

November 30, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

Sometime around 11:00 A. M. on November 24, 1963 Captain Frank Martin came into the Juvenile Bureau and asked that Detectives Lowery, Goolsby, Miller, Cutchshaw, Harrison and myself follow him to the City Hall basement. We did so. The basement was crowded with officers, newspaper, radio and television people. We proceeded to the area just outside the basement door that adjoins the parking area. We reported to Captain O. A. Jones who assigned the Detectives where he wanted them.

Shortly after our arrival an armored car backed partially on to the basement ramp on the Commerce Street side. Chief Batchelor, Sergeant P. T. Dean and myself proceeded to search the armored car. Nothing was found. I instructed officers on the Commerce Street exit not to let anyone in or out of the basement until we advised them otherwise.

Sergeant Dean and Chief Batchelor then left me with the armored car. Sergeant Dean returned and said his boss told him to ride inside the truck with the prisoner.

Shortly afterwards an unmarked police car drove on to the ramp from the basement area. This car parked near the jail door entrance on the ramp. I was aware from the excitement of the crowd that Lee Oswald was in sight but could not see anything for the police car between us. Next a shot was heard. I ran down, yelling to the officers not to let anyone out of the basement.

I was advised by someone that Jack Ruby had shot Oswald. In a very short time an ambulance came and removed Oswald.

Just prior to my taking my position on the armored car, I had looked over the crowd carefully that was gathered near the door. I have known Jack Ruby for years but did not see him at that time. This observation was approximately ten minutes before the shooting.

Respectfully,

George Butler
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Lieutenant
Juvenile Bureau