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Date November 28, 1963

Sheriff J. E. "BILL" DECKER, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, was contacted and inquiry was made as to when he was first notified that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was to be turned over to his custody by the Dallas Police Department.

Sheriff DECKER stated he first learned OSWALD was to be brought to his jail from some member of the press, whose identity he does not recall, on November 23, 1963. This person advised that OSWALD was to be brought to the jail the following day. Sheriff DECKER stated on the same day, exact time not recalled by him, he picked up the telephone and called the Dallas Police Department concerning this matter. He stated he probably talked to Chief CURRY and/or to Captain WILL FRITZ but he had no independent recollection as to who he talked to and made no record of the calls. He stated he does recall that who ever he talked to at the Police Department corroborated the information he had received from the press. He stated he and the Police Department both knew that OSWALD was a "hot potato".

Sheriff DECKER stated he has no desire to discuss this matter further and does not desire to furnish any details of conversations he had with the Police Department, and declined to state whether he advised the Police Department that he had a preference as to the time of day the transfer of the prisoner should be made.

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