

I

1

Date December 19, 1963

ROY EUGENE VAUGHN, 3231 Logan wood Drive, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information after being advised that he did not have to furnish a statement; that any statement he did furnish could be used against him in a court of law and of his right to an attorney before furnishing a statement:

He stated he distinctly recalls the information furnished to Agents of the FBI on or about December 1, 1963, at Dallas. As concerns the events shortly before and after the departure of the police vehicle occupied by Lieutenant PIERCE, Sgt. MAXEY and Sgt. PUTNAM, he could not be sure of the exact times involved. He did recall that shortly after 11:00 a.m. on November 24, 1963, he noticed quite a few people coming out of the passageway from the jail office of the basement of the Police Department. At that time he was standing at the entrance to the Main Street ramp about one yard in from the building and in the middle. His body was facing toward the sidewalk but he was able to occasionally glance behind him and was able therefore to observe some of the activities.

At about 11:18 a.m., he recalled observing individuals forming lines around the bottom of the Main Street ramp from the passageway to the jail office. He could not be sure whether these were police officers or reporters as he does not recall recognizing anyone in particular. He then recalled hearing someone hollering, "Watch the car," and then observed the police car come into view at the bottom of the ramp. As the car approached the top of the ramp, he walked from where he was standing in the middle, diagonally toward the curb on the east side of the driveway. He stated the distance from the exit of the ramp to the curb is from 10 to 12 feet. He recalled that he was standing almost exactly on the curb where the sidewalk joins the street but did not recall stepping into the street. The traffic at that time was steady but not very heavy, and he seemed to recall that the traffic lights at the intersection of Harwood and Main Streets were in operation. He could not recall whether or not there was a police officer directing traffic at that intersection.

As he walked from the ramp to his position on the curb, he made it a point to watch that no one entered the ramp as he stepped away from it. He was facing in a westerly direction as the police car drove out and recalled waving the police car on as an indication that there was no traffic coming from the west

Ex.No.5336 VAUGHN, Roy Deposition
Dallas 4-17-64

on 12/19/63 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 44-1639
by Special Agent KENNETH P. HUGHES & JOHN E. DALLMAN:EL Date dictated 12/19/63

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

- 20 -

VAUGHN EXHIBIT No. 5336

on Main Street and that the way was therefore clear for the car to enter Main Street. He stated he did not concern himself with any traffic that may have been moving west on Main Street as he felt it was sufficient to insure that the car was able to cross the east-bound traffic lane without difficulty. He felt the driver of the vehicle would be able to cope with any other traffic once he crossed the east-bound lane. He did not recall looking towards the east while assisting the vehicle and was certain he did not stop any cars that were driving from the east in a westerly direction on Main Street. He stated from the time he left his position in the center of the ramp, walked to the curb, and returned he made it a point to carefully observe the ramp opening to insure that no one entered the basement from the ramp. He observed no one entering the basement during that time.

He did not know where the vehicle driven by Lieutenant PIERCE was going and after observing it make a left turn onto Main Street, did not follow the car visually. He did not know where the car went after it made this turn. He immediately walked back to the ramp after the car passed in front of him and returned to his position which was about one yard inside the ramp and in the center. He again faced in a northerly direction and there was no possibility as far as he was concerned that anyone could have come down the ramp while he was standing there and not be seen by him. He also recalled that when he motioned for the police car to enter the street that vehicles were parked at the parking meters west of the exit on the south side of Main Street. He stated the nearest parking meter is about ten feet from the ramp exit and he was certain a car was parked at that meter.

At the most, about three minutes of time elapsed from the time he returned to the center of the ramp and heard a muffled shot in the basement. Just before he heard that shot he heard someone holler in the basement, "Here he comes." Within a matter of seconds after that he heard the muffled shot. He then immediately looked down into the basement and saw a scuffle.

He did not believe that someone could have gotten into the basement when he walked to the curb. He was able to see the ramp exit when the police car pulled out and if someone had attempted to walk down the ramp at that time he was quite

CR223

A

-21-

sure that he would have seen them. The period of time that elapsed from when he left his post to walk to the curb and return was just long enough for him to walk there, glance up the street, and wave the car on and walk back.

He recalled that during this period of time there were about four or five people standing on the west side of the ramp entrance. The only individual he recalled in that group was the former shoeshine boy at the police department. He recalled that he had a pair of binoculars hanging from his neck. He could not recall if the shoeshine boy was standing there at the time OSWALD was shot, however. On the east side of the ramp the only individual standing there during the time the police car left and OSWALD was shot was N. J. DANIELS. He thought that DANIELS had walked up to the ramp at about 10:15 a.m. and recalled chatting with him off and on up until the time of the shooting.

He recalled telephoning DANIELS on November 25, 1963, at his residence. He told DANIELS who he was and asked him if he recalled the police car driving up the ramp shortly prior to the shooting. DANIELS stated he did recall that he also asked DANIELS if he saw anybody go down the ramp possibly when he stepped out to the curb to let the car go by. He stated DANIELS told him that he had not. He did not recall asking DANIELS any further questions but was shocked when he later learned that DANIELS had advised the Dallas Police Department that he had seen a man walk down the ramp prior to the shooting.

At no time did he observe any individual walk down the ramp other than those that he had previously stated were authorized by him to enter the building. This included the city doctor, a young man in his 20's driving a Volkswagen. When he was going up the ramp to take his post there he stopped a Sergeant from the department of Public Safety assigned to the License Bureau and after checking his credentials allowed him to enter the basement. He allowed officers SPRINGER and WATKINS to enter the basement, TOMMY CORBET, and the United Press or Associated Press representative and also the newsman connected with the WFAA Radio or TV Station. All of these individuals were allowed to enter the basement after their identities were established.

CR 223

- 22 -

VAUGHN EXHIBIT No. 5336—Continued

He has not seen JACK RUBY since the occasion during December, 1961, when he stopped RUBY for a minor traffic violation. He stated he doubted he would recognize RUBY if he saw him on the street. He felt that if he did encounter RUBY and converse with him briefly, he would probably then recognize him. He has never been to the Carousel Club, did not know of its existence prior to RUBY's arrest and did not know that RUBY owned that club. He recalled having been to the Vegas Club on two occasions while on duty, this being during 1959 or 1960. He made no social visits to the Vegas Club.

He knows nothing concerning the background, personal life or political convictions of JACK RUBY. He had never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to the President's assassination and knows of no connection between RUBY and OSWALD.

CB 223 *[Handwritten signature]*