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Sergeant PATRICK T. DEAN, Patrol Division, Police Department, Dallas, Texas, residence address 2822 Nicholson Drive, Dallas, furnished the following information:

DEAN was in an off-duty status on Friday, November 22, 1963, and Saturday, November 23, 1963. He returned to duty on the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift on November 24, 1963, and was stationed at Central Headquarters. On the morning of November 24, 1963, DEAN had no assignment prior to 9:00 AM and spent the time from 7:00 to 9:00 moving around the police building familiarizing himself with activities in the police building.

At 9:00 AM, DEAN received instructions from his superior officer, Lieutenant R. S. PIERCE of the Patrol Division to contact a group of men and thoroughly search the garage portion of the basement in the Police and Courts Building. At the time he received this assignment no mention was made of the exact time that prisoner LEE HARVEY OSWALD was to be removed from the city jail to the custody of the County Sheriff's Office. DEAN took his group consisting of Sergeant J. A. PUTNAM, and 13 reserve police officers headed by Captain ARNETT of the police reserves. DEAN does not recall the identity of these 13 reserve police officers since they are not regular police officers and he has little contact with them. Included in this group also were Officers A. R. BRICK and L. E. JEZ.

At approximately 9:30 AM, this group began searching the basement area and searched the entire basement, including looking into the approximately 35 to 40 cars that were parked in the garage at that time and also checking the trunk compartment of each car to see that it was securely locked. DEAN instructed this group of officers to check all doors leading into the basement to see that they were locked and if they were not locked, to let Sergeant DEAN know. These officers also checked the area above the air-conditioner and heat ducts located in the basement.

DEAN recalled that before starting the search of the basement he assigned Officer B. G. PATTERSON to stand at the Commerce Street ramp leading to the basement and Officer R. E. VAUGHN to stand at the exit ramp on the Main Street side of the building. Officer R. C. NELSON was stationed at the door entering

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from the Police and Courts Building into the basement area and Officer A. R. BROCK was stationed at the elevator and instructed to tell the elevator operator not to bring the elevator to the basement floor. A reserve policeman, name not known, was stationed at the southern portion of the basement in an opening from the sub-basement into the garage parking area. There was no one in the sub-basement at this time; however, this officer was instructed not to allow anyone to come up from the sub-basement.

The three porters and two garage parking attendants who were in the basement area at the time the search began were told to leave, and they did leave the basement area.

It is DEAN's best recollection that the search began about 9:30 AM and took approximately 15 minutes. When the search was completed, no one was in the basement area except regular police officers and the reserve officers assigned to this detail.

Sergeant DEAN then instructed all men in the basement not to let anyone except police officers or properly identified pressmen and photographers with their equipment into the basement area. After the search was completed, Officer L. E. JEZ was assigned to assist Officers B. G. PATTERSON in the Commerce Street ramp. ~~Leading into~~ the basement because a considerable number of persons had congregated on the sidewalk, in front of the ramp entrance. DEAN also sent three of the reserve officers, names not recalled, out to the Commerce Street ramp entrance with instructions to keep all spectators across the street from in front of the ramp entrance.

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Shortly after the search was completed, newsmen and photographers began arriving in the basement and setting up their equipment. For a few minutes after they began arriving, Sergeant DEAN moved around the basement area checking for any unauthorized persons. A few minutes after the search was completed, two patrol cars with two officers in each, and with a prisoner in each car came into the basement parking area from the Main Street entrance. The paddy wagon also came into the garage area driven by Officer C. G. LEWIS. DEAN observed that at the time the paddy wagon came down the ramp into the garage area, it was stopped by Sergeant PUTNAM at the bottom of the ramp to check the front seat and inside the wagon and determined they were empty. Sergeant PUTNAM then assigned two of the reserve officers to stand at the bottom of the Main Street ramp. These officers were between Officer VAUGHN, who was at the Main Street entrance, and the jail office door. One reserve officer was then sent to the Commerce and Pearl

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Expressway to check traffic. The remaining reserve officers were instructed to go back into the assembly room in the basement of the Police and Courts Building for other assignments.

Sometime after the search of the basement area, Officer D. L. PATE came down into the basement and was assigned by DEAN to stand at the bottom of the exit ramp leading to Commerce Street.

It was DEAN's recollection that Officers stationed at the various entrances into the basement area began admitting pressmen, cameramen, and television men with equipment at approximately 9:45 AM and for some time thereafter these people were "milling around" in the basement area. At about 10:30 AM, Assistant Chief of Police BATCHELOR came down into the basement and moved all of the television men and pressmen and cameras out of the jail office and told them they would have to stay out in the parking area in front of the hall leading from the city jail office.

At about 11:15 AM, as DEAN was moving around in the basement area, Lieutenant PIERCE came down and instructed DEAN to get two officers immediately to go with PIERCE. By this time an armored car had arrived and backed into the opening of the Commerce Street ramp. DEAN assigned Sergeants PUTNAM and B. J. MAXEY to go with PIERCE, and these three officers got into an unmarked car and left by way of the Main Street opening on the north side of the building. Prior to leaving, PIERCE had told DEAN to go to the armored car and that he was to ride in the armored car with the prisoner. DEAN went to the rear of the armored car, the door of which was open, and stood with his back to the door of the car, looking down the ramp into the basement area. While standing in this position, he saw Lieutenant PIERCE and Sergeants PUTNAM and MAXEY get into the unmarked car and begin driving through the basement toward the Main Street ramp. He recalled that as this car passed the hallway leading into the jail office, Sergeant PUTNAM had to get out and move the crowd of pressmen and television men back so the car could get through. At the same time two other unmarked cars moved from the basement parking area and onto the Commerce Street ramp immediately behind the armored car. DEAN recognized the drivers of these cars as Homicide Bureau Detectives; however, he does not recall which detectives were in these cars.

About 30 seconds after Lieutenant PIERCE had driven out the Main Street ramp, DEAN heard commotion in the basement and comments, "Here he comes," and "They're bringing him down," and so forth. Just after he heard this commotion and comments, he saw a man dart quickly from the crowd, standing in front of the hall leading to the jail office. He then heard a shot and saw smoke

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rising above the crowd, apparently from the shot which had just been fired.

DEAN immediately ran down the ramp, jumping over the top of the two cars parked between him and the assembled crowd in the basement area. He did not see the prisoner LEE HARVEY OSWALD at this time or the actual shooting, as his view was obstructed by the crowd. When he got to where the shooting had occurred, other officers including a number of Detectives from the Homicide Bureau were dragging a man into the jail office. At this time, DEAN recognized the man as JACK RUBY, operator of the Carousel Club in Dallas. As he went into the jail office, he saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the jail office receiving emergency treatment. He helped clear the crowd from the area to allow OSWALD to be placed in an ambulance. He then went to the third floor of the Police Building where he ran into Chief of Police CURRY, and CURRY asked him to take Secret Service Agent FOREST V. SORRELS up to the fifth floor to interview JACK RUBY.

DEAN said he would estimate there were about 60 persons altogether, including newsmen and police officers, in the basement at the time of the shooting of OSWALD; however, there may have been more, as he can only guess as to this number.

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DEAN has known JACK RUBY since 1959 as operator of the Carousel Club on Commerce Street in Dallas. At that time, DEAN was Sergeant over a partol in the downtown section of Dallas, and as part of his routine checking of places of entertainment in the district he frequently saw RUBY at the Carousel Club. On occasion, when driving in the area with another officer, he would go up to the Carousel Club usually once or twice a week. In addition, DEAN said he had gone to the club with friends while off duty on four occasions during the time he had known JACK RUBY. RUBY was very friendly towards DEAN and other police officers and frequently when he ran into them on the street, he would invite them to come to his place and see the show. DEAN advised the four times he attended the Carousel Club while off duty, and the occasional contacts with RUBY in checking his place of entertainment, were the only contacts he had had with RUBY since becoming acquainted with him in 1959. He was never employed by RUBY and does not know of any other police officer who ever worked for RUBY at any of his clubs. DEAN advised that JACK RUBY had attempted to become friendly with him; however, he had kept his contacts with RUBY on an impersonal basis.

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DEAN advised that since he was off duty on November 22 and 23, 1963, he did not observe RUBY on these dates and he had not observed RUBY on November 24, 1963, prior to the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the basement of the Police Building.

DEAN advised that in 1960, he had received a notice from the Texas Liquor Control Board that RUBY's license to operate the Carousel Club had been suspended for three days for selling alcoholic beverages and on driving past RUBY's place he had seen he was open and had gone to RUBY's place to arrest RUBY for this violation; however, on arrival at the club, he had been told by RUBY that he, RUBY, had already served this three-day suspension. DEAN then checked by telephone with Lieutenant GILMORE of the Vice Squad and was informed that the suspension had been served and, therefore, had not arrested RUBY on this occasion.

DEAN advised he does not know of any unauthorized person or persons who were permitted to enter the basement area of the Police Building on November 24, 1963. He said he does not know of anyone who was permitted to enter the area without showing proper identification.

DEAN is not acquainted with, and had never seen, LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to the time he saw him in the city jail office after he had been shot by JACK RUBY. DEAN has no knowledge of any association between RUBY and OSWALD.

DEAN advised that a few minutes after the shooting had occurred, and after he had recognized RUBY as the individual who had shot OSWALD, and after OSWALD had been removed from the police basement by ambulance, he, DEAN, went to Officer R. C. NELSON, who was stationed at the doorway leading from the Police and Courts Building into the basement, and asked NELSON if JACK RUBY had come into the basement area through that door. NELSON had told him that he was positive RUBY had not entered the basement by this means. Later on November 24, 1963, after JACK RUBY had been interviewed by police officers and had stated that he entered the basement through the Main Street ramp, he had gone to Officer R. E. VAUGHN, who had covered that entrance, and VAUGHN had told him that RUBY did not come into the basement through the Main Street ramp entrance.

A few minutes later, while on the fifth floor of the Police Building, and after SORRELS of Secret Service had interviewed JACK RUBY, DEAN asked RUBY how long he had been in the basement prior to the shooting, and RUBY told him he had been in the basement two or three minutes and that he had come into the basement

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through the Main Street ramp. RUBY told him that a plain police car was coming out the Main Street ramp at the time he came in, and the officer who was stationed at the Main Street ramp had gone to this car to talk to the officer in the car, which RUBY believed was Lieutenant PIERCE. While the officer stationed at the Main Street ramp was talking to the officer in the car, RUBY had then gone into the entrance and down the ramp.

DEAN said he did not contact the two reserve officers who had been stationed at the bottom of the Main Street ramp, as they were not in the area at the time he checked with Officers NELSON and VAUGHN.

DEAN advised he could furnish no additional pertinent information.

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