

November 1, 1963

Mr. J. M. Curry  
Chief of Police

Re: Interview of . L. Lowery  
Concerning the Shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald

Sirs:

. L. Lowery was interviewed by Detective W. L. Allen and J. C. Johnson on November 1, 1963. This interview was conducted in the original report dated November 27, 1963. . L. Lowery had this to add:

I would like to give in more detail a report of the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald.

On November 1, 1963, around 2:00 a.m., Chief of Police W. L. Allen and I were on duty in the Police Station on the second floor.

At approximately 11:00 p.m., November 27, 1963, I was called to the second floor with Officer Jones. At that time, there present were Officer Jones, J. J. Harrison, L. L. Lillis, and myself. We went with Captain Martin to the elevator and went to the basement.

As we approached the intersection of my office with the jail, I noticed Patrolman Nelson and he asked for identification from everyone. There were other officers in uniform, possibly reserves and I can't recall their names. Other officers were present at the jail. I believe that they were on duty at the time and were standing by for the first shift. I believe that they were on duty at that time and were on duty at that time.

In the basement, the officers were positioned on both sides of the corridor. In the middle of the corridor, in the center of the corridor, I believe that they were positioned on both sides of the corridor. I believe that they were positioned on both sides of the corridor. I believe that they were positioned on both sides of the corridor.

At this time several other officers took their positions on both sides of corridor from jail of ice door to ramp area.

I believe Captain Jones repeated his instructions to everyone, that he would like officers to form line on both sides of corridor, and also instructing them to remain alert and ready to take their positions at any time. I went into the room and I took up a position at the B corner of the corridor on the right side.

After taking my position, I looked to my left and saw NBC Channel 5  
camera, mounted on tripod with rollers, it appeared that there were  
three men operating the camera. One was later identified as John Alexander,  
7/7/39. I could not see the faces of these three men because they were  
stooped over with hands down as they rolled past me, down a slight de-  
cline, the camera acted as if it wanted to tip over, and I steadied  
the camera with my left hand. They stopped at the bottom of the south  
ramp and I heard one of the men say "We can't get up here." They then  
moved through the line of newsmen on the east side of the ramp.

Two or three minutes later, I heard someone from the jail office say, "Here  
he comes." I looked to my left, toward the jail of ice door, and ob-  
served Lt. Swain appear through jail of ice door. Then approximately  
10 to 12 feet behind Lt. Swain, Captain Fritz appeared. Then approxi-  
mately 5 ft. behind Captain Fritz, I observed Detective Leavelle,  
with Oswald handcuffed to Leavelle's left arm, I also noticed a detec-  
tive on Oswald's left holding Oswald's arm, but didn't notice who the  
detective was at that time.

As Leavelle and his partner along with Oswald, appeared through the  
jail of ice door, the crowd of newsmen moved forward, taking  
pictures and asking questions. "What happened at the accident?" etc.

As Captain Fritz past me, and as Leavelle, his partner, and Oswald  
approached my position, I saw a man lunge from the crowd of newsmen,  
opposite my position. As the man lunged forward extending his right arm,  
and firing a shot at Oswald.

Oswald fell back a step and Leavelle, his partner, fell on the floor.  
At the same instant the man fired the shot, I know Oswald's partner, I know  
Gutshabek and Harrison, rushed to Oswald's side, and took  
the gun from him.

I recognized the man that fired the shot as Jack Ruby. I had not  
noticed Jack Ruby before he fired the shot. I do know Jack Ruby by  
sight as I have never seen him in the City Jail.

I assisted several other officers take Jack Ruby into jail office,  
Oswald was handcuffed. I did not help take him to the jail, I remained  
at the jail of ice door.

I was called to the jail of ice door at approximately 10:00 a.m. in  
regard to the incident.

Respectfully,  
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