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NAPOLEON J. DANIELS, 2229 Sutter Street, Dallas, Texas, residence phone FR 4-6179, was interviewed at his place of business, the N. J. Daniels Real Estate Company, 4316 Oakland Street, Dallas. He furnished the following information:

Prior to November, 1962, he was a Patrolman with the Police Department at Dallas, Texas. Since that time he has been engaged in the real estate business.

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, he left his home and drove by himself with the intention of seeing the sight of the President's assassination at Houston and Elm Streets. When he left the vicinity of downtown Dallas he drove west on Main Street. As he was passing the City Hall, he saw a number of people standing in the vicinity and since he had heard that the prisoner, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, was to be moved that day, he decided to get out of the car and watch. He doubled back off of Main Street and eventually parked his car on the south side of Main between the Western Union Office and the City Hall. From there he walked to the Main Street entrance to the police garage.

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Daniels' Photo of 11/24/63
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Oswald file for Kennedy

When he arrived in the Main entrance, or ramp, to the police garage, he noted that an officer (FNU) VAUGHN, was on duty there. He saw no other uniformed officers in the vicinity nor anyone else that he recognized as a police officer. He stood on the east side of the ramp directly adjacent to the iron railings there and from that position could see down into the basement. When he first arrived there, there were no other spectators in that immediate location, but shortly before the shooting of prisoner OSWALD, no longer than 10 minutes, an individual he recognized as being the former shoe shine boy at the police department locker room appeared on the west side of Main Street ramp which was directly across from him. He does not know this individual's name, but he thinks it may have been ALONZO (LNU) or ALPHONSE (LNU). This individual is in his late 20's and has a light brown complexion. Hanging from his neck was a small camera approximately 4 inches by 4 inches. He believes that the "shine boy" terminated his employment at the police department locker room prior to the time DANIELS left the police department. He was wearing a gray suit which he thought was double breasted and at one time made an attempt to take a photograph of the basement from the center of the ramp; however, was told to step back by officer VAUGHN.

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As best he could recall, the "shine boy" remained at that location up until the shooting of OSWALD. He does not know the identity of the present "shine boy" at the police department but believed the "shine boy" that he saw would be remembered by the police officers in the Services Division as he was somewhat of a magician.

A number of people came and went during the time he was standing there prior to the shooting of OSWALD, but there was only one other person on his side in addition to Officer VAUGHN and he did not know this individual's identity. He recognized no one else in the vicinity other than officer VAUGHN and the "shine boy."

While he was standing there, a black unmarked squad car carrying three officers drove up the Main Street ramp. He does not recall this car stopping or anyone in it talking to VAUGHN but as the car came up the ramp, VAUGHN walked almost to the center of the street and stopped vehicles which were travelling west on Main Street. He noticed no vehicles travelling east on Main Street at that time. When he realized that VAUGHN was occupied with stopping the traffic, he made it a point to act as lookout and insure that no one entered the ramp. He saw no one enter the ramp during the time VAUGHN was stopping traffic. He does not recall that VAUGHN at any time asked him to assist him in guarding the entrance.

About two minutes or less before he heard a shot in the basement he observed a man walking west on the south side of Main Street. He did not recall exactly when this man came into his vision, but it was for a very brief period of time. The man was observed to walk up to the ramp entrance and turn left and then proceed on down the ramp directly past and to the right of officer VAUGHN who was facing toward Main Street. At that time VAUGHN was standing directly in the center at the end of the ramp. He could neither recall the man nor officer VAUGHN making any comment at this time. The man never broke his stride and just walked on into the basement. He recalled that this individual was a white male, about 50 years of age, 5'8-9" tall, 150-160 pounds, and was of light complexion. He distinctly recalled that this individual's right hand was in his right hand suit coat pocket and his first impulse was that the man apparently had something in his hand which caused the pocket to bulge, more than it normally would.

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His instinct told him at that time that the man was probably carrying a gun but in view of the fact that officer VAUGHN allowed him to enter he did not give it serious thought. This individual had an intent look on his face and was walking fairly fast. He also seemed to recall that he had seen this man at the police department during the time he was a police officer as his face was vaguely familiar and he also seemed to recall that he was partly bald. He was wearing what he thought was a dark brown or dark blue suit but in any event he was sure it was dark in color. He was also wearing a tie and dress shirt but he could not describe the nature of these articles of clothing. He could not recall whether or not this individual was wearing a hat and the idea that the man was bald may have come from the mental picture he had of the unknown individual he had previously seen in the police department. The time that elapsed from when the man walked down the ramp until the time he heard the shot would have, in his mind, been just enough time for that individual to enter the basement and get in position to shoot OSWALD. He therefore, felt sure when he heard the shot that the man he saw walk down the ramp was the man who did the shooting. He immediately looked down the ramp and saw police officers struggling with someone but all he was able to observe of the individual was his right arm which was extended and he felt certain that the color of the suit on the arm was the same as that worn by the man who walked down the ramp.

Immediately after the shooting the only comments made by Officer VAUGHN were to the people in the vicinity when he told them to get back.

DANIELS was exhibited photographs of JACK RUBY, Dallas Police Department #36398, taken November 24, 1963. He advised that the facial features of the individual in the photograph were similar to the man who walked by him and officer VAUGHN as described above. He volunteered the statement that the individual he saw had a light complexion and he was of the opinion that most people of Jewish extraction had dark complexion. He could not point out any specific facial characteristic that would link the photograph with the individual he observed.

He advised that he did not see how Officer VAUGHN could have missed seeing the individual who walked by him down the ramp.

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He also felt that if he saw the person who walked by him at the ramp dressed in similar clothing to the individual he observed that he could make an identification of him.

He did not recall seeing any other vehicles than the one police car with the three officers that he observed or any other individuals in addition to the men described above enter or leave the basement during the time he was standing there. The only person he could identify as the city doctor is an older man who was quite tall and worked in the City Hall while he was employed by the police department in 1962. He did not see this individual. He does not know THOMAS CORBET and therefore would not recognize him. He felt certain that the man who entered the basement was not carrying any type of press card or badge of any type. He did not recognize anybody in the vicinity that he associated in his mind with TV or camera crews.

He stated he was not at the Dallas Police Department at any time during the weekend of November 24, 1963. With reference to the individual he had seen at the police department during the time he was a police officer he vaguely recalled that his first thought when the man walked by him at the Main Street Ramp was that he was possibly a local newsman. He therefore seemed to recall that he must have been under the impression on the occasions he saw this man at the police department that he was a newsman, although he had no facts to substantiate this at the time. He could not elaborate on this impression other than that it is common for newsmen to be around the police station, and he often assumed that people who are frequently seen at the police department are newsmen.

He also stated that the photo that was exhibited to him bore a likeness in his mind to the individual he had previously seen at the police department, as well as the individual who walked by him at the Main Street Ramp.

He does not know JACK RUBY and therefore does not know if the man he saw walk down the ramp was JACK RUBY or if the man he had seen at the police department during the time he was a police officer was JACK RUBY.

He knows nothing concerning RUBY's background, personal life or political convictions. He never heard or saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD and knows nothing concerning him other than what he has read in the papers since the President's assassination.