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Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Apprehension of suspect in the Death of the President of the United States and Officer J. D. Tippit

Sir:

At 1:18 P. M., Friday, November 22, 1963, Sergeant C. B. Owens and Sergeant G. L. Hill were at Elm and Houston Streets, investigating the shooting of the President, when we received information via the police radio that an officer had been shot in Oak Cliff.

Sergeant Owens and Sergeant Hill responded to this call, Code Three, and on arrival at the 400 block of E. Tenth, we found Police Unit No. 10 sitting against the South curb of Tenth Street. There was a pool of blood about two feet north of the squad car in the street.

We contacted several witnesses and after obtaining a description of the suspect as a white male, 25-30, 165 pounds, bushy hair, 5'6", wearing a white jacket, white shirt and dark trousers, a search of the area was started. The steps of the suspect were traced through witnesses to two large houses in the 400 block of E. Jefferson. At this point, Sergeant Owens called for additional help to cover off and search the buildings. Several officers responded to this call, and the buildings were shaken down without results. About this time, information was received that the suspect was seen at the Oak Cliff Branch Library at Marsalis and Jefferson. Officers T. A. Hutson, M. N. McDonald, Ray Hawkins, and C. T. Walker and Bob Carroll and K. E. Lyons were among the officers that responded to this call and others for additional manpower.

Minutes later, we received information that the suspect was in the Texas Theater. Several officers answered the call, and in the process of checking the occupants of the theater, Officer McDonald approached the center section on the main row from the back. As he started to search another suspect, he observed the arrested party sitting in the third seat. As he approached this suspect the suspect said, "This is it!", and sprang from the seat.

Officer McDonald began to grapple with the suspect and the suspect got his hand on a gun that was stuck inside his shirt. As the officer and the suspect wrestled for the gun, the suspect pulled the trigger once and the gun snapped, but did not fire. Officers Carroll, Hutson, Walker, Hawkins, Hill, Sgt. H. H. Stringer, Captain W. R. Westbrook, and F.B.I. Agent Bob Barrett, Paul Bentley and others aided in the arrest; and, after a struggle in which the suspect resisted violently he was disarmed and handcuffed.

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File by McDonald & Westing pistol from Oswald

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Officers Carroll, Lyons, Hill, Bentley and Walker escorted the suspect from the scene to a squad car and brought him to the Homicide and Robbery Bureau.

Officer McDonald, Detective Carroll and Sergeant Hill handled the gun, in that order; and, it was released by Sergeant Hill to Detective Baker of Homicide and Robbery. During the fight with the suspect, Officer McDonald was struck in the nose and scratched on the left cheek by the suspect.

Detective Bentley received a severe sprain to the right ankle and required treatment at Baylor Emergency; and, Officer K. E. Lyons received a severe sprain to his left ankle and required treatment at Baylor Emergency.

The suspect, later identified as Lee H. Oswald, w/m/24, was released by arresting officers to Captain J. W. Fritz of the Homicide Bureau. The pistol and six shells recovered from the suspect at the time of arrest were marked as evidence before they were released to Homicide and Robbery.

During the arrest of the suspect, he received several scratches about the face and an abrasion and swelling about the left eye. (Offense No. 85827)

Respectfully submitted,

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