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Lieutenant RIO S. PIERCE, 3227 South Edgefield, Dallas, Texas, member of the Dallas Police Department, was reinterviewed for more specific details concerning his leaving the Main Street exit of the City Hall basement on November 24, 1963, a few moments before LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot. He related the following:

PIERCE related that he was accompanied by Sergeants PUTNAM and MAXEY. As they proceeded up the Main Street ramp, Lieutenant PIERCE observed Captain ARNETT, a reserve police officer, at the bottom of the ramp. He is not positive but believes that another reserve officer was also at the bottom of this ramp leading to Main Street, with Captain ARNETT. Lieutenant PIERCE stated this ramp is very narrow, barely wide enough for passage of automobiles, and it would be a tight squeeze for a man to stand along side while a vehicle was going up this ramp. As he approached the top of the ramp leading to Main Street, he observed police officer VAUGHN standing in the center of the ramp opening and officer VAUGHN had to move for the police car to emerge. Lieutenant PIERCE stated that on either side of this doorway is a high curb that reaches from the building line to the sidewalk and it was necessary for officer VAUGHN to move to the sidewalk so that the police vehicle could proceed. Lieutenant PIERCE observed officer VAUGHN standing in approximately the center of the sidewalk just east of the doorway as he, Lieutenant PIERCE, passed.

Lieutenant PIERCE did not observe officer VAUGHN's movements after turning into Main Street. Lieutenant PIERCE stated he observed two or three persons on either side of this doorway as they drove out of the ramp but he did not recall who they were nor did he pay any particular attention to them and could not recall whether they were actually persons known to him. He explained that he had subsequently been informed that one of these persons was a former Dallas policeman by the name of N. J. DANIELS and another was a bootblack who had formerly operated in the City Hall. He is personally acquainted with DANIELS but said he did not know if he could recognize the bootblack or not. He said that he does not recall who the people were standing by the Main Street ramp when they emerged and could not say whether or

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not DANIELS was one of these people.

Lieutenant PIERCE subsequently heard during the police investigation as to how RUBY got into the basement; that officer VAUGHN had asked this former policeman, DANIELS, if anyone had gone down the basement while he moved from his post and DANIELS told VAUGHN that no one had. He said that it was strange that DANIELS told VAUGHN that he had seen no one enter and had told others that he had. VAUGHN was subsequently questioned by the Police Department with the polygraph concerning the allegation that RUBY entered the basement through his post. According to Lieutenant PIERCE, VAUGHN was truthful when he said he did not see RUBY or allow him to enter the Police Department basement.

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