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Under date of December 9, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows concerning a document examination requested by the New Orleans Office on December 5, 1963:

Specimens received December 7, 1963

Q227 Personal history sheet bearing the name "LEE OSWALD"

Result of examination:

It was determined that the names erased from the last item of Q227 are "ARTHUR" or "ARTHER ABEAR" and "EDWARD VOGEL".

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 1352

Interview with Assistant Chief Charles Batchelor, Dallas Police Department, conducted by Burt W. Griffin from approximately 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M., Monday, March 23.

Chief Batchelor explained the organizational system of the Dallas Police Department and promised to provide a table of the personnel which has later been marked as "Exhibit 5002" covering personnel list for the Dallas Police Department in November, 1963.

We talked at some length about the Special Service Bureau of the Police Department. This Bureau consists of approximately 57 men and is divided into 4 departments: Intelligence, including subversive activities, Narcotics, Morals and Night Club operations. The Department is headed by Captain Gannaway. Regular police officers do not work in the night club section of the Special Service Bureau. This night club section supplies police men for night clubs and dance halls. When an operator of a night club desires to employ a police officer he contacts the Special Service Bureau. He may either request that the Special Service Bureau to appoint a person to work in his establishment or he may suggest a particular individual. In all cases employees of the Special Service Bureau are not employees of the Police Department in any other capacity and are simply ordinary citizens with an extra part-time job which is cleared through the Police Department. If the night club operator desires to hire a particular person not previously used by the Special Service Bureau, the Special Service Bureau conducts a background check on the man. This special night club patrolman is paid directly by the Police Department; however, the Police Department is paid a similar amount by the night club operator. Batchelor was candid in stating that he imagined these officers might also receive something extra on the side from the night club operator.

We talked somewhat about the operation of Ruby's Clubs. Batchelor indicated that officer Jack Revilla is most familiar about Ruby's operations. Batchelor stated, however, that Ruby's operation has not been a troublesome one for the Police Department. He further volunteered that the crime and vice problem in Dallas was not a substantial one and that gambling is a small element in Dallas. He did state, however, that the underworld problem in Fort Worth was much more severe.

Chief Batchelor outlined his experience as follows: 28 years on the force. Assigned to the Traffic Bureau 1936 to 1941; Sgt. of the Patrol 1941 to 1943; Patrol Platoon Commander 1943 to about 1948; Instructor at the Training Academy 1948 to 1951; Deputy Chief in Charge of Traffic 1951 to 1957; Deputy Chief in Charge of Patrol 1957 to 1960; Assistant Chief January 20, 1960 to present. Batchelor impressed me as an intelligent, imaginative and honest police officer.

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 1353

At the time President Kennedy was shot Batchelor was at the Trade Mart. He learned about the shooting of the President over the police radio. Batchelor states that just before Curry reached the Triple Overpass he asked a question over the police radio about the men who were standing on top of the Triple Overpass. After the shooting was announced over police radio City Manager came out of the Trade Mart and asked Batchelor what had happened. Batchelor told him. The next news Batchelor heard of significance was over Radio Station KRID which announced that the President had died. He told the City Manager about this death and he promptly left the Trade Mart.

Batchelor then located Chief Stevenson at the Trade Mart and Batchelor and Stevenson took a minister to Parkland Hospital. This minister is head of the Dallas Council of Churches. From Parkland Hospital Batchelor and Stevenson went to Love Field. Batchelor returned to City Hall via Parkland Hospital at about 3:00 or 3:30 P.M.

When Batchelor arrived at Parkland Hospital he said the third floor of the Police Department was packed with Press representatives and city employees. TV cables had already been extended from Commerce Street up to the third floor and through Chief Lundy's office. As Batchelor entered the third floor another TV crew was beginning to string TV cables through Captain King's office from the Harwood side of the Police Department. Batchelor attempted to clear the hallway of all but Press, officers and people whom he thought had legitimate business. He later assigned records room people to issue passes to persons who had legitimate business on the third floor. He further instructed them not to allow others to go up. He said that he stationed men at the elevators and the stairways.

On Friday and Saturday Stevenson's job was primarily to relieve the administrative load from Chief Curry who remained in touch with Homicide. Batchelor made arrangements for special clerical personnel and took over routine duties of the day to day management of the Police Department. He said he was constantly being approached by newspaper people. In addition, the telephone switchboard was flooded with calls from people wanting to talk to Chief Curry, volunteer suggestions, criticize the Police Department, or other such things. Much of Batchelor's time was spent answering such telephone calls. He said that there was very little time for any planning, and that there were constant requests for information, documents, access, etc. by the various federal investigatory agencies.

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Batchelor said the Press was generally not allowed into the offices occupied by the various Chiefs of Police at the Commerce end of the third floor hallway. Although some got into the secretarial room which separates each of these separate offices from the hallway. He said that it was agreed at a probably early point between himself and Chief Curry that the only comments to the Press would be made by Chief Curry.

On Friday Batchelor said that he checked with the people manning the jail to make sure there was a personal guard on Oswald at all times. He said that on one occasion certain reporters attempted to gain admittance to the third floor of the Police Department and that they were not permitted to come up. Batchelor finally provided each with a note which admitted them to the third floor. Eventually guards were stationed at the elevators, the stairways, in front of the Homicide Bureau door and near the dispatcher. He said that the dispatcher's radio was not audible in his office so far as he knew and that the speakers were not on. Batchelor acknowledged that it was his responsibility to decide where the various guards for access to the third floor were placed, and that on one occasion he requested help from the Patrol unit. He said that what was designated as a second platoon or second shift was held beyond its regular tour of duty until approximately 5:00 or 6:00 P.M. on Friday. These men stayed generally in the area of the assembly room on the first floor.

Although the Press monopolized corridor space on the third floor, all the various Detective Bureaus which occupy the third floor were in use. Apparently, members of the Press were not allowed in those offices on a regular basis. There is a Press room on the third floor and some telephones were available to the Press on that floor and on occasion Batchelor remembers members of the Press using telephones in his set of offices. Batchelor stated that two TV cameras were on the third floor in the foyer in front of the elevators. These cameras were pointed in the direction of the Homicide office which is on the Main Street side of the building. The TV cameras were named at all times and it was his recollection that they were the cameras of TV stations KRID and WFAA.

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