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DONALD T. SUITS, 233 Sendero, Garland, Texas, advised that he was a Dallas Reserve Policeman who was on duty the day OSWALD was shot in the Central Police Station. He advised that Lieutenant BEN MC COY, Police Reserve Lieutenant, called and told him to report to the Assembly Room in the Central Police Station between 9:00 and 9:15 AM, on November 24, 1963. He stated his assignment was to check the reserve men in as they reported for duty. He recalled there were about twenty-six of them.

He stated that Sergeant DEAN, of the regular Police Department, came in about 9:20 AM and asked the reserves to help "shake" the basement down. He stated that the reserves, as well as regular police officers, checked every car and ~~newsmen~~ in the basement and found everything in order.

SUITS advised he did not see the shooting, as he was standing on the west side of the first car that was parked in the driveway just outside the corridor where they led OSWALD out. He stated he was trying to keep the crowd back on the east side of the driveway at the time the shooting occurred and, therefore, was unable to see it. He stated he looked around immediately after hearing a noise, which he thought was a flash bulb popping at the time, and saw several plain-clothes men struggling with a man whom he later found out was RUBY. He advised he had heard of RUBY, but had never met him and would not have known him had he seen him. He never heard of any reserves or regular police officers who had worked for RUBY.

SUITS estimated there were probably at least 100 people in the basement besides the police officers and he assumed that most of them were newsmen, photographers, and television cameramen. He stated he saw a few people, probably five or six, come down the south ramp where the armored truck was parked prior to the time of the shooting and, in each instance, the officers standing there required them to show identification before they allowed them to pass. He stated that about five or six minutes before the shooting they apparently had stopped everyone from coming in, as he did not see anyone coming down during that interval.

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by Special Agent LEO L. ROBERTSON & PAUL I. SCOTT/sah Date dictated 12/3/63

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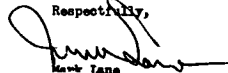
Hon. Earl Warren
Justice of the United States Supreme Court
Washington, D.C.

Dear Justice Warren:

As an attorney who witnessed the destruction of almost every right ordinarily available to a person charged with the commission of a crime in the matter of the arrest, interrogation and subsequent killing of Mr. Lee H. Oswald, I felt constrained to comment upon the serious breaches of law and ethics that took place. Accordingly, I drafted an article for publication dealing with these and other related questions. It has been suggested that I submit that article to you for whatever use you may be able to make of it. I submit it herewith.

May I respectfully request that your Commission give consideration to the appointment of defense counsel in order that in your inquiry an advocate zealously protecting his client's rights may be present; an advocate who may examine documents and cross examine witnesses. It would be appropriate, I suggest, that Mr. Oswald, from whom every legal right was stripped, be accorded counsel who may participate with the single purpose of representing the rights of the accused.

Respectfully,



Mark Lane

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2033

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Dec. 30, 1963

Mark Lane, Esquire
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Dear Mr. Lane:

The Commission has asked me to thank you for your letter of December 24, 1963 and the enclosed brief relating to Lee Harvey Oswald. The Commission appreciated your making this material available to it, and in order to minimize any inconvenience to you, we have made a copy and are returning herewith the original to you.

As you know, President Johnson on November 29, 1963 established this Commission to study and report upon all the facts and circumstances relating to the assassination of the late President, John F. Kennedy, and the subsequent killing of the man charged with the assassination. The views contained in your letter will be given appropriate consideration by the Commission prior to the preparation of any final report. I can assure you that the Commission and its staff are determined to implement President Johnson's directive as completely and quickly as possible.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to the Commission.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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Dear Mr. Lane:

On behalf of the Commission I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent telegram informing the Commission that you have been retained by Mrs. Marguerite C. Oswald to represent her deceased son.

As you know, the Commission is interested in developing all the pertinent facts relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the subsequent killing of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack L. Ruby. Any documentary material which Mrs. Marguerite C. Oswald or others wish to submit to the Commission will receive careful consideration.

The Commission does not believe that it would be useful or desirable to permit an attorney representing Lee Harvey Oswald to have access to the investigative materials within the possession of the Commission or to participate in any hearings to be conducted by the Commission. I can assure you that every effort will be made to ascertain the facts regarding Lee Harvey Oswald's implication in the assassination of President Kennedy as accurately and fairly as possible.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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