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JAMES C. BARRAGAN, owner, The Town Pump of Dallas, 5021 West Lovers Lane, associate of JACK RUBY, furnished the following information:

He opened The Town Pump of Dallas in about 1956, which is the same year he first met JACK RUBY, as RUBY made it a practice to visit all of the night spots in Dallas at least once a year. At this time RUBY was operating the Vegas Club, which he understood was owned by RUBY's mother, and as far as he knows, RUBY did not have any funds of his own to operate such an establishment. He described RUBY as a man who would have a pocketful of money one day and was broke the next day. On one occasion five years ago RUBY attempted to sell him a diamond ring, saying he was broke and needed the money. He last saw RUBY in the Carousel Club about two years ago, at which time there were approximately six uniformed officers of the Dallas Police Department present. He recalls thinking at the time that RUBY must have friends in the police department as drinks were still being served after midnight even though the police were present.

He had no personal contact with RUBY outside of an occasional visit from RUBY at The Town Pump, and he was only in one of RUBY's clubs, the Carousel Club, on one occasion, as noted above. He does not know of any connection between LEE HARVEY OSWALD or of any direct connection RUBY had with the Dallas Police Department.

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GLADWIN HILL, who resides at 7874 Fairholm Drive, Hollywood, California, telephone OL 2-2846, voluntarily appeared at the Los Angeles FBI Office and advised as follows:

He is a reporter for the New York Times stationed in the Los Angeles area.

Shortly after noon on November 22, 1963, he departed Los Angeles for Dallas. He arrived Dallas at approximately 4:45 p.m. on November 22, 1963. He arrived at the Dallas Police Department (PD) at approximately 6:30 p.m. November 22, 1963, and remained there until approximately 1:00 a.m., November 23, 1963. HILL advised that OSWALD was being detained by the Dallas PD on the fourth floor and that each time he was interrogated by the police it was necessary to bring him from the fourth floor to the third floor of the Dallas PD through a public corridor. The public corridor was crowded in each instance and at no time was HILL required to show identification, nor did he observe any of the other reporters show identification.

On Saturday, November 23, 1963, he returned to the PD at approximately 9:00 a.m. and remained until 9:30 p.m. that evening. OSWALD was transferred between the third and fourth floor on numerous occasions and again through a crowded public corridor. He was not challenged on November 23, nor did he see anyone question other reporters regarding their identity. HILL stated at this time it occurred to him that it would have been possible and quite easy for anyone who desired to enter the building and kill OSWALD.

Just before he departed the PD at approximately 9:30 p.m. on November 23, Chief of Police CURRY volunteered to a number of the press who were standing around, that OSWALD would be transferred from the PD to County authorities on Sunday morning. The Chief indicated that if the press were at the building about 10 o'clock Sunday morning they would be on time. HILL also stated he recalled the Chief indicate that the case against OSWALD had developed to such an extent it was no longer necessary to have him available to confront him with new evidence.

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