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GENE COFFEY advised that he is a Sound Technician employed in the News Section of the National Broadcasting Company located at 3000 West Alameda Street in Burbank, California.

He stated that he arrived at Dallas, Texas, before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22, 1963, having been sent there from Los Angeles. He stated that for about the first hour and a half, he was able to make several trips from the street into the police building and up into the third floor of the police building without being asked for any identification. He did not notice anyone being asked for identification during this period of time. After this first hour and a half, he was challenged by uniformed officers and had to show his identification. The only place he did have to show his identification, however, was on the third floor of the police building.

At about 11:00 p.m. on Friday, the news people were informed that there would be a press conference attended by LEE HARVEY OSWALD held in the auditorium in the basement of the police building. He attended this conference along with all the other news people and he does not recall being stopped entering this conference room and asked to show any identification. He believes that anybody could have attended this press conference.

COFFEY said that his assignment on November 24, 1963 was at the Dallas County Jail and, therefore, he was not in the vicinity of the police building on November 24, 1963.

COFFEY knows of no connection between OSWALD and JACK RUBY and knows of no one who aided or abetted either in committing their crimes. He stated that he never interviewed RUBY and only attended one press conference early Saturday morning, at which OSWALD was present.

On 12/4/63 at Burbank, California File # Los Angeles 44-685
by SA JAMES L. CLOAR, JR. and
SA CARL F. LONERGAN/bje Date dictated 12/5/63

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JOE CUMMING, Correspondent, Newsweek Magazine, telephonically advised that although he was in Dallas, Texas, at the time that JACK LEON RUBY shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD, he was at his hotel and not at the Police Department and did not witness the shooting.

Mr. CUMMING stated that every time he went to the Police Department starting on the evening of November 22, 1963, he was required to identify himself with his press credentials. He stated even though some of the officers who guarded the different entrances recognized him, they still required him to produce his credentials. He stated he knows of no unauthorized person who was permitted to enter any area of the Police Department, including the basement without showing proper identification.

Mr. CUMMING stated he does not know of any information which would indicate that a police officer or other official conspired with RUBY or willfully permitted the killing. He stated that he did not see or talk to RUBY from November 22, through November 24, 1963, and did not know who RUBY was until after the shooting and the resultant publicity. He stated further that he has no knowledge of any relationship or prior acquaintance between RUBY and OSWALD.

On 12-1-63 at Atlanta, Georgia File # DL 44-1639
AT 105-3193
by Special Agent CHARLES S. HARDING/kw/jn Date dictated 12-1-63

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