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WILBUR JAY CUTCHSHAW, 401 Northwest 22nd, Grand Prairie, Texas, Detective, Juvenile Bureau, Dallas Police Department, advised that on November 24, 1963, he was assigned to the Security Detail regarding transfer of LEE HARVEY OSWALD from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail. In this regard, he was stationed during the pertinent period to the right of the jail office door in the corridor of the City Hall basement. He was at this post when Captain J. W. FRITZ, Lieutenant R. E. SWAIN, JR., Detective J. R. LEAVELLE, prisoner LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and Detectives L. C. GRAVES and L. D. MONTGOMERY came out of the jail office. After the above passed him, he moved in to follow behind them. CUTCHSHAW stated he saw a blur from the direction of the crowd and heard a gun fired. CUTCHSHAW related that about three minutes before OSWALD had been brought out of the jail office, that a television camera had been rolled through the double doors leading into the corridor from the basement lobby. This camera was rolled passed CUTCHSHAW and he recalls that three men with their heads down were pushing it. The camera was rolled on down the corridor passed Detectives ROY LEE LOWERY and necessarily it passed several other officers who were stationed between LOWERY and CUTCHSHAW. CUTCHSHAW stated that immediately after the shooting, he noticed that this camera was being rolled back up the ramp toward the basement lobby area and only two men were pushing the camera. He stated he questioned them as to the whereabouts of the ~~man~~ and they stated there had been only two men all along. CUTCHSHAW stated that he obtained the identities of these cameramen and turned this information over to the Homicide and Robbery Bureau. He recalled the name of one of the men as JOHN ALEXANDER, employed by Channel 5, Fort Worth, Texas; the other individual's name he cannot recall but stated he also worked for Channel 5. CUTCHSHAW stated that the camera men at the time of first passing him had to pass several other officers in the basement lobby as well as two officers stationed outside the double doors leading to the corridor area. CUTCHSHAW estimated that there were approximately 76 officers on the Security Detail who were practically standing shoulder to shoulder in the pertinent area.

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CUTCHSHAW stated that upon being assigned to the Security Detail, he had received his instructions from Captain O. A. JONES, Forgery Bureau. Said instructions related to where he was to stand and the fact that the area was to be kept open and no one was to be let into the area except officers and press representatives.

CUTCHSHAW advised that he understood that prior to receiving his instructions, that the area had been secured.

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