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Lieutenant RHO S. PIERCE, assigned to the Central Station, Dallas Police Department, was advised of the identity of the Agents; that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement made could possibly be used against him in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney. He advised as follows:

On November 24, 1963, he worked the day shift from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. About 9:00 A.M., Captain C. E. TALBERT, instructed him to call enough uniform officers to the City Hall to assist in the transfer of OSWALD to the County Jail. He called 19 radio patrol officers to the station and placed them under the supervision of Sergeants P. T. DEAN and J. A. PUTNAM.

The following uniform officers were called for this detail and assigned as follows:

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| ANDERSON, K. K.  | Field and Elm Streets                 |
| BROCK, A. R.     | Basement elevator                     |
| BURTON, T. R.    | Commerce and Central Streets          |
| BEVIN, D. K.     | Commerce and Pearl Streets            |
| FERRIS, M. E.    | Lamar and Elm Streets                 |
| FOX, L. L.       | Marwood and Elm Streets               |
| GREGORY, F. E.   | Central and Elm Streets               |
| HIBBS, V. E.     | Achard and Elm Streets                |
| JEE, L. E.       | Commerce Street ramp                  |
| NELSON, R. C.    | Hall, inside jail                     |
| PATE, D. L.      | Commerce Street ramp                  |
| PATTERSON, B. G. | Commerce Street ramp                  |
| RAE, J.          | Stone and Elm Streets                 |
| TAYLOR, L. C.    | Commerce Street ramp                  |
| TILBERT, O. L.   | Pearl and Elm Streets                 |
| VAUGHN, R. E.    | Main Street ramp                      |
| WAGES, H. J.     | Central and Main Streets              |
| WATKINS, E. A.   | Commerce Street ramp with armored car |
| WISE, M. L.      | St. Paul and Commerce Streets         |

At 11:00 P.M. 24 Nov 63, I advised the following officers of the details of the case.  
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RHO S. PIERCE

Captain TALBERT advised Lieutenant PIERCE that the men assigned to him would seal the basement, that all exits would be guarded, all cars would be searched, all vent pipes

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on 12/2/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 44-1639  
by Special Agent TOM E. CHAPOTON & ALLEN H. SMITH/in Date dictated 12/2/63

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checked, also other places a person could hide. All civilian employees would be removed from the basement area and the elevator in the new building would be locked at the first floor. About 9:20 or 9:30 A.M., as the officers started to arrive at police station, PIERCE instructed Sergeant P. E. DEAN to take a group of officers to the basement area to carry out these instructions. About 10:15 A.M., Lieutenant PIERCE checked the parking area in the police basement and satisfied himself that the area had been cleared.

Lieutenant PIERCE advised that he then proceeded to the Homicide Bureau for additional instructions. He left Sergeants DEAN and PUTNAM in charge of the uniform officers who in turn assigned the men their specific posts.

Lieutenant PIERCE remained at the Homicide Bureau until about 11:15 A.M. at which time Chief CURRY and Chief STEVENSON instructed him to secure a police car and some uniform officers to escort the armored truck from the Commerce Street ramp to the Court House. Lieutenant PIERCE proceeded to the Police Department basement where he obtained a police car and instructed Sergeants B. J. MAXEY and J. A. PUTNAM to accompany him. When he arrived in the basement which was "jammed" with police officers and press and television people. He estimated that approximately 50 press people were there and a like number of police officers. He stated that he could not identify any of the Press people by name.

After obtaining the police car, Sergeant PUTNAM moved the crowd out of the way so that the car could proceed out the Main Street ramp. Lieutenant PIERCE observed Captain C. C. ARNETT, a reserve police officer and another reserve police officer, unknown to him, stationed at the bottom of the ramp and officer R. E. VAUGHN at the top of this ramp. Lieutenant PIERCE accompanied by Sergeants MAXEY and PUTNAM, proceeded out of the police station in the police car, turning left on Main Street, left on Harwood and proceeded to the Commerce Street police ramp. When they arrived at this position, officers were running to cover all exits of the City Hall and they learned at this time that OSWALD had been shot as he was being transferred.

Lieutenant PIERCE stated that he did not see the shooting or hear the shot fired. He is acquainted with RUBY and has known RUBY for approximately 12 or 13 years. His acquaintance with RUBY was through official police work and

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he has never worked for RUBY nor does he know any other police officer that has ever worked for RUBY in their spare time or otherwise. He last saw RUBY approximately one year ago and he did not see him on November 24, 1963, the day that OSWALD was shot.

Lieutenant PIERCE advised that he did not have an occasion to personally admit anyone to the building, however, his instructions to his men were that only authorized newsmen with a press pass or other credentials and police officers with proper identification were to be admitted to the building. He has no knowledge of any unauthorized persons being admitted to the basement area.

Lieutenant PIERCE advised he has no knowledge or any information regarding any relationship existing between RUBY and OSWALD.

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