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WILBUR JAY CUTCHSHAW, Detective, Juvenile Bureau, Dallas Police Department, was contacted at his office in the Police & Courts Building, Harwood and Main Streets, Dallas, and was advised of the nature of the investigation; the official identity of the interviewing Agents, and the fact he did not have to furnish any statement, but that any statement he did furnish could be used in court against him. CUTCHSHAW was also advised of his right to counsel.

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CUTCHSHAW advised that at about 9:00 AM, on Sunday, November 24, 1963, he was in his office when he overheard Deputy Chief STEVENSON tell Captain MARTIN that he wanted all personnel in the office between 9:00 and 10:00 AM. CUTCHSHAW stated that at about 11:00 AM Captain O. A. JONES told him and the other detectives standing by in the office that it was time to go down to the basement. He stated he proceeded to the basement in company with Captain FRANK MARTIN, Detectives L. D. MILLER, R. L. LOWERY and Charles Goolsby. CUTCHSHAW stated that when he reached the basement he was instructed by Captain O. A. JONES to clear the hallway connecting the basement lobby with the parking area and to also clear the jail office lobby of all news media personnel and camera equipment. He said he was also instructed at this time to keep all unauthorized persons from the basement and to permit only press and police officers to remain.

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CUTCHSHAW stated that approximately five minutes before LEE HARVEY OSWALD was brought down to the basement he noticed a Channel 5 Television camera being pushed from the basement lobby into the basement parking area by three white males who were bent over pushing on the base of the camera. He stated that the man on the right, which is the right-hand side facing the parking area, was wearing a green shirt, the man in the center was wearing a dark suit, and the man on the left was wearing a black coat which extended to the knees.

CUTCHSHAW advised that everything at that time seemed to calm down for a few minutes and then someone said, "Here he comes." He advised he was standing with his back to a small area of the wall located between the double swinging doors and the door between the hallways and jail

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office lobby. CUTCHSHAW stated that Lieutenant SWAIN or Captain FRITZ came out into the basement hallway from the jail office door followed by Detectives JAMES LAVELL (PH) and GRAVES, walking on either side of OSWALD. CUTCHSHAW stated that LAVELL and GRAVES are detectives in the Homicide Bureau of the Dallas Police Department. He said LAVELL was walking on the right side of OSWALD and GRAVES on the left and as they approached the jail office door they stopped for a few seconds and LAVELL asked, "Is it O.K.?", to which CUTCHSHAW replied, "O.K., Come on out, JIM." CUTCHSHAW stated that the detectives and OSWALD then came through the door followed by Detective MONTGOMERY, of the Homicide Bureau, who was walking directly behind OSWALD at a distance of approximately one stride. CUTCHSHAW stated the detectives and OSWALD were forced to walk between a narrow corridor of individuals composed of news media personnel and plain-clothes detectives about four and one-half feet wide. CUTCHSHAW stated that OSWALD and the two accompanying detectives had just reached the bottom of a small incline extending from the parking area when he noticed a general movement of individuals in the vicinity of OSWALD's location, followed by a loud report, which sounded like a gunshot. CUTCHSHAW stated he immediately rushed to this location and grabbed the left hand of JACK RUBY, while W. J. HARRISON, a patrolman assigned to the Juvenile Bureau, took hold of RUBY's right hand, and, together with several other detectives, half carried and half marched RUBY into the jail office lobby. CUTCHSHAW stated he had seen JACK RUBY only once previous to this, which was about two or three years ago at the Carousel Club in Dallas, Texas, at which time he (CUTCHSHAW) was working in plain-clothes as a detective in the Juvenile Bureau.

CUTCHSHAW stated that after marching through the jail office door he immediately closed this door to prevent anyone from following, after which he opened the door to admit OSWALD, who was being carried on a stretcher. He said he was still at this door when a young man, approximately 24 or 25 years of age, wearing a dark-colored sport coat, came to the door and said he was a doctor stationed

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there. CUTCHSHAW said he admitted this man when he noticed a stethoscope in the right-hand pocket of the individual.

CUTCHSHAW stated he remained at the door looking out into the glass partition and saw two men pushing the television camera which he had seen being pushed in earlier. He said these men were pushing the camera up the driveway ramp to the hallway leading to the basement lobby and that he recognized the man with the green shirt and the man wearing the black coat as two of the men who had pushed the camera into the basement. CUTCHSHAW said he went back into the basement and stopped these individuals and asked them where the third man was. CUTCHSHAW said they told him there was no third man and that if a third man helped them push the camera into the basement they had not been aware of it. CUTCHSHAW noticed the cable of the camera was still wrapped in place and learned from these individuals that they had not been able to get the camera in position and had, therefore, not used it. CUTCHSHAW stated these men were later questioned by Lieutenant SWAIN, of the Bureau & Theft Bureau, and he later found out the last name of one of these men was ALEXANDER.

CUTCHSHAW stated he has never been employed by RUBY and does not know of any Dallas Police Officer who is or ever has been employed by RUBY. He stated he would estimate there were approximately fifty persons other than police officers in the basement at the time of the shooting, but he did not recognize any of the news media personnel present. CUTCHSHAW stated he was not briefed on the security measures to be taken on November 24, 1963, to transport OSWALD, but had heard the basement area was to be cleared of all persons, with the exception of press and police officers, that all parked cars in the basement were to be searched, and that officers on duty in the basement were required to check the identity of all persons present. He stated he did not see any unauthorized individuals in the basement on November 24, 1963, and does not know of any such persons being admitted to the basement or of anyone being permitted to enter without showing proper identification.

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CUTCHSHAW stated he did not know of any relationship existing between RUBY and OSWALD and did not notice RUBY in the basement before taking hold of his left hand and then did not know it was RUBY until someone else identified him.