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Re. EDWARD EUGENE PIERCE, 1726 Michigan Street, Dallas, Texas, advised as follows:

He is employed as a Building and Maintenance employee by the city of Dallas. He works in the Dallas Municipal Building and the Dallas Police Department and Courts Building.

On November 24, 1963, he worked the 7:00 AM -3:00 PM shift and was the only maintenance employee on duty that day. He was responsible for the maintenance work in both of the two previously mentioned buildings, which are adjacent to each other and connected by corridors. He had no specific assignment on November 24, 1963.

During the course of the morning he was in and out of the Police Department basement area on two or three occasions prior to about 9:00 AM. He was in the maintenance supervisor's office in the sub-basement of the building at about that time. The service elevator is the only elevator that goes to the sub-basement.

About 9:00 AM, he came up on the service elevator to the main Police Department basement area. There were two Negro porters that worked the same date also in the basement area. They were JOHN SERVANCE, head porter, and ALFREIDA RIGGS, a porter, both in the Building and Maintenance Department. In addition, he saw HAROLD FUQUA, employed as basement parking lot attendant, in the basement. FUQUA is in charge of parking cars in the basement area. The elevator operator on the service elevator was named MCKENZIE.

He stood around the parking lot area opposite the jail office for about one-half an hour with SERVANCE, RIGGS, and FUQUA. They watched the cameras that were in the basement area. About that time, a uniformed police officer, name unknown, told them that everybody had to leave the basement area. At that time, there were other police officers, possibly 30 in number, checking through all police cars and other vehicles in the basement. The unlocked car trunks were also checked on the vehicles in the basement. He, SERVANCE, RIGGS, and FUQUA, thought they

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could still stay in the basement and watch the proceedings if they kept out of the way. The four of them then got into the service elevator, but left the door open and continued looking out into the basement. The same police officer then came over and told them that they had to close the elevator door and move the elevator to another floor. The officer commented that they had to get everyone out of the basement area. The four men went to the first floor. He did not go back to the basement area until approximately 1:30 PM the same day.

On November 24, 1963, he had his name plate attached to his clothing. SERVANCE, RIGGS, and FUQUA had their names sewn on their clothing, which is usual procedure for city employees in that department. The four men were in the basement area approximately a half-hour prior to being forced to leave, as previously related. However, the two porters occasionally left the basement area on business during that same period.

One of the women telephone operators, first name RUTH, described as a white female, about 30 years old, was down in the basement area and had to leave the basement area at the same time the four men did. She rode up on the service elevator with them. Earlier, during the same morning, the women telephone operators occasionally came down to the basement to look around for a short period. This was prior to the time that police officers cleared the basement area. He thought there were possibly two or three women telephone operators on duty that day.

The four men stayed on the first floor of the Municipal Building, until after OSWALD was shot. There is a locked gate in the connecting corridor on each floor between the Municipal Building and the Police and Courts Building. There was no one else in the Municipal Building to his knowledge, but they could see there was quite a crowd over in the Police and Courts Building.

He does not know JACK RUBY, and did not see anyone who resembled RUBY's photograph, during the period of November 22 through 24, 1963.

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During the period he was in the basement area, the only other persons he saw besides police officers and the previously mentioned individuals, were one or two television cameramen.

After the four men went to the first floor of the Municipal Building, as previously related, he unlocked the door on the Commerce Street side and they stood outside the doorway looking around. There was a uniformed police officer outside the door who told them they could not stand outside the doorway and had to go back in the building. He also saw other policemen along the sidewalk and observed that there was a line of policemen along the sidewalk in front of the entire building.

He further stated he saw police officers on duty at the Commerce Street ramp entrance to the basement.

He changed a lightbulb in the City Jail on November 23, 1963, near OSWALD's cell and saw OSWALD on that occasion. That was the only time that he observed OSWALD. OSWALD was in a cell by himself and there was an empty cell on each side. He observed several police officers on duty in the immediate vicinity of OSWALD's cell at that time.

He had no other pertinent information concerning this matter.

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