

Date 7/22/641

Sergeant JAMES A. PUTNAM, Dallas Police Department, advised that on the morning of November 24, 1963, and prior to the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by JACK RUBY he had accompanied Lieutenant R. S. PIERCE and Sergeant B. J. MAXEY in a Dallas police car from the basement of the City Hall up the north ramp onto Main Street, and then around the building to the ramp exit onto Commerce Street.

Sergeant PUTNAM stated that Lieutenant PIERCE had gone into the parking area in the basement garage, got into the car, stopped on the approach ramp where he, PUTNAM, and MAXEY entered the car. The car moved about four or five feet and then stopped, as there was a large group of photographers and reporters blocking the way of the police car up the north ramp. Sergeant PUTNAM got out of the car and, with the help of two reserve officers, cleared a path through the reporters and photographers and Lieutenant PIERCE drove the car up to a point where he was almost directly in front of two television cameras. Sergeant PUTNAM got back into the car. The television cameras were located in the southwest corner of a parking area in the garage which is bordered on the south side by the approach ramp and on the west side by the main ramp. After getting back into the car, the car proceeded up the ramp to the north entrance and around the building to the ramp exit onto Commerce Street.

Sergeant PUTNAM stated the car did not stop part way up the main ramp to pick up anybody and the only stops it did make were those described above.

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on 7/21/64 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 44-1639
 by Special Agent ROBERT M. BARRETT/eah Date dictated 7/21/64