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HAROLD B. HOLLY, JR., 3429 Antilles, residence phone BR. 9-4584, Dallas, Texas, furnished the following information:

He is employed as a General Contractor with offices at his residence. He has been a reserve police officer with the Police Department at Dallas, Texas, for a number of years and is presently a member of the First Platoon, "C" Company.

As concerns his assignments during the week end of November 24, 1963, he was first contacted by Sergeant MAYO, on November 21, 1963, and was told to report to the command post of the police reserves at the Central Police Headquarters on the following day. He stated, however, he had business to conduct on the morning of November 22, 1963, and learned of the President's assassination while at his residence. He immediately put on his uniform and proceeded to Central Police Headquarters, arriving there about an hour after the President's assassination. There was much confusion at the police station and he did not see any reserve officers that he knew there. He did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD was in the building at that time. He went to the office of the Burglary & Theft Unit on the third floor and spoke with a Captain SOLOMON, who is the coordinator for the police reserves and is assigned to the police training school. He asked Captain SOLOMON what he could do to assist and was told it was alright for him to help the regular officers keep spectators away from the third floor of the Central Police Headquarters. He then stationed himself in the third floor lobby and checked identification of anyone who attempted to walk down the hall where LEE HARVEY OSWALD was being held. He stated he was not instructed as to what type of identification would be valid, but he assumed that it would consist of some type of official press card. In his own mind, he felt press badges were not proper identification and allowed no one to pass down the hall who merely had a press badge. He made a point to check everyone attempting to walk by him who was not in uniform. He did not know who was in charge of the security detail on the third floor. He worked for about four hours on the third floor until about 6:00 PM and then went to the basement of the Police Department

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for about thirty minutes to relax. He stated he was too upset as a result of the assassination to eat dinner. He went back to the third floor and stayed there until about 7:30 PM, at which time he left the police station and returned to his home. He did not see JACK RUBY at the police station at any time on that day.

On Saturday, November 23, 1963, he returned to the Central Police Headquarters at about 7:00 PM and was assigned by a reserve officer, whose identity he did not know, to direct traffic at the intersection of Commerce and Akard Streets in downtown Dallas. He worked at this assignment for three hours and then returned to his home after signing out at the reserve command post at police headquarters. He did not see JACK RUBY at any time on that day.

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, Sergeant MAYO called his home at about 9:00 AM and told his wife they were going to move LEE HARVEY OSWALD out of the police headquarters at about 2:00 PM and that he should be there before they moved him out. Sergeant MAYO cautioned his wife not to tell anyone of these plans. He left his home sometime after 10:00 AM, on November 24, 1963, and upon arriving at Central Police Headquarters determined that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been shot approximately five to ten minutes before his arrival. He heard a broadcast reflecting this on his car radio shortly before he arrived at the headquarters. He immediately reported to a Lieutenant KRISS, a reserve officer, who was at the ramp entrance on Main Street. Lieutenant KRISS did not make any comments to him concerning the shooting, but directed him to keep traffic moving at that location. He then took a position on the Main Street curb in front of the ramp, and kept vehicles containing spectators moving on Main Street. There were a few other reserve officers in the vicinity, but Lieutenant KRISS was the only one he recognized. After about ten minutes, Lieutenant KRISS told him to report to the command post in the basement and there he received an assignment from a reserve officer he did not know to join a detail being sent to Parkland Memorial Hospital. Upon

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arriving at Parkland Memorial Hospital, he was assigned to the security detail on the northeast section of the lawn and spent approximately three hours there. His instructions were to keep spectators away.

After approximately three hours at that location, Captain SOLOMON assigned him to act as security on the portion of the hospital lawn which was in the vicinity of where the Governor of Texas was hospitalized. Sometime during the period he was there, he talked to a reserve officer, whose identity he did not know, and this officer told him that either he saw "the man" come in the basement of the police station, had seen him in the basement of the police station, or had let him come in the police station. This officer told him he did not know JACK RUBY and referred to him when discussing it as "the man" in reference to the man who shot OSWALD. He stated he was unable to recall exactly what this officer said, but it was probably one of the three possibilities he had just mentioned. This reserve officer did not say where he was assigned at the Central Police Headquarters at the time of the shooting. He also recalled this officer told him that "the man" had a press badge hanging from his coat lapel.

He relayed this information to a close personal friend of his, Detective GUS EVERHART, who is a regular officer assigned to the Burglary & Theft Unit. He believed he told EVERHART this on the following day. Later on the same week, he was instructed to report to Captain SOLOMON, at which time Captain SOLOMON exhibited photographs of reserve officers to him in an effort to identify the reserve officer he spoke with at the hospital. He picked out one of these photographs as possibly being a good likeness of the reserve officer he had spoken with, and recalled Captain SOLOMON saying that this officer was one of the men who was on duty apparently on the Main Street ramp at the time of the shooting. He recalled SOLOMON saying words to the effect that he was the reserve officer assigned there. He, personally, did not know who was on duty at the Main Street ramp at the time of the shooting. He described the officer he had spoken with as a white male.

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age 35, 5'9", 170 lbs., with an olive complexion. This officer was a patrolman and he could recall no additional descriptive data.

He believed there was a regular officer directing traffic at the intersection of Main and Harwood Streets during the time he was assigned to direct traffic at the Main Street ramp after the shooting.

After reading in the paper that a lie-detector test had been given an officer of the Police Department, he assumed the officer referred to was the reserve officer he identified from photographs exhibited to him by Captain SOLOMON. He has not heard anything from anyone at the Police Department, however, concerning the identity of the officer who allowed JACK RUBY to enter the building, how he might have gotten in, or who the reserve officer he spoke with might have been.

As concerns JACK RUBY, he first met him about two years ago. TOM WATSON, a paint contractor, who is now deceased, arranged with RUBY to paint the front of the Carousel Club. Prior to that time, he had not met RUBY. WATSON and he went to the club on a Saturday morning and RUBY was there; however, they had very little conversation with him. A price had been agreed on for the job but, when RUBY saw how little time it took them to finish it, he became upset and indicated he did not think it was worth that much. Since a price had been agreed at prior to painting the front, RUBY eventually paid them what they had asked.

He has seen RUBY several times when he rode as a partner with Lieutenant EVERHART since that time. EVERHART was working in Special Services then and it was necessary for him to check all the various night clubs in Dallas, including RUBY's clubs. At no time during these checks did he converse with RUBY, however. RUBY never extended any favors to him or Lieutenant EVERHART while he was with him, and he would certainly not accept any favors if they were offered.



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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 OSWALD and JACK RUBY.

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