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ROBERT S. HUFFAKER, JR., 4700 East Side Avenue, Apartment 115, a newsman for KLRD-TV, Dallas, advised that on November 24, 1963, he went to the Dallas Police Station about 8:00 AM, and entered the first floor door on the Main Street side. No one was checking for identification at the time he entered this door. However, he rode the elevator to the third floor and, as he got off the elevator, he was required to produce identification revealing that he represented a news media.

HUFFAKER went to the basement of the Police Department Building about one-half hour before OSWALD was shot. He was required to show his press card as he entered the working area in the basement. At that time, he observed that everyone else who entered the basement area was required to produce identification. There were only a few persons in the basement when he first arrived. He noted that Sergeants PATRICK DEAN and JIM PUTNAM appeared to be in charge of security in the basement, and he was impressed with the thoroughness with which they seemed to be checking all persons in the area. He even noted they were checking police automobiles parked in the area.

HUFFAKER advised he does not know JACK RUBY and cannot recall having seen him in the basement of the Police Department prior to the shooting. In fact, he did not get a look at RUBY's face even after OSWALD was shot. He had assumed a station directly in front of the doors leading from the elevator onto the ramp in the basement and had been trying to keep persons out of the line of the KLRD camera, in order that OSWALD could be photographed as he left the doors leading from the elevator. His eyes were focused on OSWALD as he approached the automobile which was to transport him to the County Jail and, when the shot rang out, he looked toward OSWALD, as the latter fell to the floor. About that time, officers in the group grabbed RUBY and he was unable to distinguish one person from another.

HUFFAKER stated that the quick movement of RUBY toward OSWALD would not have attracted his attention, inasmuch as the seventy-five or more newsmen in the area were constantly jostling for position and it was not uncommon for one of them to jostle against another or to move quickly to a more advantageous site. He did not hear anyone yell at RUBY just prior to or simultaneously with the shooting, but advised there was no much noise in the area.

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it is possible someone could have yelled without him hearing.

HUFFAKER stated that it appeared to him that all persons in the area were being closely checked for identification prior to admittance to the basement area. At no instances did he observe persons admitted without exhibiting identification.

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