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PRESS INTERVIEW WITH SGT. P. T. DEAN  
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Q. -- did you see, did you see that man fire the shot?

DEAN. I didn't see him as he fired it. The moment the shot was fired I turned around. I did see the smoke from the gun. It was an instant. I was looking--

Q. --

DEAN. No, I didn't.

COMMENTATOR. This is Sgt. Patrick Dean of the Dallas Police Department who is standing beside us. Pat, you saw the smoke from the gun?

DEAN. Yes.

Q. And did you see the man?

DEAN. Yes.

Q. What did he look like to you, Pat?

DEAN. Well, he was a man dressed in a suit, good appearance, like one of the pressmen. However, I was at the top of the ramp, Bob, waiting at the armored car which we were supposed to take him to the county jail in.

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Q. Right.

DEAN. Now that's, from that location is when I saw the smoke from the gun. As far as identifying him at that time at that distance, I couldn't.

Q. I know you were--

Q. -- to Oswald?

DEAN. He was taken back into the jail office; an ambulance was called, he is at the hospital now.

Q. Where was he wounded?

Q. Is he at Parkland Hospital?

DEAN. He had a wound in his lower left abdomen.

Q. Was he -- more than one shot?

DEAN. As far as I could tell it was the only one. I think it was only one shot that was fired.

COMMENTATOR. Right. There was only one shot. It was right here, but, Pat, you say it was in his lower left abdomen?

DEAN. Yes, sir.

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Q. He was unconscious inside?

DEAN. Yes, he was.

Q. Does he look like he's dying?

DEAN. I wouldn't want to say. I--

Q. Did you hear anything he said? Did he say anything?  
When he clutched himself, did he say anything?

DEAN. Are you talking about Oswald? Or--

Q. Oswald, yes.

DEAN. No, he didn't. He was unconscious.

Q. What about the man? Did he get, did he run at all,  
or what happened--

DEAN. No, he was immediately subdued by the officers, at  
the time he fired the shot.

Q. How many shots were fired?

DEAN. Just one shot.

COMMENTATOR. Now then, thus far, Pat, is the man upstairs  
in a cell?

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DEAN. Well, as far as I know he's either in the jail or  
in Captain Fritz' office. He'd probably be in jail.

Q. Do you know this subject? Do you know him? Have you  
seen him before?

DEAN. Yes, I do.

Q. Is he from Dallas?

DEAN. Yes.

Q. Who is he? Is he a nightclub operator?

DEAN. I couldn't tell you.

Q. I know you can't release the name now, but do you know  
what kind of business he happens to be in?

DEAN. Bob, I wouldn't want to say.

COMMENTATOR. Right.

Q. Did he have to be disarmed or did he give up?

DEAN. We had to disarm him.

Q. Did he struggle?

DEAN. As much as he could, yes. But he was--

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Q. Did he have anything--

Q. The struggle--

DEAN. He was mumbling, I couldn't hear. I couldn't understand what he did say. Now--

Q. Did Oswald-- ?

Q. Was it a pistol that he had? Did he have a pistol?

DEAN. What?

Q. Did he have a pistol?

DEAN. Yes.

Q. Do you know what kind of pistol he was carrying?

DEAN. No, Bob, I never saw the pistol itself. Some other, I think Officer Graves, got the gun immediately after he fired the shot.

Q. Was he in civilian clothes?

DEAN. Yes.

Q. Did he try to get away?

DEAN. No. He was immediately subdued by the officers.

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COMMENTATOR. He wouldn't have had a chance to get away.

Q. How many shots were fired?

DEAN. One.

COMMENTATOR. One shot.

Q. Did you see-- ?

Q. What was Oswald wearing, do you remember, when he came out?

DEAN. I didn't pay too much attention.

Q. But, did you know the man, did you see the man before?

COMMENTATOR. Yes, he did.

Q. Did you, you saw his face?

DEAN. Yes, sir.

Q. And you knew him?

DEAN. Yes, sir.

COMMENTATOR. Pat, he is a resident of Dallas, is he not?

DEAN. Yes, sir. And that's all I want to say about the man inside.

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Q. Would you say he was about 3 feet away when the one shot was fired? About 3 feet away? From Oswald? It looked like that to us, was he about 3 feet away when, or how far would you say the shot was fired from?

DEAN. I couldn't tell. I couldn't see Oswald when the shot was fired. I immediately turned. I was waiting at the armored car to ride with the suspect to the county jail. As soon as the shot was fired, I came immediately down the ramp to assist the officers.

Q. Officer, do you know this man personally that's in custody?

DEAN. Yes.

Q. In the line of duty, or in another way?

DEAN. Sir, I wouldn't want to say.

Q. But he is known to you as a police officer?

DEAN. Not--as a police officer?

Q. That is, you as a police officer?

DEAN. I see.

Q. -- know him. Is that correct?

DEAN. Yes.

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Q. Was he connected in any way with the assassination?

DEAN. I wouldn't, I don't know.

Q. Had you seen him here in the building before the shot was fired?

DEAN. No, sir.

COMMENTATOR. Pat, could you outline briefly some of the security precautions that were taken immediately before this happened?

DEAN. Yes, sir. We thoroughly searched the basement. We had searched even the cars, up on top of the pipes and things that a person might conceal himself. There was about 15 to 20 men that had searched this place prior to, 30 minutes in fact searched it twice--about an hour before and then 30 minutes before.

Q. How many officers did you have outside, approximately, would you say?

DEAN. About 20.

Q. About 20 uniformed officers?

COMMENTATOR. --outside the building and they're armed with riot guns, pistols, and all kinds of things.

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DEAN. Yes, sir. Some few of them are.

Q. You were then ready-- ?

Q. You had seen him before, in here?

DEAN. No, sir.

Q. Today?

DEAN. No, sir. Not today.

COMMENTATOR. Is there anything else that you possibly might tell us about him, Pat? I know that at the present time you're, you're bound and can't say very much, but you have said that he is from Dallas and that you do know this, this subject and have seen him before.

DEAN. Yes, sir. I do know him.

COMMENTATOR. He, is there anything that you can say about him further than the fact that he is a resident of Dallas--the man who shot Oswald--to shed some more light on this?

DEAN. Well, Bob, that would be all I want to say, really.

COMMENTATOR. I'm sure that's the case. Now, at present, what in the way of release is going on inside? How soon do you think we're going to be able to know who this man is?

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DEAN. Well, the information would have to come from Captain Fritz' office.

COMMENTATOR. Captain Fritz came out of this door just a few steps ahead of Oswald--do you know where he is at present?

DEAN. No, sir. I don't.

COMMENTATOR. Capt. Will Fritz is the master interrogator who was carrying on the interrogations yesterday.

Q. -- security precautions had been taken, Were there any threatening phone calls during the night that there might be some effort to take Oswald's life?

DEAN. I couldn't answer that. I don't know.

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