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INTERVIEW WITH NEWSMEN

MAURICE CARROLL, 14 Symor Drive, Convent Station, New Jersey telephone Jefferson 8-7694 was interviewed at the office of the New York Herald Tribune, 230 West 41st Street, where he is employed as a news reporter. He indicated he is generally known as "MICKEY" CARROLL. He furnished the following information:

He arrived Dallas, Texas from New York the night of November 22, 1963. He was in and around the Dallas Municipal Building, Dallas, Texas on Saturday, November 23, 1963. He spent the majority of his time on the third floor of this building where the Homicide Bureau of the Dallas Police Department was located and where LEE HARVEY OSWALD was being held. He recalled that when he went to the third floor of this building, his credentials were always checked by a police officer stationed in the corridor on the third floor.

JESSE CURRY, Chief of the Dallas Police Department at an informal press conference on the night of November 23, 1963, indicated that OSWALD would be moved into the County Jail about 10:00 a.m. on the following morning. CURRY told those present at the conference that they need not show up before 10:00 a.m. the following day, but that they should not be much later than 10:00 a.m. CURRY said there had been threats made against the life of OSWALD, and that an armored car would be used to transport OSWALD to the County Jail.

CARROLL arrived at the Dallas Municipal Building shortly before 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 24, 1963. He went to the third floor of the building. His credentials were checked by an officer of the Dallas Police Department. There were other newsmen on the third floor, but most of them wandered down to the basement of the building, as they knew OSWALD would be taken through the basement to an armored car parked on the ramp in the basement.

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CARROLL remained on the third floor and with him were "IKE" PAPPAS, reporter for New York City Radio Station WNEW, and a newspaper reporter named, "JERRY" Last Name Unknown. CARROLL did not know what newspaper "JERRY" worked for or of the city he worked out of.

At about 10:00 a.m. OSWALD was lead out of the room on the third floor by three or four Dallas Police Department officers. CARROLL was unable to state exactly how many officers there were. OSWALD was lead down the hall to an elevator.

CARROLL, PAPPAS, and "JERRY" ran down the stairway to the basement. In the basement corridor leading to the garage, he was required to show identification by a uniformed officer stationed in this corridor.

When he entered the basement, OSWALD had not yet appeared. CARROLL explained this was probably due to the fact that the elevator was very slow moving.

CARROLL noticed that there were two rows of people who had formed in the corridor leaving from a doorway from which OSWALD was expected to appear.

CARROLL started toward the side of the corridor where the television camera was located, but he was directed by a plain clothes policeman to stand back on the other side. There were newsmen standing two and three deep on this side, and CARROLL was behind them.

Within a very short time, which CARROLL estimated to be less than one minute, OSWALD emerged from the doorway. About this same time, CARROLL saw a blue car backing down the ramp behind the armored car.

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When OSWALD emerged into the basement, the crowd of newsmen and television reporters on both sides surged forward toward OSWALD, and one man appeared to thrust a microphone towards him. Just then CARROLL heard a "pop" and then there was a lot of confusion. OSWALD was then taken back through the doorway from which he had emerged.

CARROLL had been leaning forward trying to get a look at OSWALD and to hear anything that OSWALD might say. He was not able to have a good view of OSWALD. He did not actually see OSWALD get shot. He did not see RUBY prior to the time that OSWALD was shot, and only had a fleeting glimpse of a man being lead out of the basement garage by the police.

CARROLL does not know of any unauthorized person who may have entered the basement of the Dallas Municipal Building, nor does he know of any authorized person permitted to enter the basement without identification.

CARROLL did not have any information that any person conspired with RUBY, or any information that a police officer, or other official conspired with RUBY or wilfully committed the killing of OSWALD.

CARROLL did not see or talk to RUBY at any time from November 22 through November 24, 1963.

CARROLL has no knowledge of any relationship or prior acquaintance between RUBY and OSWALD.

The following is a list of persons whom CARROLL recalled were in the basement at the time of the shooting of OSWALD:

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"IKE" PAPPAS

FRANK JOHNSTON  
United Press International Photographer

NBC-Television newsmen who was broadcasting "live"

Reporter name unknown, who worked for a French newspaper.

HANK MACHIRELLA  
Reporter for the New York Daily News

There were other newsmen present whom CARROLL did not know. In addition, there were a number of officers of the Dallas Police Department whom CARROLL did not know.