

Date December 6, 1963

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Sergeant JAMES A. PUTNAM, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, who resides at 2015 Joan Drive, Dallas, was contacted and he was advised he did not have to make a statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and that he could consult an attorney at any time he desired. PUTNAM voluntarily advised as follows:

He knew of no Negro caught in the basement of the Dallas City Hall climbing over the tops of cars.

He stated that in an interview conducted by Special Agents of the FBI on December 3, 1963, he mentioned that when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot on November 24, 1963, Detective (FNU) REYNOLDS ran from the basement of City Hall shouting that OSWALD had been shot and to "cover off the building." He said he ran to the Harwood Street entrance to City Hall and moments later saw a Negro, male, running down the hall. He stopped this individual, searched him and then turned him over to Detective REYNOLDS (same REYNOLDS mentioned above). PUTNAM stated since he had to secure the Harwood Street entrance, he did not take time to ask this individual's name or why he was running.

PUTNAM did not know whether the above individual was arrested or released.

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 J.A. Putnam
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