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Sergeant PATRICK T. DEAN, Dallas Police Department, residence 2822 Nicholson Drive, furnished the following information:

On December 7, 1963, at approximately 1:30 P.M., DEAN received a telephone call at his residence from a person identifying himself as DARWIN PAYNE, representative of the "Dallas Times Herald" newspaper. Mr. PAYNE stated his reason for calling was to verify statements made by DEAN to the radio and television news media on November 24, 1963, shortly after the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the basement of the Dallas Police Building. PAYNE then asked several questions pertaining to that interview on November 24, 1963. The questions asked by Mr. PAYNE seemed to be verbatim of the interview on November 24, 1963.

To the best of DEAN's recollection, the questions asked were as follows:

"Were you at the armored car when the shot was fired?" DEAN answered yes to this question.

"Did you see the person that fired the shot at the time it was fired?" DEAN answered no to this question.

"Did you see the person that fired the shot shortly after it was fired?" DEAN answered yes to this question.

"Where? Was he inside the jail office and on the floor at that time?" Answer - "Yes, he was on the floor and being restrained and handcuffed by several plain clothed officers."

"Did you recognize the subject at that time as a person you knew by sight?" Answer - Yes.

"Did you or had you seen this person prior to this time in or around the City Hall?"

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Answer - No.

"And you didn't see this person enter from the Main Street ramp?"

Answer - definitely not.

The next question asked by PAYNE was, "Did you see anything at the time of the shooting?"

DEAN assumed by this question that he meant a flash from the gun fired and he asked him if this was what he meant and PAYNE said yes, whereupon, DEAN told him that he saw smoke from the blast and that he ran immediately to the scene to control the crowd.

DEAN said this terminated the questioning by Mr. PAYNE and DEAN inquired of PAYNE as to the reason for him calling as all of the information he asked about was old news. PAYNE then stated to DEAN that he was just verifying the results of the previous interview and that he did not really know what the "Dallas Times Herald" planned to do with the information. DEAN reiterated to PAYNE that he had not seen RUBY at any time before the shooting in or around the City Hall.

On Sunday, December 8, 1963, when DEAN arrived home, he noticed an article appearing in the "Dallas Times Herald" relative to an officer seeing JACK RUBY enter the police building prior to the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. After reading the article, DEAN reached the conclusion that this article possibly had evolved from the telephone conversation with Mr. DARWIN PAYNE on the previous day.

DEAN contacted a friend at the "Dallas Times Herald" to ascertain the identity of the reporter preparing the article appearing in the paper on December 8, 1963. He learned that DARWIN PAYNE had been on duty on December 7, 1963 and recognized PAYNE as being the name of the person who had called him.

DEAN called PAYNE at his residence and discussed the article with him and PAYNE stated he had not written the article but had only contacted DEAN to verify a previous interview.

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DEAN advised the statement in this article that he had seen JACK RUBY enter the basement of the police building was false, that he had not seen RUBY enter the police building and he had not stated to anyone that he had seen RUBY enter the building prior to the shooting of OSWALD.

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