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ROY EUGENE VAUGHN furnished the following voluntary information, after being advised of the identity of WARREN A. LARSON and RAYMOND M. LESTER, JR. as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was advised that no threats, promises or duress would be used to induce him to furnish any statement. He was also advised that any information he furnished could be later used in a court of law against him and of his right to an attorney.

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VAUGHN, 3231 Loganwood Drive, Dallas, advised he is a patrolman with Dallas Police Department in the Patrol Division. VAUGHN advised that on November 24, 1963, he was riding in Dallas Police Department car number 105 in a routine patrol duty. At approximately 9:00 AM, he received a radio call from the dispatcher to immediately call the station, extension 511, which is the Patrol Office. He immediately called as ordered and was instructed by the dispatcher to return to the station, park his patrol car on the street and report to the Patrol Office. Upon his arrival at the Patrol Office, several other officers were also waiting there. They had a cup of coffee together and approximately five minutes after his arrival, LT. R. E. PIERCE came into the Patrol Office and gave instructions to the men present. He advised the other officers present were B. G. PATTERSON, Patrolman, R. C. NELSON, Patrolman, A. R. BROCK, Patrolman. He advised he does not know the exact assignment given to the other officers but that he was told to report to Sergeant P. T. DEAN, in the basement of the Dallas Police Department Building and tell Sergeant DEAN that when "this thing is over" two patrolman should be left on duty in the basement and the other two dismissed. He advised he was not told what was going to happen but suspected it was in connection with the transfer of LEE HARVEY OSWALD from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail, as he had heard this was to take place. He immediately reported to Sergeant DEAN and to SERGEANT J. A. PUTNAM, who was also in the basement. At this time there was a considerable amount of television equipment and several people both police and persons dressed in civilian clothing in the basement of the Police Department Building. He advised that Sergeant PUTNAM instructed him to go to the top of the ramp at the Main Street entrance which would be on the north side of the building. His instructions were to admit no person except the press and police officers and that no one without a press pass or official police credentials was to be admitted under any circumstances. VAUGHN advised he reached his

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station at approximately 9:30 AM. He advised he could not state what instructions were given to the other police officers but he believes that officers B. G. PATTERSON was sent to the Commerce Street entrance to the ramp on the south side of the building. VAUGHN advised the first person who came through the Main Street entrance was a Department of Public Safety Officer, assigned to the License Bureau, but he could not recall his name. He advised he let this person pass upon examining his credentials which bore his picture. Between this time and the time OSWALD was brought out of the police building into the basement of the building, the following persons were either at the Main Street entrance and talked with him or were admitted to the basement area:

(1) Approximately 10:30 AM, a former Dallas Police Department Officer, named N. J. DANIELS, a Negro came to the entrance of the mmp and talked to him for a little while and remained in the vicinity until after the shooting occurred. DANIELS was not permitted entrance to the building.

(2) R. A. WATKINS, Patrolman, driving a patrol car with four juveniles in custody.

(3) The City Doctor, name unknown, who has offices in the Police Building.

(4) Dallas Police Department paddy wagon, driven by Officer LEWIS, an officer who works in the jail on the fourth floor. In connection with this, VAUGHN noted that he stopped the paddy wagon with Officer LEWIS before admitting him and he noticed that when the paddy wagon stopped in the basement, Sergeant PUTNAM searched the back of the paddy wagon.

(5) Officer G. K. SPRINGER, driving a police squad car.

(6) TOMMY CORBET, who is known by VAUGHN to be a city-employed mechanic. CORBET was on business and was driving a Dallas Police Department squad car. In connection with CORBET, VAUGHN advised he did not permit CORBET to drive the squad car into the basement, but rather made him park it on the street and then walk to the basement area. He advised CORBET remained in the basement three or four minutes and then left again by the Main Street entrance.

(7) United Press or Associated Press representative who had a press card with his photograph thereon. His name was not recorded.

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(8) A newsman, reporter with WSM Radio or TV, who carried an official card bearing his name and photograph. His name was not recorded.

(9) VAUGHN advised that during this period, two men whose identity he does not know, but who were apparently with a television station, came up the ramp and walked west on Main Street, to an automobile and then returned carrying television or radio equipment. He advised inasmuch as they had come out of the building and he watched them to be certain they were the same persons who had come out, he re-admitted them to the basement area without asking any questions. He advised neither was JACK RUBY.

VAUGHN advised that about 11:00 AM a large crowd of people had gathered at the edge of the ramp on the Main Street side, but none asked for admittance but appeared merely curious as to what was going on. He said that about this time he noticed a group of officers moving around in the basement area and from his vantage point, it appeared they went into the parking area. He stated he did not know what they were doing but assumed they were searching for unauthorized persons concealed in the parking area. VAUGHN stated that shortly after 11:00 AM, a group of people, not police officers, appeared in the basement area but he could not recall who any of them were as he could not recognize them from where he was standing. VAUGHN related about this time, Sergeant DEAN came to where he was standing and advised him "We're going to move OSWALD in an armored car". He said that about this time, he noticed an armored car travelling south on Harwood Street, and this was the only time he saw the armored car on that date. He said about ten minutes later, an unmarked patrol car with red lights in the grill, came up the Main Street ramp, exited from the building and turned on Main Street. This car was occupied by LT. PIERCE, Sergeant MAXEY and Sergeant FUTNAM. He said that about three minutes after that, he heard someone yell "Here he comes" and within a matter of seconds he heard what sounded like a shot. He then heard someone yell "He's shot". Immediately the crowd at the Main Street entrance began moving toward him trying to look into the basement area of the police department and he turned and moved them back. He then drew his gun and faced into the ramp in the event someone tried to leave by that entrance. VAUGHN stated he saw a group of people scuffling and an arm extended, with a gun in the hand but he could not determine to whom the arm and hand belonged from where he was standing.

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At about this point, a Detective of the Dallas Police Department ran toward VAUGHN and was immediately grabbed and almost thrown to the ground by a uniformed Dallas Police Department reserve officer, as the reserve officer did not recognize the Detective and thought he was possibly a subject trying to escape. The Detective identified himself to the reserve officer and then came to the Main Street ramp and remained with VAUGHN to help him guard the exit. This Detective's name was BURGESS.

A short time later, Captain C. E. TALENT came to the Main Street exit and said "No one leaves, and if anyone does, have them to leave their name and address and what they saw." He advised that at about this time, an ambulance followed by a squad car with red lights blinking, came into the ramp from Main Street and into the basement of the building. He advised the ambulance did not leave the building by that exit but left the building by the Commerce exit. VAUGHN advised that only one man, a "Dallas Morning News" reporter named MILLIGAN, left the Main Street exit after the shooting. He advised he talked to MILLIGAN concerning what he had seen and MILLIGAN told him he had seen nothing as he did not arrive until after the shooting was over. VAUGHN advised Detective BURGESS stayed with him on the ramp for a while and then he, VAUGHN, went into the street to direct traffic as a great number of automobiles were beginning to stop, and cause a terrific traffic jam. He advised that in a short time however, five reserve officers relieved him directing traffic and he returned to his post at the ramp entrance. He advised he did not know the identities of any reserve officers. He said he stayed at the ramp entrance until 12:45 or 12:50 PM, November 24, 1963.

At approximately 12:45 PM, a white male came up to him and told him he was an employee of JACK RUBY and would like to talk to someone about what had happened. He said he had one of the reserve officers take over his post and escorted this individual to the basement of the police building, where he called Captain FRITZ' Office and talked to Detective BOYD. He told Detective BOYD of this person's presence and BOYD immediately came to the basement to talk with him. He advised that he and BOYD searched this individual and then BOYD escorted him upstairs. He said he did not obtain this person's name but it could be obtained from Detective BOYD. VAUGHN advised he then contacted LT. PIERCE in the Patrol Office and was instructed by LT. PIERCE to secure his post, which he did and then returned to patrol duty.

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VAUGHN advised he is positive JACK RUBY did not enter the Main Street entrance to the ramp of the Dallas Police Department between 9:30 AM and 12:45 PM, November 24, 1963. He said he does know JACK RUBY by sight as he met him on official business in 1959 at which time RUBY operated the Vegas Club. He said this contact was in the presence of two other Dallas Police Detectives, names not recalled and was concerning an employee of RUBY, a white waitress, who was reportedly intimate with a Negro musician at the Vegas Club. He advised he does not know any other circumstances of the case. VAUGHN advised that in December, 1961, he stopped RUBY for a minor traffic violation, reprimanded him and turned him loose without giving him a ticket. VAUGHN advised that other than these two occasions, he has never seen RUBY at any place and has never heard or seen anything which might indicate RUBY associated with any Dallas police officer, except on an official basis.