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Detective W. J. Lowery, Identity No. 1081, Juvenile Bureau, Criminal Investigation Division, Dallas Police Department, residence 383 West Church, Dallas, was informed of interviewing Agents' identities; that he did not have to talk to Agents; that anything he said could be used against him in a court of law, and that he had a right to consult an attorney. LOWERY related the following:

On November 24, 1963, Chief STEVENSON, Head of the Criminal Intelligence Division, came in the Juvenile Bureau at about 8:30 AM and told everyone present to standby from 9:00 AM. At about 11:10 AM, Captain FRANK MARTIN, Head of the Juvenile Bureau, ordered all officers in the Juvenile Bureau to the basement. They all went down to the basement. The contingent from the Juvenile Bureau consisted of Captain MARTIN; Lieutenant GEORGE BUTLER; Detective W. J. CUTCHEAW; Detective L. D. MILLER; Detective CHARLES COOLSBY; Patrolman W. J. HARRISON, and himself, LOWERY. As they passed down the corridor near the entrance to the jail office in the basement, they were checked through by Patrolman NELSON. After standing there for a few moments, Captain JONES called everyone to attention and stated he wanted the press to stand back in an area near the base of the exit ramp near the jail door. This area was a parking space enclosed within a low railing and could be described as an extension of the corridor leading by the jail office door. Captain JONES then told the officers that he wanted them to line both sides of the hallway and ramp and to hold the press back. He, LOWERY, stationed himself at the intersection of the hall to the jail office and the Commerce Street exit ramp, on the southwest corner. He observed a large armored truck which had been backed part way down the Commerce Street exit ramp and saw Lieutenant GEORGE BUTLER through the open doors of the truck cleaning it out. There were six or eight officers, both uniform and plain-clothesmen standing around the truck.

He remembered that Detective COMBEST was standing immediately to his, LOWERY's, left, and Detective B. L. BEATY was next to COMBEST. Patrolman W. J. HARRISON was standing diagonally across the corridor from LOWERY in the other line of police officers on the opposite side. This would have been at the northeast corner of where the ramp and

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