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Date December 5, 1963

KENNETH HUDSON CROY, residence 2634 West Illinois, was interviewed at his place of business, H. E. Croy and Son Real Estate, 1720 South Lamar. He was advised he need not make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to an attorney. He furnished the following information:

He is a Sergeant in the Dallas, Texas Police Reserve and has been for a good number of years.

On November 23, 1963, at approximately 11:00 P.M., Lieutenant BEN McCOY, Dallas Police Department, telephonically advised he would need six or seven reserve policemen to report to the third floor of the Police Department at 9:00 A.M. on November 24, 1963.

He arrived at about 8:30 A.M., November 24, 1963, at the Police Department and went to the Assembly Room to make detail. Lieutenant BARNEY MERRELL gave him the duty of assigning men out of the Assembly Room as required by the other police officials. He thereafter sent groups of men downstairs when called for by the police dispatcher. At one point, a Sergeant, name unknown, came in and secured five men to help search the building.

At about 10:00 A.M., he went to the basement parking area on his conviction to aid in the basement security. He thereafter located men when more were called for by the various police officers present.

Captain ARNETT, around 11:00 A.M., requested some policing to form on the Main Street side of the center ramp area to aid in keeping members of the press back from the area where LEE HARVEY OSWALD was to be passed through.

He recalls shortly before the shooting, a few minutes at most, a blue Dallas police car drove out of the basement up the Main Street ramp past his location. He did not see anyone coming down the Main Street ramp. He recalls there was one regular police man, name unknown, stationed at the Main Street ramp entrance.

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Just prior to OSWALD's appearance, an unknown officer in plain clothes came out of the jail office and told the press to move back. CROY then turned to his left and requested a man with a large movie camera, who was on his immediate left and another man on his left rear, who was dressed in a dark hat and dark maroonish brown sport coat with black thread woven into it, to step back. CROY then looked back toward the jail office at the crowd and then glanced back to see if the two men on his left had complied with his order. He saw the man with the movie camera had stepped back to the ramp railing and was standing upon the railing; the other man he did not see. He then looked back at the crowd by the jail office for OSWALD was being brought down. At approximately 15 or 20 seconds later, OSWALD was brought out, the members of the press surged forward and one placed a microphone in front of OSWALD's face and asked him to make a statement. At this instant, CROY got a blurred movement to his left and turned and made an off balance grab at a man who was moving in a low crouch with his hands tucked into his stomach much like a football fullback. CROY's hand brushed the tail coat of the man and at this time had the impression the man was the same one who moments before, had been standing to his left and rear.

He then heard a shot and started forward to assist in bringing the man under control but saw he was already being wrestled to the floor by a number of officers.

He did not hear any statements made by anyone while the man was moving forward and the shooting taking place. He did not know the man was JACK RUBY until after RUBY was removed upstairs to the jail.

He met JACK RUBY about three years ago when riding with a patrolman, name unrecalled, which is required at least once a month to retain membership in the police reserve. On that occasion, they drove by the club Vegas at approximately 2:45 A.M. and drove into the Lucas B & B just up the street from the Vegas. A man later identified to him as JACK RUBY, came hurrying and told CROY and the patrolman to put down the menu as he, RUBY, would order for them. RUBY ordered steaks and paid for them.

CROY recalls the incident since it was rather humorous in that RUBY was attempting to keep them away from the front of his Vegas Club while it closed at 3:00 A.M. and the patrons left. When in reality, he heard two other patrol cars were sitting in front of the Vegas Club "loading up".

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He estimates total number of people present in the basement at around 100 and could not state the number of press people in the group. He did not see anyone he believes was, other than police officers or members of the press.

He has no information or knowledge of OSWALD or RUEY whatsoever other than furnished above.

He recalls the following reserve police officers as being in the basement at the time of the shooting:

Captain C. O. ARNETT;
Lieutenant HARRY KRISS;
Lieutenant BEN McCOY;
Lieutenant DON SUITS.

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