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REPORT ON OFFICER'S DUTIES IN REGARDS TO OSWALD'S MURDER

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C. N. DWORITZ - #176

Friday, November 22, 1963, I was on day off. I was called by Lt. T. P. Wells at 1:30 PM to come back to work, that the President had been killed. I got to work at 2:00 PM. I worked in the office answering telephone calls until 3:30 PM. At this time I received information from Lt. Wells that Mrs. Glenn S. Holcomb, 1000 Gilpin, FE 7-2488, had received a telephone call, and a woman said, "Repeat and report the information you heard. It ties in with what just happened." Mrs. Holcomb asked the woman what number she was calling, and she said FL 7-2488. This number was listed to Phillip Oliver, 5350 Surry Circle. I talked with Mrs. Oliver, who is a part time model. She said Mrs. Erma Austin, 1620 Cypress, BL 4-7998, had called her and was the woman who got the wrong number. The information that Mrs. Oliver gave to Mrs. Austin was as follows: Thursday, November 21, 1963, Mrs. Oliver called Mrs. Austin at BL 4-7998 and evidently was cut into a conversation that was going on between two men. They were talking about demanding some time from Governor Connally and Vice President Johnson to hear their side on a bond hearing or rezoning of property. Mrs. Oliver heard the name John Slaughter used and believed it to be one of the men that was talking. Mrs. Oliver made her call again to Mrs. Austin and told her what she had just heard. I returned to the office and worked in the office answering the telephone. About 6:00 PM, Lt. Wells gave C. W. Brown and myself information that Mr. C. J. Mc Watters was driving Piedmont Bus and was due at Commerce and Harwood at 6:15 PM. We met Mr. Mc Watters and carried him to the Detail Room. At 6:30 PM, Mr. Mc Watters made identification of Oswald as #2 man in four man line up. Mr. Mc Watter

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gave me an affidavit in the Homicide Office and identified the transfer that he had given Oswald positively.

About 9:00 PM, Capt. J. W. Fritz gave me three spent 6.5 rifle shells and advised me to take them to the Crime Lab to Lt. Day and return one of them back to him. Lt. Day examined all the shells for prints and put one in an envelope that I returned to Capt. Fritz. While I was at the Crime Lab., Lt. Day showed me the 6.5 rifle, and I wrote a description from the rifle. I returned to the office and was in Capt. Fritz's office when Det. J. B. Hicks, and Pete Barnes made paraffin cast of Lee Harvey Oswald's hands and face. I got off duty about 2:00 AM, November 23, 1963.

I returned to duty November 23, 1963, 9:45 PM and worked in the office answering telephone calls. At 2:15 PM I was present in the Assembly Room when cab driver, William W. Whaley, 619 Pine Street, Lewisville, Texas, identified Lee Harvey Oswald as the man he picked up at the Greyhound Bus Station, November 22, 1963, about 1:00 PM and carried to the 500 Block of North Beckley. Mr. Whaley identified Lee Harvey Oswald as #3 man in four man line up. Mr. Whaley came up to the third floor and gave an affidavit in the Auto Theft Office. Bill Alexander, Assistant District Attorney, was present at the show up, and when Mr. Whaley gave affidavit. Det. C. W. Brown and myself returned Mr. Whaley to 610 South Akard, and then took Bill Alexander to the District Attorney's office.

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REPORT ON OFFICER'S DUTIES IN REGARDS TO TIPPIT'S MURDER

C. W. BROWN - #476

November 22, 1963, about 7:00 PM, Lt. T. P. Wells gave Det. C. W. Brown and myself information that Mrs. Virginia Davis, 400 East 10th, WH 3-8120, had found an empty .38 shell in her front yard. We went to her house and talked with her and her sister, Jeanette Davis, of the same address. We brought both of the women to the Detail Room of the Police Department, where they identified Lee Harvey Oswald as the man they saw walking across their front yard unloading his pistol after they had heard shots and saw the officer had been shot. They identified Lee Harvey Oswald as the #2 man in the line. We brought the Davis women to Homicide office where they gave affidavits. I took an affidavit from Virginia Davis, and Det. Brown took affidavit from Jeanette Davis. The spent .38 shell that Virginia Davis gave me was submitted to Lt. J. C. Day in the Crime Lab. We carried these women back to their home.

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Special Agents ALLAN D. BRAY and RAYMOND P. YELCHAK physically observed the 2-story, red brick apartment building located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Elsbeth and Davis on Elsbeth Street. This location was the place previously described by Mr. GARY E. TAYLOR as the place where he moved LEE and MARINA OSWALD into sometime during the early part or possibly the middle of October 1962. The address of the above-described building was noted to be 602-604 Elsbeth Street.

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police*11-30-63*"Subject: Shooting of Lee
Harvey Oswald

"Sir:

"On Sunday, November 24, 1963, I was working regular hours of 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. in the Special Service Bureau, Vice Section.

"At approximately 10:50 A.M., I was in the basement of City Hall near the jail office. I was engaged in conversation with Detective B. L. Beaty and Officer J. D. Hutchinson. We were approached by Captain O. A. Jones. Captain Jones told us to remain in the basement near the jail office. He further stated that all the other available officers in City Hall would be down into the basement soon.

"I overheard Sergeant J. A. Putnam reiterate his orders to the officer and the reserve officer working the passageway leading out of the basement into the parking basement. He stated very emphatically to the officer that no one but police and press members with press passes were to be admitted to the parking basement.

"A short time later several officers and detectives came down from upstairs. Captain Jones took all officers out into the passageway just outside the jail office. He told all of us that we were to form a line on each side of the passageway in order to make a lane for the prisoner Oswald to be escorted. He told some officers to get all the newsmen out of the jail office booking room. He then cleared the passageway immediately outside the jail office. At this time Sergeant J. A. Putnam asked all the newsmen to move to the far side of the driveway, this being the side across from the jail office. Captain Jones then told officers to keep the lines that we had and for officers to fall in behind and to keep newsmen from rushing in.

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"Beside the above listed officers, other officers that I remember to be in the basement were:

"R.L. Lowery #1081, Chief M. W. Stevenson #16, T.D. McMillon #1349, W.E. Chambers #1087, Sgt. P.T. Dean #882, L.D. Montgomery #1047, J.R. Leavelle #736, L.C. Graves #702, C.N. Dhority #476, Charles Goolsby #1141, W.J. Harris #579, L.D. Miller #1236, Cpt. M. Martin #397,

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"W. J. Cutchshaw #1111, Cpt. C.E. Talbert #463, Lt.
W. L. Wiggins #434, Chief Chas. Batchelor #11, Lt.
G. E. Butler #51, Lt. R. E. Swain #531, C. W.
Brown #759, Capt. J.W. Fritz #9.

"I did not observe anyone that I knew who did not
belong in the basement. Everyone that I saw were either
police or people I thought to be newsmen. I did not observe
Jack Ruby until just seconds before the shooting.

"Respectfully submitted,

/s/ B. H. Combest #1148
Detective, Vice Section
Special Service Bureau"

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Detective E. R. BECK, 2242 Tealford, Dallas, Texas, Homicide and Robbery Bureau, Dallas Police Department, advised that he left the Homicide and Robbery Bureau, Dallas Police Department, about 11 a.m., November 24, 1963 for the purpose of going to the basement to get the cars into position for transportation of LEE HARVEY OSWALD to the County Jail.

At approximately 11:20 a.m., C. N. DHORITY was in the process of backing the transportation car into position on the ramp in the basement of the City Hall, which car OSWALD was to be transported in.

BECK stated that Detective C. W. BROWN, Homicide and Robbery Bureau was on the ramp in a lead car and that he, BECK, was in the process of telling BROWN to back up a little when he heard a shot fired. BECK stated that he did not see OSWALD or RUBY at the time of the shot. BECK added that numerous uniform officers and detectives were stationed in the ramp area along with news and television media at the time.

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Detective CHARLES N. DHORITY of the Dallas Police Department and who resides at 2110 Dally Castle, Dallas, Texas, telephone number DA 1-0828, was interviewed at which time he was advised that he need not make any statement concerning this matter and that any statement he did make could later be used against him in a court of law. He was advised that no threats or promises would be made to him to induce him to make a statement. He was advised of his right to consult an attorney prior to giving any statement.

He advised he is a Detective assigned to the Homicide Section of the Dallas Police Department and was working his regular duty schedule on November 24, 1963. Detective DHORITY stated that at approximately 9:30 AM on November 24, 1963, and under the direction of Captain FRITZ, he and Detective L. C. GRAVES, who is also a Detective with the Dallas Police Department, were directed to go to the fifth floor of the City Hall and bring LEE HARVEY OSWALD to Captain FRITZ's office for purposes of interview. He stated that he and Detective GRAVES immediately brought OSWALD to Captain FRITZ's office where OSWALD was thereafter interrogated by Captain FRITZ, Mr. KELLY of the Secret Service, Mr. SORRELS also of the Secret Service and Mr. HOLMES of the Postal Department. Detective DHORITY advised that he could not be sure of the exact length of time that OSWALD was interviewed but estimated that the interview was completed at approximately 11:10 AM this same day. At the end of the interrogation, Captain FRITZ gave Detective DHORITY the keys to his car and directed him to park the car along the door of the Jail Office which is located on the basement level of City Hall. Immediately thereafter, Detective DHORITY proceeded to the basement and unlocked Captain FRITZ's car and thereafter parked the vehicle in the driveway located a short distance from the basement exit near the Jail Office. Detective DHORITY stated that he could recall a plain black police car that was parked in front of him but was unable to recognize the officers who accompanied that particular car. During his observation, he noticed that the plain black police car was driven up the ramp to the Main Street exit. Detective DHORITY related that as he backed Captain FRITZ's car in front of the Jail Office exit, he was having considerable

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trouble getting through the news reporters that had jammed the ramp driveway. He stated that he had no idea of the number of newsmen and cameramen in the area at that particular time, but estimated that the number would exceed 50. As he was backing the car up to the exit, Detective DHORITY turned around in the seat of his vehicle so as to avoid running over or hitting any of the reporters in the area. Immediately thereafter, he observed Captain FRITZ departing the Jail door followed by Detective J. R. LEAVELLE who he believed was at that time handcuffed to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated that they proceeded to walk with OSWALD toward the car and shortly thereafter Captain FRITZ opened the right rear door of the car so as OSWALD could be placed in the rear seat. Detective DHORITY stated that he could not be sure of the exact time he noticed a man move quickly across the right rear of the car, proceed toward OSWALD and thereafter observed this individual shoot LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated that he recognized this particular individual as being JACK RUBY, a man whom he had seen a few times during the previous years in Dallas. He stated that shortly after RUBY had shot OSWALD, Detective GRAVES grabbed the pistol from RUBY's hand and a group of individuals immediately congregated in the area blocking his view. After realizing what had happened, Detective DHORITY departed the police car and proceeded to the Jail Office where OSWALD was being taken. Upon his arrival in the Jail Office, Detective DHORITY was directed by Captain FRITZ to return to the ramp area and have the supervisor officer to obtain the names of all individuals in and around the basement area. He stated that he gave this particular message to Captain C. E. TALBERT and thereafter proceeded to Captain FRITZ's car so he could remove it from the ramp driveway. Shortly thereafter, Detective DHORITY observed an ambulance drive into the basement area for purposes of transporting OSWALD to the Parkland Hospital.

Shortly thereafter, exact time he could not recall, he was directed to proceed to the Parkland Hospital where he was to stand by for further orders. He stated he stayed at the Parkland Hospital until LEE HARVEY OSWALD was pronounced dead. After receiving information that OSWALD was dead, he and Detective C. W. BROWN accompanied OSWALD's body to the Morgue where they waited until Dr. EARL ROSE made his preliminary pictures of the body prior to the autopsy. Detective DHORITY advised that he turned over OSWALD's clothing to Dr. EARL ROSE and thereafter returned to the Homicide Office in the City Hall at approximately 5:30 PM.

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Detective DHORITY stated that he never personally met JACK RUBY, either socially or in connection with any type of business and for this reason knows very little concerning RUBY's background. He related that JACK RUBY had been pointed out to him on several occasions, but could not recall ever having engaged in any type of conversation with him. He stated that he was aware of the fact that RUBY was a night club owner and had heard through conversation around the police department that he, RUBY, was the owner of the Carousel and the Vegas Club, both described as being local night clubs.

In regard to RUBY's presence at the Police Department prior to the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Detective DHORITY stated that JOHNNY RUTLEDGE, a police reporter, had advised him that RUBY was seen at Police Headquarters prior to the shooting on November 24, 1963. He stated that he had heard this information only in a passing conversation and he could offer no personal knowledge that RUBY may have been in the area prior to the shooting.

In regard to the number and identity of the individuals present in the basement of the City Hall prior to the shooting of OSWALD, Detective DHORITY stated that he observed several newsmen, cameramen and policemen estimating that the number of people would exceed 100. He added that he did not see anyone other than those connected in an official capacity.

In regard to any type of security, Detective DHORITY advised that he was not personally aware of the security measures that were to be taken concerning OSWALD's transfer but was under the impression that only those individuals connected in an official capacity were to be present during the transfer of OSWALD. He knew of no one that was allowed to enter the building other than cameramen, newsmen and police officers assigned to that specific detail.

Detective DHORITY further advised that he is not aware nor has he heard of any information that would associate RUBY with OSWALD in any manner. He could offer no information in regards to who may have talked with RUBY either before OSWALD was shot or after.

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Detective DHORITY said that he had made a statement concerning this matter and that it was directed to the Chief of Police of the Dallas Police Department. He advised that the information he had given during this interview was essentially the same information that was set forth in the statement.

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Detective DHORITY stated that he never personally met JACK RUBY, either socially or in connection with any type of business and for this reason knows very little concerning RUBY's background. He related that JACK RUBY had been pointed out to him on several occasions, but could not recall ever having engaged in any type of conversation with him. He stated that he was aware of the fact that RUBY was a night club owner and had heard through conversation around the police department that he, RUBY, was the owner of the Carousel and the Vegas Club, both described as being local night clubs.

In regard to RUBY's presence at the Police Department prior to the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Detective DHORITY stated that JOHNNY RUTLEDGE, a police reporter, had advised him that RUBY was seen at Police Headquarters prior to the shooting on November 24, 1963. He stated that he had heard this information only in a passing conversation and he could offer no personal knowledge that RUBY may have been in the area prior to the shooting.

In regard to the number and identity of the individuals present in the basement of the City Hall prior to the shooting of OSWALD, Detective DHORITY stated that he observed several newsmen, cameramen and policemen estimating that the number of people would exceed 100. He added that he did not see anyone other than those connected in an official capacity.

In regard to any type of security, Detective DHORITY advised that he was not personally aware of the security measures that were to be taken concerning OSWALD's transfer but was under the impression that only those individuals connected in an official capacity were to be present during the transfer of OSWALD. He knew of no one that was allowed to enter the building other than cameramen, newsmen and police officers assigned to that specific detail.

Detective DHORITY further advised that he is not aware nor has he heard of any information that would associate RUBY with OSWALD in any manner. He could offer no information in regards to who may have talked with RUBY either before OSWALD was shot or after.

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Detective DHORITY said that he had made a statement concerning this matter and that it was directed to the Chief of Police of the Dallas Police Department. He advised that the information he had given during this interview was essentially the same information that was set forth in the statement.

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Captain CECIL E. TALBERT, Patrol Division, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, was interviewed at his place of residence, 1211 Toltec, Dallas, Texas, at which time he furnished the following information pertaining to November 24, 1963, the day that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot in the basement of the City Hall:

He advised that on November 24, 1963, he reported at the Dallas Police Headquarters which is located in City Hall for his regularly scheduled duty. It was on or around 9:00 a.m., that morning, acting on his own behalf, he began to make some arrangements for the transfer of OSWALD. Although Captain TALBERT was not completely aware of all the specific details concerning the transfer of OSWALD from the City Jail to the County Jail, he decided that he would begin to initiate his plan of coverage for the transfer. His first step along this line came at approximately 9:00 a.m., when he began to discuss the coverage and security of the transfer with Lt. R. S. PIERCE, who he identified as being commander of Central Headquarters Division Area. After a brief discussion, Capt. TALBERT directed Lt. PIERCE to call in 3 squads from their district assignments from the three different stations and to take four individuals from headquarters station. His plan was to obtain at least two men from each squad at this time. The original plan and the plan that was put into effect was that the police officers being made available for the transfer were to report to Central Station with the squad cars parked in the immediate area in case the cars were needed. All officers were to report and have their cars parked in position prior to 9:30 a.m., that morning. Although he could not be positive Capt. TALBERT was quite sure that the majority of officers involved were available by 9:30 a.m., barring a few individuals who may have been a little late. In regard to this plan, Capt. TALBERT advised that he obtained a total of 19 patrolmen and identified these individuals as follows:

M. L. WISE
 A. R. BROCK
 L. G. TAYLOR
 B. G. PATTERSON
 I. E. JEZ
 R. E. VAUGHN

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 J. RAZ
 K. K. ANDERSON
 F. L. PATE
 R. C. NELSON
 H. J. WAGES
 J. R. GREGORY
 L. L. FOX

In addition to the foregoing individuals, Capt. TALBERT identified the following listed individuals as supervisors who would assist in the control of the transfer of LEE HARVEY OSWALD:

Lt. PIERCE
 Sgt. P. T. DEAN
 Sgt. PUTNAM
 Sgt. STEELE
 Lt. WIGGINS

Capt. TALBERT went on to say that although he had not been briefed on all the aspects of the transfer, he had learned that the transfer route was originally planned from the basement level of city hall, out the ramp way to Commerce Street, up Commerce over to Main, and directly down to the county jail. Capt. TALBERT later learned that the route was being changed and that the second plan was to transfer OSWALD by means of the armored car from the Dalls Police Department basement level, up Commerce to North Central Expressway to Elm Street, left on Elm Street to Houston Street, and left one block to the Dallas County Jail. Capt. TALBERT stated that he had originally based his coverage of the transfer on the original route but later changed a few men to cover the second planned route.

Capt. TALBERT continued to say that Lt. PIERCE instructed one of his supervisors, Sgt. P. T. DEAN, to check all the entrances and exits leading from the basement level of city hall to assure that all personnel, other than authorized individuals, were cleared from the immediate area. He added at this time that there were no reserve officers utilized in the basement of the police building and that specific arrangements were made to check the vicinity of the basement. In regard to this, Capt. TALBERT stated

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that he had two of his supervisors search the immediate area on the basement level of city hall and that the two supervisors in charge of this were Sgt. PUTNAM and Sgt. P. T. DEAN. Although he could not recall the exact time, Capt. TALBERT stated he had discussed the search of the area with the two supervisors prior to the transfer. At the time of their discussion he could recall both DEAN and PUTNAM had advised him that the search included the cars, trunks of cars, tops of pipes, entrances and exits, were all checked with negative results. Nothing unusual was found during the check and he could recall being satisfied with the area search. Capt. TALBERT went on to say that he personally checked the doors leading off the basement level to insure that they were all locked.

In regard to other security measures that were taken by Capt. TALBERT he stated that the city basement elevators of which there are two, were both "shut off" and this was done by means of a key. He explained this by saying that the elevators were adjusted so that they could not be operated below the level of the first floor of city hall. The service elevator which has an operator, was instructed not to pass the level of the first floor. Capt. TALBERT stated he could not recall the name of this particular operator, but felt it was something like "MITCHELL" or "MICHAEL." In regard to this, all city hall employees who were not police officers were cleared from the area including the parking attendant, whose nickname he could recall as being "KING." He could recall that "KING" was sent to the first floor prior to 10:00 a.m. that morning.

After the search had been conducted and the area cleared of all individuals other than authorized, Capt. TALBERT personally continued to check the area to include the Commerce Street exit leading from the basement area. He explained that the authorized personnel were those police officers who were to assist in the transfer as well as all news personnel who presented proper credentials. Capt. TALBERT could recall that during the course of the morning two news individuals were brought to him because they did not have press credentials. After a check of these two individuals, he determined that both were authorized newsmen and were permitted to stay on. He added that this check of news media representatives was one of several that was conducted during the morning hours prior to transfer of OSWALD.

Capt. TALBERT further advised that during the morning hours, prior to the transfer, he could recall that regular business was being carried on at the jail office. All individuals

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conducting business at the jail office were checked and if it appeared that they were authorized they were allowed to complete their business. He could specifically state that the jail office business was light that morning and very few individuals were actually conducting business. He could not recall if this business was being carried on at the time of OSWALD's transfer.

Prior to the transfer, exact time he could not recall, Capt. TALBERT telephonically contacted the Homicide Section and advised Detective BECK that the parking area was checked and if Capt. FRITZ would desire to have uniformed officers proceed and follow the transfer vehicle which he still believed was to be the armored car. He was told that Capt. FRITZ was still interviewing OSWALD and that if anything was needed along this line he would contact him. Immediately thereafter, Capt. TALBERT prepared three plain police cars and three marked cars for the purpose of escort if desired. Subsequently, Chief STEVENSON and Chief LUMPKIN contacted Capt. TALBERT and advised that the armored car that was to arrive for the purpose of transfer should be backed into the ramp way leading from Commerce Street as far as possible. Upon arrival of the armored car it was noted that because of its weight, the armored car could only back in a short distance and in order to maintain the security measures, Capt. TALBERT assigned two officers, one on each side of the armored car, to insure no one would either leave or enter from that ramp way. Although Capt. TALBERT was not aware of the officers' identity at that time, he later learned that Sgt. P. T. DEAN and Officer R. A. WATKINS were assigned to each side of the armored car.

Capt. TALBERT further advised that just prior to the arrival of the armored car, Chief LUMPKIN, Chief STEVENSON and Capt. TALBERT discussed the route and traffic obstructions that he may encounter during the transfer. Although he had no personal knowledge of the number of individuals around the county jail, Capt. TALBERT was advised by an unknown police officer that there were approximately 600 people in the vicinity of the county jail. He added that Sgt. STEELE was instructed to place a police officer at each traffic light and to maintain their cars at a close distance. His plan was that the lead car would flash its lights as they approached and the officer who was assigned to the corner would be able to cut off all oncoming traffic. He explained that after the vehicle had cleared the intersection the police officers stationed at various points were to follow in their cars to give assistance

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Capt. TALBERT could also recall that upon arrival of the armored car at the Commerce Street exit, a plain car with three detectives were sent out the Main Street ramp way so as to be in condition in front of Armored car for purposes of escort. Capt. TALBERT identified the occupants of this car as being Lt. PIERCE, who was at that time driving; Sgt. J. A. PUTNAM, who was in the right front seat; and Sgt. B. J. MAXEY who was in the left rear seat. He was later informed by Lt. PIERCE that it was approximately five minutes prior to the shooting of OSWALD that they had proceeded from the basement level of City Hall. Lt. PIERCE advised Capt. TALBERT that his route was out the Main Street exit, left on Harwood Street, and then over to the Commerce Street exit of the basement.

Although Capt. TALBERT could not be absolutely sure of the exact positions of each of the police officers assisting in this transfer, he did recall that Sgt. PUTNAM was stationed in the center of the ramp way and was trying to clear the news media that had congregated at this point. He could recall that Lt. WIGGINS was inside the jail office but was not aware of his exact duties in the jail office. He later learned that just prior to the arrival of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the basement area, Lt. WIGGINS had received a phone call from the Homicide Section who advised that Capt. FRITZ was on his way to the basement level of City Hall with OSWALD. Lt. WIGGINS had advised him that the Homicide Section had asked him if everything was ready, at which time replied in the positive.

Capt. TALBERT related that just prior to the transfer of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, which he estimated to be approximately 11:30 a.m., he noticed a Homicide detective, name unrecalled, pull a plain car on the ramp way behind the armored car and then observed another Homicide detective, name unrecalled, who pulled in behind him with another plain car. Although he did not know the identities of these two detectives, at this time, he later learned that the first car was being driven by C. W. BROWN and the other car was driven by CHARLES DHORITY. He observed that the second car, driven by Detective DHORITY, was attempting to straighten as well as back into position for the transfer.

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Capt. TALBERT could recall that he was standing at the left front fender of the car that DHORITY was driving, and was attempting to clear the area of the people that had congregated. He stated that news media individuals were as close as two or three feet from the rear of the police car and for this reason was trying to clear the area. Although Capt. TALBERT did not actually see LEE HARVEY OSWALD being escorted from the basement level, he did hear a pistol shot during the time he was attempting to clear the congested area. He immediately turned to observe what had happened and noticed that several police officers were struggling with an individual whom he could not identify at that time. It was not until after the shooting that Capt. TALBERT realized that the individual identified as JACK RUBY had actually shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Immediately following the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Capt. TALBERT stated that he talked with Chief CHARLES BATCHELOR and asked him at this time if he could arrange to have all the individuals in the basement area assemble in the assembly room for purposes of a search. He explained this by saying that he was not aware of the fact that the pistol with which RUBY had shot OSWALD was in possession of the police officers. He later was advised by Detectives GRAVES that the gun had been recovered and that there would be no need to assemble the individuals for the purpose of a search. Capt. TALBERT then obtained several pads from the jail office and instructed Sgt. EVERETT to obtain the names and addresses of all individuals in the basement area. Although he could not recall the exact time, Capt. TALBERT stated that he had instructed Sgt. EVERETT prior to the arrival of the ambulance and later learned that the names and addresses of the individuals were not obtained as directed.

Capt. TALBERT further advised that shortly thereafter, he proceeded to the Parkland Hospital with other officers to initiate security measures at the hospital. He stayed at the hospital until approximately 5:30 p.m. that day at which time he returned to the police headquarters. He could not recall the exact time, but Capt. JAMES M. SUTER relieved him and the remaining officers around the area. He estimated this time to be approximately 6:45 p.m. that day, and stated that he thereafter left for his home.

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In regard to his particular assignment, Capt. TALBERT advised that he was acting on his own behalf concerning the security measures and was not instructed by any particular superior as to what he was or was not to do. At no time prior to the proposed transfer, did Capt. TALBERT receive any specific instructions concerning the details of the transfer and most of this information was obtained during the course of the morning.

Capt. TALBERT continued to say that he has never worked for JACK RUBY in any way whatsoever, but had heard through rumor that an individual by the name of "COX", who was alleged to be a reserve officer, was at one time employed by JACK RUBY. He stated that he could not base this on any particular fact and had only heard this through rumors. He could offer no information pertaining to any association between JACK RUBY and any Dallas police officer and felt that the only connection would be that of any normal association. He explained this by saying that several of the police officers are required to check night clubs and for this reason there would be a chance that several police officers would know of him only as a night club owner.

Capt. TALBERT stated that he felt he could not estimate the number of individuals that were in the basement level of City Hall either prior to the transfer of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or after the shooting had taken place. He was not particularly concerned over the exact number who were present and stated that his only intentions were to maintain the security measures. He was unable to identify any of the news media representatives who were in the basement level at the time of the transfer.

In regard to any background information concerning JACK RUBY, Capt. TALBERT stated that he was never personally acquainted with JACK RUBY and when he did see RUBY he could only recall that it was a familiar face. He related that he could not associate the name with the face and was not aware that RUBY was a night club owner in the Dallas area. Subsequent to the shooting of OSWALD, Capt. TALBERT was reminded by Lt. PIERCE that they had seen JACK RUBY approximately two years ago Ramada Inn Pancake House but could not recall any circumstances surrounding this meeting. He stated that to the best of his recollection he did not talk to RUBY at this time.

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Capt. TALBERT continued to say that he did not observe RUBY prior to the transfer and did not at any time talk with RUBY either before or after the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He advised that he could offer no information pertaining to LEE HARVEY OSWALD and was not aware if there was any relationship between RUBY and OSWALD. The first time he had heard the name of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shortly after the assassination of President KENNEDY on November 22, 1963.

In regard to this entire matter concerning the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD on November 24, 1963, Capt. TALBERT advised that he had prepared a statement which was submitted to the Chief of Police, Dallas, and that the information that was furnished in this statement was essentially the same information that he had just now furnished interviewing Agents.

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"November 26, 1963

"Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

"Subject: Security Of Police Parking
And Prisoner Loading Area
Sunday, November 24, 1963

"Sir:

"At approximately 9:00 A.M., Sunday, November 24, 1963 I discussed the need for coverage against possible violence around the City Hall with Lieutenant R. S. Pierce. I instructed him to call three squads from their district assignments from the three stations and pull four from Headquarters Station, getting two man squads where possible. The officers were to be in Central Station with their squad cars parked on the street, available for immediate use but dispersed in parking, not later than 9:30 A.M. Out of thirteen squads we obtained a total of nineteen (19) patrolmen. Supervisors at the station for the security were Lieutenant Pierce, Sergeant P.T. Dean, Sergeant Putnam, Sergeant Steele, and I. Lieutenant Wiggins was in the Jail Office.

"Lieutenant Pierce instructed Sergeant Dean to secure all entrances and exits to the parking and prisoner loading area, than clear the basement of all personnel other than police, and reserves. Sergeant Putnam was instructed to assist in the assignment.

"The area in which the prisoner Oswald would be escorted was to be thoroughly searched. Areas searched were the cars parked in the basement, including their trunks, and engine compartments, the tops of all pipes, and air conditioning ducts, the

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service rooms opening into the basement were to be looked into after clearing them of personnel. The building elevators were out off on the first floor so they could not be used to reach the basement and the parking attendants were sent from the basement to the first floor of the City Hall with instructions to remain with the elevators to prevent tampering. The City Hall service elevator is a self-service type but had an operator. This man was instructed that he was not to go below the first floor until notified. The service elevator from the sub basement of the Police and Courts Building exit, into the basement parking area and has no doors to lock so a reserve officer was stationed there.

"The sergeants used a total of seventeen (17) regular and reserve officers to execute the search. The extra officers were held in the sergeant's room at my office and the reserves were retained in the assembly room. These officers were not permitted in the basement to insure no confusion in the systematic search.

"After the area was secured and cleared only officers, reserves, and accredited news press were permitted to re-enter. Identification of the news personnel was made by their press credentials. All civilian employees of the Department were cleared from the basement lobby and instructed to remain at their desk.

"Officer R. C. Nelson and a reserve officer were stationed in the hall leading to the jail service windows. The door from the jail to the lobby remained locked and the public used the first window, set at an angle, to conduct jail business.

"Detective Beaty and Lowery remained with the officers during most of the period the parking and prisoner area was closed off. Everyone conducting business at the jail was scrutinized and if they did not appear to have legitimate business, they were conducted from the basement.

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"There was little traffic on Main and no one loitering. A large crowd was gathering on Commerce. I had everyone removed from the City Hall side (north) of Commerce to the south side. Sergeant Steele and Reserve Harrison checked the buildings opposite the basement drive for possible snipers.

"The information received from the FBI by Captain Frazier was: two calls from males stated 'one hundred of us will kill Oswald before he gets to the County Jail.' Due to this and the crowds formation I built up my personnel on the Commerce Street side.

"I called Homicide and told Detective Beck of the parking area check and asked if Captain Fritz wanted uniformed officers to proceed and follow the transfer vehicle. He said Captain Fritz was with the prisoner and they would let me know. I prepared three plain and three marked cars to use either type Homicide desired.

"I was contacted by Chief Stevenson and Chief Lumpkin regarding an armored car. I was to back into the drive as far as possible from Commerce. When it arrived two more officers were stationed at the bottom of the Commerce Street ramp with instructions that no one was to pass up or down the ramp after the prisoner passed them. Due to its height, the armored car could only be backed in a short distance.

"Before the arrival of the Armored Car, Chief Lumpkin, Chief Stevenson, and I discussed the route and traffic obstructions. They were reportedly six hundred (600) people around the County Jail. I instructed Sergeant Steele to place a regular officer at each traffic light with his squad car close by. The lead car would flash its lights as they approached and the officer would cut all opposing traffic. After the vehicle passed they were to enter their cars and follow to the County Jail

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"to assist with any trouble. The entire traffic detail was in the County Jail Area.

"Sergeant Steele contacted Captain Lawrence for additional officers for intersection coverage. As the vehicle cleared the city hall all officers and reserves at the City Hall were to report by a parallel route to the County Jail. I would use Channel Two and tell Sergeant Steele to cut it. He had a motorcycle officer to send to Elm and Field to instruct the officers on the corners to divert all traffic from Elm between Field and Houston. Regular traffic was heavy.

"After the Armored Car arrived we sent a plain car out the Main Street side. This was the lead car and contained Lieutenant Pierce driving, Sergeant Putnam on the right front, and Sergeant B. J. Maxey in the rear.

"A Homicide Detective pulled a plain car on the ramp behind the armored car then another Homicide Detective pulled in behind him and attempted to straighten his car and back up. Several reserve officers and I were attempting to push the news people back to give the vehicle room to maneuver. I was pushing several people back at the left front fender when the shot was fired. I assisted the officers in clearing news personnel from the prisoner and officers who were down then ordered that no one was to be permitted out of the basement.

"I checked the parking area several times and saw no unauthorized personnel. I removed a number of people from the first floor and basement lobby, this was a continuous check prior to the transfer.

"After the prisoner entered the ambulance and I gathered my personnel from Elm and reported to Parkland Hospital, we secured the hospital.

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"Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cecil E. Talbert
Captain of Police
Patrol Division. "

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Honorable J. E. Curry
Chief of Police
Dallas Police Department
Dallas, Texas

Dear Chief Curry:

On behalf of the Commission I would like to thank you for the cooperation extended by you and your staff to representatives of the Commission in Dallas during the past week.

In my letter of March 18, 1964, which was delivered to Chief Betschler, I set forth the names of various members of your Department to be interviewed or deposed by members of the staff. I am informed by Mr. Hubert and Mr. Griffin that a considerable amount of this work has already been completed.

Two additional members of the Commission staff, Mr. Joseph A. Ball and Mr. David W. Belin, will be in Dallas on March 31, 1964, and expect to remain for approximately a week. On behalf of the Commission Mr. Ball and Mr. Belin wish to take the depositions of various police officers who participated in the search of the Texas School Book Depository, the search of the Paine home in Irving, Texas, the search of the home at North Rockley, and the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald. In addition, these members of the staff wish to interrogate the officers who were present at the line-up where the suspect was shown to witnesses and those present during the interrogation of Oswald.

At this time Mr. Ball and Mr. Belin are interested in taking the depositions of the police officers listed on the attachment to this letter. It may be, of course, that additional

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Mr. Willens
Mr. Ball - Mr. Belin

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information which comes to light in the course of this work will disclose the need to take the depositions of other members of your Department. It is planned to take the depositions in the office of United States Attorney Barefoot Sanders, United States Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas. We hope to arrange times which will meet the convenience of the officers involved and the operations of your Department. Mr. Ball and Mr. Belin will contact you shortly after their arrival in Dallas to make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Enclosure

Chief Larkin
Det. Leslie D. Montgomery
Det. R. L. Studshaker
Det. Marvin Johnson
Det. K. Carroll
Charles T. Walker
T. A. Hutson
Ray Hawkins
Gerald L. Hill
K. E. Lyon
Capt. W. R. Westbrook
Det. F. M. Turner
Det. Walter E. Potts
Det. G. F. Ross
Det. H. S. Stovall
Det. H. M. Moore
Det. J. P. Adams
Det. Johnny Hicks
Det. Pete Barnes
Det. C. H. Thority
Det. C. W. Brown
Det. R. H. Sims
Det. E. L. Boyd
J. D. Martin (Motorcycle)

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MAR 31 1964

Mr. Walter E. Craig
President, American Bar Association
1320 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Craig:

As I mentioned in my previous letter of March 26, 1964, depositions are planned of witnesses in Dallas in addition to those listed in my prior letter. I am now in a position to supply you with a list of additional names.

Attached to this letter is a schedule of depositions to be taken by Messrs. Hall and Hollis on Wednesday, April 1, 1964 and Thursday, April 2, 1964. In addition, I am enclosing a list of Police Department and other witnesses whose depositions will probably be taken on Friday, April 3, or the first two days of the following week.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Mr. Rankin
Mr. Willens

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WITNESSES SCHEDULED FOR DEPOSITIONS IN DALLAS

Wednesday, April 1, 1964

9:00 a.m.

Mr. Thomas C. Dillard
c/o Dallas Morning News
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Malcolm O. Couch
4215 Live Oak, Apt. 302
Dallas, Texas

Mr. James R. Underwood
Assistant News Director
KRLD - TV
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Robert E. Edwards
821 South Nursery
Irving, Texas

11:00 a.m.

Mr. Ronald B. Fischer
4007 Flamingo Drive
Mesquite, Texas

Mr. James N. Crawford
Deputy District Court Clerk
Dallas County District Court
Records Building
Dallas, Texas

2:00 p.m.

Mr. Seymour Weitzman
2802 Oates Drive
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Marvin C. Robinson
5120 South Marsalis Avenue
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Roger Craig
7711 Piedmont, Apt. B
Dallas, Texas

Wednesday, April 1, 1964 (continued)

3:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson
1026 North Beckley Street
Dallas, Texas

 Mrs. Earlene Roberts
1026 North Beckley Street
Dallas, Texas

Thursday, April 2, 1964

9:00 a.m. Mr. Sam Guinyard
605 East Park Street
Waxahachie, Texas

 Mrs. Mary E. Bledsoe
621 North Marsalis
Dallas, Texas

 Mrs. Virginia Ruth Davis
309 Gauntt Street
Athens, Texas

 Mr. William Arthur Smith
328-1/2 East 8th Street
Dallas, Texas

2:00 p.m. Mr. Johnny C. Brewer
512 N. Lancaster, Apt. 102
Dallas, Texas

 Miss Julia Postal
2728 Seevers
Dallas, Texas

 Mr. George Applin, Jr.
3423 Weisenberger
Dallas, Texas

 Mr. Lee E. Bowers, Jr.
10508 Maplegrove Lane
Dallas, Texas

 Mr. Domenjo Benvenitos
3112 June Drive
Dallas, Texas

Thursday, April 2, 1964 (continued)

4:00 p.m.

Mr. H. D. Holmes
Postal Inspector
U.S. Post Office Department
Dallas, Texas

Police Department Witnesses

Chief Lumpkin
 Det. Lealie D. Montgomery
 Det. R. L. Studabaker
 Det. Marvin Johnson
 Bob K. Carroll
 Charles T. Walker
 T. A. Hartsen
 Ray Hawkins
 Gerald L. Hill
 K. E. Lyon
 Capt. W. R. Westbrook
 Det. F. M. Turner
 Det. Walter E. Potts
 Det. G. F. Rose
 Det. R. S. Stovall
 Det. E. M. Moore
 Det. J. P. Adamcik
 Det. Johnny Hicks
 Det. Pete Barnes
 Det. C. M. Dhority
 Det. C. W. Brown
 Det. R. M. Sims
 Det. E. L. Boyd
 J. D. Martin (Motorcycle)

non-Police Department Witnesses

Mr. James R. Romsack
 Mr. Troy West
 Mr. William H. Shelley
 Mr. George W. Rockley, Jr.
 Mr. Eddie Piper
 Miss Mary Ann Mitchell
 Mr. Billy H. Lovelady
 Mrs. Geneva L. Hine
 Mr. Charles D. Givens
 Mr. Jack E. Dougherty
 Mrs. Doris Burns
 Mr. Danny G. Arce
 Miss Vickie Adams

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AFFIDAVIT IN ANY FACT

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS

BEFORE ME, Mary Rattan

a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____

Detective C. N. Dhority, Dallas Police Department

Who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: The night of November 22, 1963 Captain J. W. Fritz gave me three 6.5 rifle hulls and told me to give them to Lt. J. C. Day in the Crime Lab. Captain J. W. Fritz told me to have Lt. Day to dust them for prints and return one of the 6.5 hulls to him. I took these three 6.5 rifle hulls to Lt. Day and gave them to him in an envelope which had been previously marked by Det. R. M. Sims. Lt. Day dusted the shells for prints and gave me one back. I returned this 6.5 shell back to Captain J. W. Fritz. *C.N. Dhority*

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 12 DAY OF May A.D. 196 4



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Mary Rattan

Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

Other Individuals and Organizations
Involved or Interviewed

Re: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

Revolver Cartridge Cases, C47 - C50

On June 18, 1964, Special Agents Kenneth R. Albert and Paul E. Wulff, Federal Bureau of Investigation, contacted Mrs. Troy (Barbara Jeanette) Davis at her residence, Kirk's Store, Route 2, Palestine Highway, Athens, Texas, at which time Special Agent Wulff exhibited to her four .38 Special cartridge cases, C47 - C50. Mrs. Davis stated on November 22, 1963, she resided at 400 East 10th Street, Dallas, Texas, and at approximately 2:00 PM or shortly thereafter she found a similar cartridge case in the front yard of her former residence. At the time she found the cartridge case, an unknown Dallas police officer was standing approximately five feet from her and she immediately gave the cartridge case to him. She cannot identify the cartridge case she found as being one of those exhibited to her.

On June 12, 1964, four .38 Special cartridge cases, designated as Exhibits C47 - C50, were shown to Captain G. M. Doughty of the Dallas Police Department by Special Agent ~~Gardwell~~ E. Odum, Federal Bureau of Investigation. Captain Doughty identified his marking on one of these cases which also bears a marking "Q76." Captain Doughty stated that the same shell which he obtained from Barbara Jeanette Davis at Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

On June 18, 1964, Special Agents Kenneth R. Albert and Paul E. Wulff contacted Mrs. Charley Reggan (Virginia) Davis at 418 West Scott Street, Athens, Texas, at which time Special Agent Wulff exhibited to her four .38 Special cartridge cases, C47 - C50. Mrs. Davis stated on November 22, 1963, she resided at 400 East 10th Street, Dallas, Texas, and at approximately 3:30 PM that date she found a cartridge case in the front yard of that residence which she furnished to an unidentified officer of the Dallas Police Department at approximately 6:00 PM that same date. She advised she was unable to identify the cartridge case she found as being one of the four exhibited to her.

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On June 12, 1964, the same four cartridge cases, designated as Exhibits C47 - C50, were shown by Special Agent Bardwell D. Odum to Detective C. N. Dhority, Homicide Division, Dallas Police Department. Detective Dhority identified his marking on one of these cartridge cases which also is marked "Q75." He stated this is the same cartridge case which he obtained from Virginia Davis, Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

On June 11, 1964, four .38 Special cartridge cases, C47 - C50, were exhibited by Special Agent Bardwell D. Odum to Domingo Benavides, 3112 June Drive, Dallas, Texas. Mr. Benavides stated these all resemble the two cartridge cases which he found on November 22, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, but stated he cannot identify any one of these as being the ones which he picked up and gave to an officer of the Dallas Police Department.

On June 12, 1964, four .38 Special cartridge cases, designated as Exhibits C47 - C50, were shown to Dallas Police Officer J. M. Poe at his home at 171 Cascade, Mesquite, Texas, by Special Agent Bardwell D. Odum. Officer Poe stated he had received two similar cartridge cases on November 22, 1963, from Domingo Benavides at Dallas, Texas, and had on the same date given them to Pete Barnes, Crime Laboratory, Dallas Police Department. He stated he recalled marking these cases before giving them to Barnes, but he stated after a thorough examination of the four cartridges shown to him on June 12, 1964, he cannot locate his marks; therefore, he cannot positively identify any of these cartridges as being the same ones he received from Benavides.

On July 6, 1964, Officer J. M. Poe, Dallas Police Department, advised Special Agent Bardwell D. Odum that he marked the two cartridge cases on November 22, 1963, "J.M.P."

On June 15, 1964, the same cartridge cases, designated as Exhibits C47 - C50, were shown by Special Agent Bardwell D. Odum to Pete Barnes, an officer of the Dallas Police Department assigned to the Crime Laboratory, and he identified his marking on two of these cases, which also bear the markings "Q74" and "Q77." He advised these are the same two cartridge cases which he received from Officer J. M. Poe of the Dallas Police Department at Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.