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City Manager ELGIN E. CRULL, Municipal Building, Dallas, Texas, was advised he did not have to make any statement and any statement he made could be used against him. He was also advised he could consult an attorney of his own choice. At the outset of the interview, Mr. CRULL was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents.

Mr. CRULL stated he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and that when he was first notified by Deputy Chief M. W. STEVENSON on November 22, 1963, that OSWALD was in custody and responsible for the assassination of President KENNEDY, and was described by STEVENSON as having been the individual who had defected to Russia several years previously, CRULL could not place OSWALD and could not recall the obvious publicity which logically surrounded OSWALD at that time. He stated on November 23, 1963, he offered any assistance of his office to Deputy Chief STEVENSON and was informed that the Police Department, with the assistance of the FBI and Secret Service, apparently had the matter well wrapped up and, thereupon, CRULL departed on Saturday, November 23, 1963, for his cabin at a nearby lake to spend the week end.

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He stated on Sunday morning, November 24, 1963, he heard over the radio of OSWALD's having been shot by RUBY and thereupon returned to Dallas and again contacted the Police Department asking if there was any assistance his office could render. He stated he did not know JACK RUBY.

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Mr. CRULL stated he has been employed by the City of Dallas for the past twenty-four years; that prior to that time was in the newspaper business for ten years, and that he selected Chief CURRY as Chief of Police and had selected the prior Chief of Police, and never interfered with the operation of the Police Department, leaving it entirely in the Chief's hands, as he did with other city departments.

He stated he was never contacted by news media or by the Police Department concerning the transfer of OSWALD from the jail at the Police Department, to the County

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Jail, and was not aware of any plans being formulated for such transfer. According to Mr. CRULL, he said he had been concerned over the available facilities for interviewing OSWALD at the Dallas Police Department, but felt that, under existing conditions, the officers handling the matter were doing so in a very competent manner.

He stated that after the assassination he was in Chief CURRY's office on Saturday morning, November 23, 1963, and observed the large number of television and news representatives in the area, and recalls he commented on this to Chief CURRY and Chief CURRY stated he felt it was necessary to cooperate with the news media representatives, in order to avoid being accused of using Gestapo tactics in connection with the handling of OSWALD. He stated he was in agreement with CURRY's statement.

Mr. CRULL advised that at no time was he contacted by any individuals connected with television or news media concerning the transfer of OSWALD from the City Jail to the County Jail. He said, as a matter of actual fact, he was never formally interviewed by any news media people at any time concerning the events beginning on November 22, 1963, in Dallas. He stated on November 25, 1963, he issued instructions to his subordinates and to Chief CURRY and the Police Department to make no comment concerning these matters and, as far as he knows, these instructions have been followed. He stated an article appeared in the Oak Cliff Tribune, a weekly publication, the first week of December, 1963, which stated, in effect, that Chief CURRY was taking the rap for "higher ups" who had insisted that OSWALD be transferred to the County Jail during daylight hours at the request of the press. He stated RAY ZAUBER is the publisher of the Oak Cliff Tribune and described him as a "yellow sheet journalist," who formerly worked for the Dallas News and the Dallas Times Herald and was fired from both of those newspapers. He stated ZAUBER, when questioned by him in the past about the truth of an article written by ZAUBER, stated, "I can't sell newspapers by telling the truth." He stated as far as he knows there is no truth to the article published by ZAUBER.

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He stated the Dallas Police Department is conducting an investigation in an effort to determine where the security failed in the transfer of OSWALD, and that it is his intention that this report be made available to the FBI and to the County Attorney for whatever action is deemed appropriate. In this connection, he said he was most anxious that no one officer be blamed for the breach of security, unless and until it was determined that an officer willfully and deliberately allowed RUBY access to the basement. He said he did not feel the wrath of world opinion should be directed at any officer whose post RUBY may have passed unbeknown to the officer. He stated he has no knowledge of the information indicating there was any conspiracy between any officer or officers and JACK RUBY, permitting RUBY to gain entrance to the basement on November 24, 1963.

Mr. CRULL stated he has issued instructions to Chief CURRY to co-operate 100 per cent with the FBI in this matter.

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