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Sgt. D. F. STEELE, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, residence 1707 Kent Drive, Arlington, Texas, furnished the following information:

On the morning of November 24, 1963, STEELE, who is stationed at the Oak Cliff Substation, reported to the Central Police Station with Reserve Officer HARRISON at about 9:15 AM. STEELE had not been previously instructed to report to the station but had gone to the station relative to disposition of some property belonging to Officer TIPPIIT (Deceased).

He was instructed by Lieut. PIERCE to stand by in the patrol office for assignment.

About 9:30 AM, while at the Police Station, Captain TALBERT contacted STEELE and instructed him to get another man and check the buildings and roofs on the south side of Commerce Street across from the City Police Building. STEELE and Officer JEZ checked the roofs of the 2-story buildings and the doorways and other entrances to the buildings; however, they were unable to get on top of the 3-story buildings. After checking these buildings, they went back to the police building and Captain TALBERT told him to take some reserve officers and move the spectators across to the south side of Commerce Street as they were blocking the police ramp and the police building doorway.

STEELE took five reserve officers and moved the spectators as instructed. He then took the reserve officers and stationed them at intersections on the north side of Commerce Street west of the police building and instructed them to move pedestrians to the south side of Commerce Street.

STEELE then went down into the basement and ramp area of the police building and assisted Sgt. DEANE in restricting the news-men and TV men in the basement area. STEELE estimated there were from sixty to seventy people in the basement at that time, including police officers. To his knowledge, no unauthorized persons were allowed entrance to the basement, and he saw some persons being checked by officers at the entrance as they came into the building.

He assisted Sgt. DEANE and Sgt. PUTNAM in assigning officers traffic corners on Elm Street. TALBERT instructed STEELE to report to

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the Traffic Command Post at Elm and Houston Street and to secure three traffic men to complete the coverage of all traffic on Elm Street. STEELE was not present in the basement of the Police Building at the time LEE HARVEY OSWALD was shot. STEELE did not have knowledge of security measures in effect in the Police building on November 24, 1963, other than his particular assignments.

STEELE has known JACK RUBY for approximately eight years, having become acquainted with him when he worked a district in North Dallas which joined the district wherein was located the Vegas Club operated by JACK RUBY. He had answered several calls to RUBY's place of business and thereafter occasionally ran into RUBY in the Dallas area. He has not seen RUBY in approximately two years. He was never in any of the clubs operated by RUBY except in his official capacity and was not acquainted with RUBY socially although he has been invited to RUBY's place on several occasions.

STEELE has never been employed by RUBY at any of the clubs operated by RUBY, nor does he have knowledge of any other officers who were employed by RUBY. STEELE advised that at one time he answered an assist-officer call to the Vegas Club, and on arrival at the club with another officer they found an unruly customer in the back of the club. As they were attempting to place handcuffs on this individual, RUBY ran into the room with a blackjack and began hitting the man on the head with a blackjack.

STEELE had never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD, to his knowledge, and does not have any information regarding any relationship between RUBY and OSWALD.

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