

Slaying of Oswald

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A special investigative team picked by the top command of the Dallas police department is conducting the closed door inquiry into the question of how Jack Ruby sneaked past guards to shoot Lee Harvey Oswald.

The interrogation is not being limited to officers present in the City Hall basement when Oswald, being transferred to county jail on charges of murdering President Kennedy, was shot down by Ruby a week ago Sunday. Other officers, in the uniform and plain-clothes divisions, told Saturday of being summoned for questioning although they played no part in the security measures.

Officers not directly connected with the inquiry also heard reports that some quizzes were being conducted on lie detector machines.

But police officials handling the interrogation maintained strict silence on all aspects of the probe. Assistant Police Chief Charles Batchelor, highest official available Saturday, also declined comment on Ruby's claim—relayed to reporters Friday by his defense lawyer—that he entered the basement by "simply" walking past two officers guarding the Main Street entrance.

Attorney Tom Howard quoted Ruby as saying the officers were engaged in a conversation and let him past unchallenged.

Ruby carried with him a .38 caliber revolver which he used to fire a single fatal shot into Oswald as the accused assassin was being escorted to an unmarked police car for the ride to county jail.

Another point special investigators reportedly sought to establish was: Did Ruby get through security with the aid of a press card?

Although Police Chief Jesse Curry was absent, the offices of his aides were scenes of frequent conferences Saturday. Policemen of all ranks came and went throughout the day.

Police stenographers and typists were told to stand by for overtime work Sunday.