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O. A. JONES, Captain of Police, Forgery Bureau, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information freely and voluntarily to Special Agents EDWARD J. MABEY and KENNETH P. HUGHES, who identified themselves to him as Special Agents of the FBI. He was immediately advised of the nature of the investigation; that he did not have to make any statement, and that any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. JONES was also advised of his right to counsel.

Prior to 11:00 AM, on November 24, 1963, he was in the administration offices in the Police & Courts Building performing administrative duties. A little before 11:00 AM, Deputy Chief STEVENSON told JONES to place two officers at the entrance of the Commerce Street ramp to help and assist the armored car that was en route. STEVENSON also advised JONES to take any remaining detectives that were available on the third floor to the basement and place them where needed. JONES and two or three other detectives, names unknown, went to the basement where JONES placed Patrolman JEZ and one other unidentified patrolman at the entrance of the ramp on Commerce Street. He also advised Captain TALBERT of the Chief's instructions on placing these two patrolmen at the entrance of the ramp and advised that they were not to be moved. JONES placed two detectives, names unknown, at the jail office door. JONES noticed that there were newsmen inside the jail office and called this to the attention of Assistant Chief BATCHELOR and Deputy Chief STEVENSON. JONES, Chief BATCHELOR and some other officers removed the newsmen from the inside of the jail office and then continued moving these individuals down the hallway and into the basement area. JONES was aware of an automobile driving up the Main Street ramp in the wrong direction during the process of moving the press back. He later found out that the driver was Lieutenant R. PIERCE. At this point, Chief STEVENSON approached JONES and stated that there had been a change in plans and that two automobiles were now going to be used. These automobiles were located behind the press line and were started up and had to drive through the press line to get into position. JONES assisted in holding back the press lines during this process and gave instructions to all officers near the jail office and the doors to allow no

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Ex. No. 5056 JONES, O.A. Deposition
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one in the area from the jail to the automobiles down the route the prisoner was to take. After the shooting, JONES learned that Detective CHARLIE BROWN was the driver of the first automobile and Detective DHORITY, initials believed to be C. T., was the driver of the second automobile.

JONES was walking up the Commerce Street ramp when he heard from behind him, "Here he comes," from an unidentified individual. The police lines were again being re-formed and JONES turned and gave orders to the policemen in the vicinity not to let anyone follow the prisoner up the ramp. JONES noticed that Chief STEVENSON was across the ramp and further on up the ramp from himself and that Detective "BLACKIE" HARRISON was in the general area. JONES then turned to watch the crowd and the police line when he heard a shot to his left. He turned and saw two scuffles in the center of the ramp and, at this point, gave the order to seal the exits and ramps. He then approached the area where the scuffles were taking place, noticing at this point that the second automobile was closer to the jail door than he realized as he had to go around it to get to the scene of the scuffle. As he approached this scene, he heard two or three unidentified persons holler it was JACK RUBY. Upon his arrival at the scene, RUBY was in the custody of two detectives whose names he cannot recall.

At this point, JONES noted that Lieutenant SWAIN, of the Burglary & Theft Bureau, was having trouble holding back the crowd and JONES gave the order to get the prisoner back in jail and to help Lieutenant SWAIN. JONES, himself, helped Lieutenant SWAIN and thereafter went into the jail office where he saw OSWALD on the floor with a bullet wound in his stomach slightly under his left rib cage. JONES then left the jail office and noted that at this time the ambulance was arriving. He saw OSWALD taken out of the jail office and put into the ambulance and the ambulance start up the ramp. JONES noticed there was a slight delay from the time that OSWALD was placed in the ambulance and the time that it left the ramp, due to the armored car still being located on the ramp. JONES then placed two officers

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on the swinging doors just outside the jail office and advised them to let persons leave who had proper identification. At this point or just after he arrived on the third floor, JONES told Lieutenant R. E. MC KINNEY to get ten detectives and go to Parkland Hospital. JONES, himself, did not see the shooting.

JONES stated that he did know RUBY and had known him prior to 1952, when he ran the Silver Spur, a night club on South Ervay. He stated that prior to 1952 he was a Lieutenant covering this district and had gone into the Silver Spur, at the most, six times looking for white subjects. JONES stated he knew the name JACK RUBY, but stated it was doubtful he could connect the name with the individual without seeing his face. JONES stated he never worked for JACK RUBY and he did not know the names of any other officers who did.

JONES estimated there were more than fifty people other than officers in the basement and that there were two television cameras in operation and one not in operation. He did not know the names of any of these individuals.

Due to the fact that JONES was recalled from vacation, he was not present at any briefing on the security measures that were to be in effect in the basement on November 24, 1963. JONES knew that the officers in the basement were stopping individuals and asking for identification and, in fact, he, himself, was stopped and asked to produce his identification by a reserve officer. He knew of no unauthorized person in the basement, with the exception of JACK RUBY, whom he saw after the shooting. He did not see JACK RUBY in the basement or talking to any individual prior to the shooting. He did not see JACK RUBY at any time between November 22 and 24, 1963. He stated he is currently

aiding in investigation of RUBY relationship between RUBY and OSWALD by SA'S JAMES W. BOOKHOUT and GEORGE W. H. CARLSON, of the FBI, but had no knowledge of any relationship between RUBY and OSWALD prior to their current investigation.

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