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Mr. DAVID L. JOHNSTON, Justice of Peace, Precinct Number 2, Dallas County, 1411 West Belt Line Road, Dallas, Texas, advised as follows:

He does not personally know JACK RUBY. After RUBY shot LEE HARVEY OSWALD November 24, 1963, he realized that RUBY was someone whom he had seen before sometime in the past. He also remembered that he had seen RUBY at a press conference at the Dallas Police Department late November 27, 1963, or early November 23, 1963.

The press conference was arranged for press representatives to photograph and interview OSWALD. The conference was agreed upon by Captain J. W. FRITZ, Chief J. E. CURRY, Dallas Police Department, HENRY WADE, Dallas County District Attorney and WILLIAM ALEXANDER, Assistant Dallas County District Attorney.

He observed RUBY in the group of press representatives at the conference and at that time he (JOHNSTON) was in the company of District Attorney WADE. He thought RUBY was another press representative when he first saw him. Immediately after the conference, RUBY came up to JOHNSTON, introduced himself as JACK RUBY, shook his hand and gave him a business card for the Carousel Club. After RUBY learned that JOHNSTON was Justice of Peace, he shook his hand a second time. This was about 12:15 AM or 12:30 AM, November 23, 1963. He still has the business card given to him by RUBY. He had not observed RUBY talking to District Attorney WADE or anyone else.

He did not see RUBY say anything to OSWALD at the press conference and had no information indicating that RUBY and OSWALD knew each other.

He had no information concerning security measures taken at the Police Department subsequent to OSWALD's arrest until the time OSWALD was shot. He does not know of any unauthorized person permitted to enter the Police Department.

He was not in the Police Department basement when OSWALD was shot November 24, 1963.

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JOHNSTON said that in his official position of Justice of Peace in Dallas County, he arraigned OSWALD on November 22, 1963, for the murder of J. E. TIPPITY; he arraigned OSWALD on November 23, 1963, for the murder of JOHN F. KENNEDY. On November 23, 1963, he issued a warrant charging OSWALD with assault to murder JOHN B. CONNALLY. OSWALD was arraigned on both occasions in Dallas City Municipal Building. During his contacts with OSWALD, OSWALD made no pertinent remarks.

Mr. JOHNSTON said that after RUBY shot OSWALD, he received information from a confidential source whom he declined to identify that RUBY had been co-signer on some loans obtained at Dallas banks by some Dallas Police Department officers. He told this information to Chief of Police CURRY but did not disclose his source to CURRY. He understands that inquiry was subsequently conducted at Republic National Bank of Dallas and the First National Bank in Dallas and it was verified that RUBY had actually been co-signer on some loans obtained by Police officers at those banks. Mr. JOHNSTON said he had no further details concerning this matter.

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