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State of Texas )  
County of Dallas )  
City of Dallas )

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I George Jefferson Applin Jr. hereby make the following statement to John J. Giuffre, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the United States Secret Service.

George Jefferson Applin Jr. being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

At approximately 12:45pm on November 22, 1963, I entered the Texas Theater on Jefferson Avenue in Dallas. At about 1:45pm, during the introduction of the next movie, the house lights in the theater came on. I was seated on the main floor of the theater about five or six rows down from the back of the theater. I was sitting approximately in the middle of the row which is in the left section of seats as you face the screen.

Just after the lights came on, I noticed a police officer near the front of the theater in the extreme right aisle. The officer appeared to be carrying a pump action shotgun. I then noticed another officer coming down the middle aisle just to the right of where I was sitting as you face the screen. This officer walked to the front of the theater and turned to walk back up the same aisle.

At this point, I left my seat and walked up this same aisle to the back of the theater in order to find out just what was happening. I stood at the aisle at the back of the theater as the officer in the same aisle turned and walked back. I saw the officer approach two men sitting together about three or four rows from the screen. He apparently asked them to stand up, because they did stand up and the officer "shook them down". After this the officer continued up the aisle and approached a man who had been sitting about three or four rows behind me and about three or four seats closer to the middle aisle than I had been sitting.

The officer stopped at the row where this man was sitting and stepped into the row to about the first seat. I heard him say to the man "would you stand up please". The man stood up and the police officer leaned over to "shake him down". At this point the man swung at the policeman with his right hand. The policeman wrestled with him for what appeared to be one or two seconds during which time the officer yelled "here he is". The next thing I knew was that one of the two had a pistol in his right hand. After I first saw the pistol, the man and the officer wrestled for about another three seconds during which time I heard the pistol click one time. After the brief scuffle, about four other police officers came and subdued the man. The officers then took him to the extreme left aisle as you face the screen and out the theater door.

I have been given an opportunity to make changes and corrections in this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of December 1963 George Jefferson Applin Jr.

Witnessed

[Signature]  
Spec. Agt. L. S. P. S.

[Signature]  
John J. Giuffre, Special Agent

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