

Dallas, Nov. 25 (AP) - Dallas City Manager Elgin Crull expressed confidence today in Police Chief Jesse Curry.

Curry told reporters in answer to questions that he has no intention of resigning. "I have done the best I can," he said.

Crull told newsmen that if Curry were to resign the resignation would not be accepted.

"It makes you feel good when your officials have confidence in you," said Curry when told of Crull's statement.

Dallas, Nov. 25 (AP) - City Manager Elgin Crull paid Police Chief Jesse Curry a personal call this morning to reassure the Chief of his confidence in him.

The City Manager's visit came as Mayor Earle Cabell also expressed confidence in Chief Curry and said he had done everything possible to guard against an attack on Lee Harvey Oswald.

Despite security precautions, the man accused of assassinating President Kennedy was killed in the basement of the Dallas City Hall yesterday by night club operator Jack Ruby.

After talking with the Police Chief, Crull said he merely wanted to reassure the Chief, who he said administers one of the best police departments in the country.

"Obviously security broke down," the City Manager said, "but I don't know how serious the situation was. Any investigation will be conducted by Chief Curry."

Crull said Curry "is not disheartened. He is discouraged and worn as everybody is."

Curry expressed the view that he had done his best to avoid trouble on the transfer of Oswald to the county jail.

"I don't have anything to say except what I've said before," Chief Curry said when asked for a statement on criticism of his department's security arrangements. "We've done our best and it's easy to criticize."

Earlier the City Manager had said Curry had not offered to resign, and that if he did, his resignation would not be accepted.

At the center of the controversy over police precautions on the transfer was the question of just how Ruby was able to remain with reporters and law officers in the basement of the city hall as Oswald was being led out to an armored car.

Ruby had made himself well known to police and reporters. He could call some by name, and was able to accompany them to the basement of city hall from where Oswald was to be placed in an armored car for the transfer.

Ruby had been in City Hall police press facilities often since the President was assassinated.

City Manager Elgin Crull said "We now have good evidence that Ruby got into the basement by helping to move one of the heavy television cameras."

He added, "As far as I can see, the Police Department did all it could to protect Oswald except to clear everyone out of the area. I can't see what more could have been done without moving all reporters and photographers out of there and I don't think that would have been right."