respectfully submitted

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

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November 26, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

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

Sir:

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted.

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

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Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

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

Sir:

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lester C. Taylor

Lester C. Taylor

Patrolman #1430

Patrol Division

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November 26, 1963

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

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

G. L. TOLBERT

"Sir:

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

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

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

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

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

"Respectfully submitted,

"/s/ GERALD L. GOLBERT

Gerald L. Golbert

"Patrolman #0473

"Patrol Division

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

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

"Sir:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

"Respectfully submitted,

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

"REV/bb"

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Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Incident involving  
Lee Harvey Oswald

Sir:

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

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

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

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

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

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

"Sir:

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

"Respectfully submitted,

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

Texas

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Dallas Police Dept.

H. J. Wages

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\*November 26, 1963

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

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

\*Sir:

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

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

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

\*Respectfully submitted

*R. A. Watkins*

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

*Texas*

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*Dallas Police Dept.*

DL 44-1639

November 27, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Murder of Lee H. Oswald

Sir:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Respectfully submitted,

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

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

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

"Sir:

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

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

"Respectfully submitted;

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

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/28/63

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

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

*J. A. Putnam*

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

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

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it is possible someone could have yelled without him hearing.

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

Date 11/27/63

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DAVID A. TIMMONS, 900 Marigold Street, <sup>FORT WORTH, TEXAS</sup> advised that he is Producer-Director for WBAP-TV, Channel 5, Fort Worth, and has worked for this station for the past fifteen years.

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

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

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

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

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by Special Agent ROBLEY D. MADLAND and JOSEPH L. SCHOTT:jg Date dictated 11/27/63

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/27/63

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

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

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

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

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

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JOSEPH L. SCHOTT:jj

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/26/63

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

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

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

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 by Special Agent B. TOM CARTER/tjd Date dictated 11/26/63