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He advised he got in his car, pulled out of the police station, and was in the vicinity of Ervay and Jackson Streets when he received a call on the radio to report back to the Central Police Station. He stated he again drove through the Main Street entrance, was admitted by Patrolman VAUGHN and the same two reserve officers and parked his car in the same place as before in the basement. He stated he went back to the 3rd floor and Patrolman HAMMETT told him to disregard his assignment, that they would take the mail and so forth out to Mrs. TIPPIT later on.

He went back to the basement, contacted Sergeant PUTNAM and asked if there was anything he wanted him to do. Sergeant PUTNAM told him there was nothing for him to do, that all of the men had been assigned so he got back in his car, drove out the Commerce Street exit and left on a burglary investigation.

He stated he was in South Dallas approximately at the intersection of Hatcher and Soyene Streets when he heard on the radio that OSWALD had been shot. He stated he had formerly been on assignment where he worked downtown and made periodic checks in the Carousel Club and other "joints" of that nature, and he knew JACK RUBY when he saw him. He estimated it had been two or three months since he had seen RUBY and he did not see him in the basement or on Main Street the day of the shooting.

He advised he had never heard any information concerning a relationship between RUBY and OSWALD. He further advised he had never worked for RUBY and did not know of any police officers who had, stating it was against departmental regulations for a Dallas police officer to work in an establishment where alcoholic beverages were served.

Date December 4, 1963

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Detective IVAN R. STEPHENS, Burglary and Theft Detail, Dallas Police Department, residing at 11306 Stalcup, Dallas, Texas, was advised that he did not have to make a statement; that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law, and that he was entitled to talk with an attorney. He furnished the following information:

STEPHENS was instructed, on the morning of November 24, 1963, which is the day that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot in the Dallas Police Department, to go to the lobby of the basement area of the Dallas Police Department. Lieutenant SWAIN of the Burglary Detail, ordered him and approximately two or three other officers, whose identities he cannot recall at this time, to go to the lobby and "help any way we could." These instructions came just prior to the transfer time of OSWALD. STEPHENS and the other unidentified officers got to the lobby of the basement, and he thought there would be a supervisor there to give him instructions, but there was no supervisor to tell him what to do.

He stood in the lobby in front of the windows through which one can look and see the booking desk of the Sergeant. He had to show his badge on several occasions during the day, but when he arrived in the lobby he does not believe he was required to identify himself.

He estimated that there were 8 or 9 photographers and cameramen in the lobby which is a small area, and the area was quite crowded. He did not try to go on to the ramp area at that time but saw through the windows that OSWALD was being brought out of the elevator and on to the ramp area. Immediately after he heard the pistol shot he went to the swinging doors leading from the lobby area to the ramp area. He saw only turmoil and then realized that the officers were trying to get OSWALD back inside the booking room. He helped keep the crowd back as they returned OSWALD and got RUBY through the door into the booking area.

STEPHENS said he did not know of the entire security taken by the Dallas Police Department or what the overall plan was. He did notice approximately eight or nine photographers and four or five detectives in the lobby area, which area he had been sent to observe. He would estimate there were

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by Special Agent # JAMES E. GARRIS and JACK B. PEDEN:brm Date dictated 12/4/63

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