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HARRY M. KRISS, 6906 Merriloe Lane, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dallas. He was advised that he was not required to make a statement; that any statement he would make might be used against him in a court of law; and that he had the right to legal counsel before making a statement.

Mr. KRISS advised that he is a reserve officer of the Dallas, Texas, Police Department, having the rank of Lieutenant. He is employed by the Sweet Manufacturing Company, 1100 Commerce Street, Dallas.

KRISS stated that on November 24, 1963, at 9:45 AM, he received a call from Lieutenant McCOY of the Dallas Police Department requesting him to report to duty immediately to assist in working traffic in the general area of the driveway leading to the parking area of the basement of the City Hall. He put on his uniform and reported to the basement of the City Hall at about 10:00 AM. When he arrived there, he noticed that the basement area at the intersection of the ramps and corridor leading from the jail office to the ramps was full of people, mostly newspaper men. The remaining individuals appeared to be all police officers, either regular or reservists. About an hour later, he recalls that there must have been nearly a hundred individuals in the area, mostly newsmen. He could not identify any newsmen and recalls that other than himself, he recognized police officers present as Captains ARNETT, JONES, and KING; and Sergeants DEAN, PUTNAM, and TROY. He does not recall their initials or first names.

He recalls that police officers made a search and check of the entire jail area, including all persons present and all vehicles parked at the parking area. He added that he recalls that they even checked to determine that the trunks of the automobiles were locked. He stated that he is not acquainted with the particular instructions given officers concerning security measures, but he felt that the police were doing their utmost to determine that all individuals present were either police officers or members of the press, and to make sure that no unauthorized individuals entered. He stated that he does not know of any unauthorized persons that may have been permitted to enter the area.

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When he arrived in the basement, he stationed himself on the southwest corner of the Commerce ramp, where the corridor connects with this ramp. The corridor led from the jail office door and from double doors which led into the City Hall and to elevators further on. The members of the press were lined up along the wall opposite KRISS, and police officers were scattered about at various locations. KRISS stated that when OSWALD was brought downstairs and through the jail office door out into the corridor, he, KRISS, was unable at first to observe OSWALD and the police officers escorting him, due to the fact the corner of the ramp obstructed his view. He stated that when OSWALD arrived to within two or three steps of the spot where he was shot, he began to be able to observe him and his escort. When OSWALD was shot, he was looking in the general direction of OSWALD, and, due to the bright lights of the cameras KRISS was partially blinded and does not recall seeing RUBY beginning his move to approach OSWALD, but merely saw RUBY's action as a blur and got the impression that he must have been a reporter attempting to get closer for a shot with his camera. He added that he does not recall seeing RUBY in the area prior to the time he shot OSWALD and does not know anyone with whom OSWALD may have spoken beforehand.

KRISS stated that he is not acquainted with RUBY and never knew OSWALD. He added that he has never been employed by RUBY and knows of no other individuals who have been employed by him. He added that he does not know of any possible relationship which may have existed between RUBY and OSWALD.

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