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Date 12/4/63

JOHN A. SMITH, Remote Video Operator for WFAF-TV, advised that his home address is 22 Shadowbrook, Hurst, Texas. SMITH advised he has been employed by this company since 1945.

SMITH furnished the following information:

He advised he was the Remote Video Operator for the mobile unit of WBAP-TV on November 24, 1963, at Dallas, Texas. SMITH said the crew set up between 7:30 and 8:00 AM, on November 24th. He said that WARREN RITCHEY was the cameraman located on top of the truck and that I. N. WALKER was the remote audioman located in the truck with him, SMITH.

SMITH said that a man he now knows as JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN was first noticed by him at about 8:00 AM, on November 24, 1963, at which time this person was standing on the sidewalk on the Commerce Street side of the Dallas Police Department. SMITH explained that he, SMITH, was in and out of the mobile unit several times and that the mobile unit was parked facing east on Commerce about twenty-five feet from the ramp leading to the basement of the Dallas Police Department. SMITH said at the time he observed RUBY he did not pay particular attention to this person and, actually, had the impression of someone "just killing time" and very nonchalant.

SMITH said that, as best he can recall, about ten minutes after first seeing RUBY on the sidewalk on the side of the Police Department, or about 8:10 AM, this person walked over to the truck and asked, "Have they brought OSWALD down yet?" SMITH said he answered, "No." SMITH said after RUBY asked this question he walked away from the truck. SMITH said RUBY did not seem interested other than just "passing time." SMITH said he recalls RUBY had on a grey hat and a greyish topcoat.

SMITH said he recalls he next saw RUBY at about 10:00 AM, at which time he saw him on the sidewalk on the Commerce Street side of the Police Department next to the ramp leading to the basement of the Police Department. SMITH said he never saw RUBY talking to anyone at any time and he

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Smith - for OSWALD*

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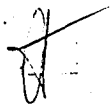
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was alone each time he recalls observing RUBY.

SMITH said further he had no other information concerning this matter.



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