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CHARLES OLIVER ARNETT, 1223 South Waverly Drive, was contacted at his residence and was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents, the fact that he did not have to make a statement and that any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised that he had a right to consult an attorney prior to making any statement.

ARNETT stated he is a captain in the reserve police force and has been a reserve police officer for the past ten years. He stated that on Saturday night, November 23, 1963, he was stationed at the door of Chief GERRITZ's office at the police department, and was assigned to keep unauthorized persons from the Chief's office. He stated he was told by an unidentified patrolman to call Lieutenant MERRELL, which he did, and was advised by MERRELL that the police department had requested that a few reserve officers report to the basement of the Police and Courts Building the next morning for assignment.

Captain ARNETT advised his men and on the following morning, Sunday, November 24, 1963, he arrived at the Assembly Room of the Police and Courts Building at about 9:00 a.m. and was asked by Lieutenant WIGGINS of the police department to furnish men to search the basement parking area of the Police and Courts Building. He advised he was later requested by Captain LAWRENCE of the police department to furnish five or six men on traffic duty at the site of the assassination of the President. Captain ARNETT stated he also furnished three or four men on Commerce Street adjacent to the Police and Courts Building to help direct traffic and remove spectators from the immediate area and also furnished one man at the intersection of Pearl and Commerce Streets to direct traffic because of a faulty signal light.

Captain ARNETT stated he was in the basement during this entire period and that about 11:05 a.m. he took a position in a line of men composed of both newsmen and police officers which extended from the jail lobby door to the

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location of the two operating television cameras. He stated this line of men were facing into the parking area with their backs to the Main Street ramp. He stated there was a man in civilian clothes on his immediate right who was holding a microphone and also a man in civilian clothes on his immediate left holding a note pad, and next to this individual was Captain GLEN KING. He stated he recalls there was another individual standing to Captain KING's left but that he does not know who this individual was or if he was in uniform. Captain ARNETT stated that this line of men separated to allow a police vehicle to exit on the Main Street ramp and that they later had to separate, as a vehicle was backed into their area.

Captain ARNETT stated that as OSWALD was walking past him, accompanied by two plainclothes detectives, a man appeared in front of OSWALD with his right hand extended and he then heard what sounded like a gunshot. ARNETT stated he then saw that the man who had stepped in front of OSWALD was carrying a gun and that he immediately rushed to this individual and managed to grab his leg and that assisted by other police officers, carried this individual into the jail lobby. ARNETT stated that when they reached the jail lobby, this individual stated "I am JACK RUBY, you all know me." ARNETT stated that was the first that he knew he had been holding JACK RUBY.

Captain ARNETT stated that he did see the shooting as noted above. He stated he did not know JACK RUBY prior to this and that he had never worked for RUBY and did not know anyone who did. He estimated there were between 15 and 20 individuals in the basement area of the Police and Courts Building other than police officers at the time of the shooting. He advised he was not given a briefing of the security measures to be employed in the basement, and that it seemed to him that individual assignments were made as the situation developed. ARNETT stated he does not know of any unauthorized persons permitted entrance to the basement or of anyone being permitted to enter without identification. ARNETT was exhibited a photograph of JACK RUBY taken on November 24, 1963, and he stated he does not recall seeing this individual in the basement prior to the shooting and that he is sure he has never had occasion to talk to RUBY at any time in the past. He stated he does not have any information concerning any relationship between OSWALD and RUBY.