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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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HILL returned to the PD at approximately 9:45 Sunday morning November 24, 1963 and immediately upon arrival talked to Chief CURRY. The Chief stated that if he had not told the press Saturday evening that he was going to transport OSWALD at 10 o'clock he would have transferred him earlier to the County Jail. He said the Chief did not indicate in any way that he had been pressured by the press regarding this transfer but that he was merely trying to keep his word. At about 11:00 a.m. HILL together with several other reporters accompanied the Chief and a number of officers from the third floor to the basement by elevator. As he approached the area where OSWALD was to pass through on his way to a van which would take him to the County Jail, HILL was challenged by a police officer and the police officer examined his credentials. HILL stated this is the first time he was compelled to display his credentials. At approximately 11:20 OSWALD appeared through a door leading out to a ramp where the van was located waiting to take him to the County Jail. As OSWALD proceeded through the door, police officers filled in behind him and HILL was unable to observe his movements. HILL heard a shot and immediately realizing what had happened he ran out of the police building through another exit to take up a position by the van. At no time did he see RUBY nor did he see who fired the shot at OSWALD.

HILL stated the security at the police building was "terrible and haphazard". He added it would have been possible for anyone to get in, proceed to the third floor and shoot OSWALD as he was being moved to and from the fourth floor.

HILL stated, Sunday night he returned to the basement area where OSWALD had been shot, where he ran into Attorney TOM HOWARD. He stated HOWARD indicated he was at the PD on behalf of RUBY and he introduced HILL to Attorney FRED BRUNER, a former assistant District Attorney who told HILL that he had represented RUBY in the past in some legal matters.

HILL stated the transfer of RUBY from the police department building to the County Jail was handled in a much different manner and the press was not aware of this transfer until after it had actually taken place. HILL stated he heard

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from unrecalled sources after OSWALD's death that RUBY owned the Carousel Club and managed the Vegas Club, which was owned by his sister. He also heard talk that RUBY was a homosexual and that RUBY hung around both at the Police Department and City Hall. He also heard from unrecalled sources that RUBY was acquainted with MICKEY COHEN, and that COHEN had met his girl friend, CANDY BAR through RUBY.

HILL stated the following individuals were in Dallas covering the assassination and the related events from the Los Angeles area:

GENE BONDS, ABC

TOM PETTIT and TED MANN, NBC

ED HADDAD, KPOL

GENE BLAKE, Los Angeles Times

HILL stated that he knew of no unauthorized persons in police basement; he knows of no one who was permitted in the basement without properly identifying themselves; that he has received no information indicating that anyone conspired with RUBY to kill OSWALD and that he received no information indicating that any police officer or any other official conspired with RUBY or willingly permitted OSWALD's killing. He further stated that he could not recall ever observing RUBY in the police department at any time and that he had no knowledge of any relationship between RUBY and OSWALD.