

This is a memorandum of an off-the-record interview which was had with Sgt. Patrick T. Dean of the Dallas Police Department by Burt W. Griffin on March 24, 1964 at approximately 11:00 p.m. and lasting for about 20 minutes.

Just immediately before I began to speak to Sgt. Dean concerning a movie film which he said was being sent to him from Canada, I excused the court reporter from the room and told Sgt. Dean that I did not believe two aspects of his testimony: 1) that Ruby had told him that he planned to shoot Oswald when he saw him in the show-up room on November 22, and 2) that Ruby told him that he had come down the Main Street ramp. I explained to Dean that the work of the Commission was of the highest importance from the standpoint of national security, that I felt that if he had a statement to make to the Commission which was more truthful than the one which he made that every effort would be made to give him the kind of protection that was necessary in order to permit him to correct that statement. He did not respond for some time and then looked at me and told me that everything that he had told me was the truth and he just couldn't understand why I didn't believe him. He asked me why I didn't believe him and I declined to tell him but I said that I had read enough of the file that I felt what he was telling me was probably not true and that I didn't care to discuss this at length with him but I would like him to keep this in mind. This conversation lasted along this line for about 10 or 15 minutes, and then he finally stated to me that he couldn't understand exactly what I was driving at but that he wanted to assure me that he had made every effort to be truthful and help the Commission, in fact, even last night he had located this man in Canada who purported to have this movie film taken from the Southwest corner of the plaza in front of the Texas School Book Depository pointing toward the Texas School Book Depository with a wide angle lens which he was sure took in the Texas School Book Depository. We then went on the record and the testimony follows.