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Sergeant PATRICK T. DEAN, Patrol Division, Police Department, Dallas, Texas, residence address 2822 Nicholson Drive, Dallas, furnished the following information:

DEAN was in an off-duty status on Friday, November 22, 1963, and Saturday, November 23, 1963. He returned to duty on the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift on November 24, 1963, and was stationed at Central Headquarters. On the morning of November 24, 1963, DEAN had no assignment prior to 9:00 AM and spent the time from 7:00 to 9:00 moving around the police building familiarizing himself with activities in the police building.

At 9:00 AM, DEAN received instructions from his superior officer, Lieutenant R. S. PIERCE of the Patrol Division to contact a group of men and thoroughly search the garage portion of the basement in the Police and Courts Building. At the time he received this assignment no mention was made of the exact time that prisoner LEE HARVEY OSWALD was to be removed from the city jail to the custody of the County Sheriff's Office. DEAN took his group consisting of Sergeant J. A. PUTNAM, and 13 reserve police officers headed by Captain ARNETT of the police reserves. DEAN does not recall the identity of these 13 reserve police officers since they are not regular police officers and he has little contact with them. Included in this group also were Officers A. R. BROCK and L. E. JEZ.

At approximately 9:30 AM, this group began searching the basement area and searched the entire basement, including looking into the approximately 35 to 40 cars that were parked in the garage at that time and also checking the trunk compartment of each car to see that it was securely locked. DEAN instructed this group of officers to check all doors leading into the basement to see that they were locked and if they were not locked, to let Sergeant DEAN know. These officers also checked the area above the air-conditioner and heat ducts located in the basement.

DEAN recalled that before starting the search of the basement he assigned Officer B. G. PATTERSON to stand at the Commerce Street ramp leading to the basement and Officer R. E. VAUGHN to stand at the exit ramp on the Main Street side of the building. Officer R. C. NELSON was stationed at the door entering

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 by Special Agent PAUL L. SCOTT :lp Date dictated 12/2/63
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