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I am a reporter with AFP - 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York - PL 7-6712. This is a group of French and National Press. I arrived in Dallas Friday night, November 22, 1963, following the assassination of President Kennedy. I arrived at the City Hall and attended the interview of Oswald in the basement late that night. I have been asked if I know Jack Ruby. I recall Ike Pappas, another reporter from New York, referring to a person that had brought sandwiches to the press as Jack. I later understood this to be Jack Ruby. To my knowledge I did not see this person Saturday. Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, I entered the basement of the City Hall and was thoroughly checked for my press credentials.

At the time of the shooting I was standing on the east side of the ramp with the two live-TV cameras to my right. I observed Oswald as he was being taken from the Jail Office. I took notice when he turned his head to the left. I also turned and looked in the same direction as Oswald looked and found the person who I now know to be Jack Ruby as he lunged from the crowd and shot Oswald. I carried this story as a lead in my paper that Oswald saw his killer before anyone else.

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Witnessed & sworn to before me this 7th
of December, 1963

Ruby Smith
Notary Public, Dallas, County

RUBY SMITH