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BUFORD LEE BEATY, Detective, Narcotics Section, Dallas Police Department, residence 404 Freeman, Dallas, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, and that he need not make any statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised of his right to an attorney. He furnished the following information:

On November 24, 1963, he started work at approximately 8:00 AM, which was his regular Sunday shift. From his arrival at the Police Department to approximately 9:30 AM, he was in his assigned office doing paper work. He then went down to the basement of the Police Department, where Captain TALBERT requested him to watch an individual of apparent Hungarian origin who was allegedly in the basement attempting to secure the release of two of his employees.

About 10:00 AM, Captain O. A. JONES passed by and requested that he wait by the jail elevator and meet the contingent of detectives from the third floor who were coming down to aid in the transfer of OSWALD and have them remain at the elevator for assignments. At approximately 10:10 AM, Captain JONES instructed the detectives to form a double line along the walls of the anteway and into the far side of the garage. Captain JONES also asked the press not to ask questions of OSWALD.

To his recollection, a Patrolman NELSON and one reserve policeman were in the basement on the other side of the double doors from the garage checking everyone who entered. After the double line was formed, only one TV cameraman was allowed through the double doors from the basement interior.

Around 11:30 AM, OSWALD was brought down in the elevator and passed through the line of officers, preceded by Lieut. R. E. SWAIN and Captain WILL FRITZ. Detectives J. R. LEAVELLE and L. C. GRAVES were on either side of OSWALD and Detective L. D. MONTGOMERY immediately behind OSWALD.

When OSWALD entered the driveway area of the basement, the members of the press surged forward and someone yelled for OSWALD to make a statement. At this time BEATY leaned slightly forward and looked around at the group of pressmen, anticipating having to move forward to keep the crowd back. He heard a shot and looked in time

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