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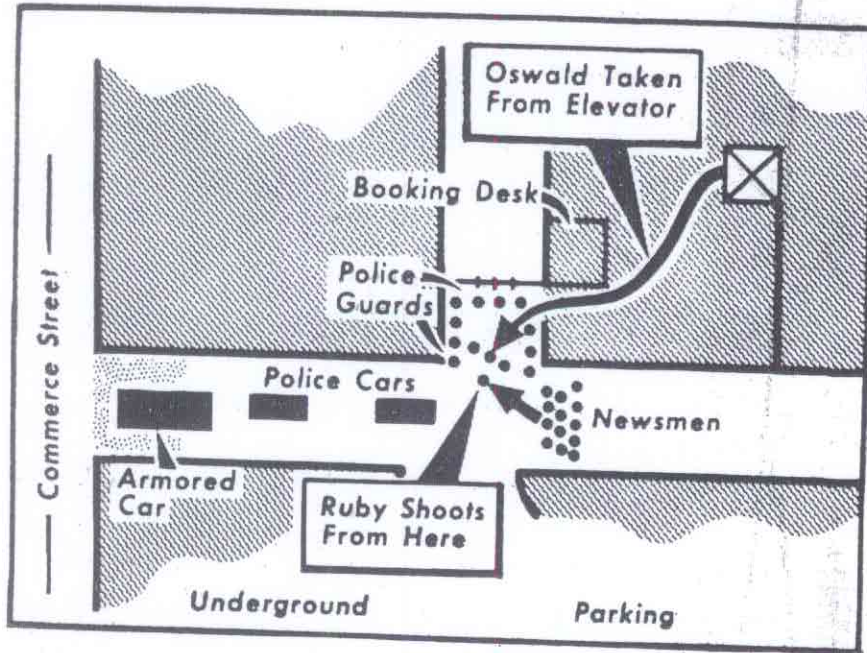


Diagram shows location of basement ramp area where Lee Oswald was killed A. P. Wirephoto

**'I Saw Jack Ruby...'**

# Eyewitness Story

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(As told to the Associated Press)

Dallas

I was standing at a corner of the ramp as they led Lee Oswald out of the building, and then I saw Jack Ruby and I knew what he was going to do.

I yelled, "Jack, you son-of-a-bitch."

I tried to reach him but I couldn't get to him. He rushed right up to Oswald and put the gun flat against his chest. And I saw a flash of fire.

I think Ruby did what he was planning on doing all this time since the President was killed. He didn't say anything

as he was carried out—I think he'd already accomplished his purpose.

One of his employees had called me earlier and told me Ruby felt a sense of shame for Dallas. A lot of us knew him because of the business he was in—running a strip joint.

I helped carry Oswald to the jail basement office. Someone said, "What do you want to do with him?" And I heard someone answer, "Well, let's get him out of here fast."

I think the city jail physician said the bullet

went in at a slant but did not come out the other side — that it entered his left side and you could feel it under the skin on the opposite side.

I think the gun was a .38 caliber blue steel snub-nose. Ruby pushed it right up against him.

Ruby must have climbed over the railing to get into the crowd. I didn't see him go over the railing — the first I saw was when he rushed forward.

Oswald had a powder burn about as big as a fist on his sweater.