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Mr. LOUIS D. MILLER, 1231 Revina, Garland, Texas, was advised he did not have to make any statement, any statement he made could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to talk to an attorney and the identities of Special Agents ROBERT J. WILKISON and EDMOND C. HARDIN. No threats or promises were made to MILLER.

MILLER advised as follows:

He is employed as a detective in the Dallas Police Department, Criminal Investigation Division, Juvenile Bureau, Police Headquarters. On November 24, 1963, he worked at 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. shift.

A few minutes before the shooting of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, on November 24, 1963, he was on duty in the Juvenile Department, Third Floor of the Police Department. Someone said for all officers to go to the basement. He does not know who gave the order. He went to the basement, and upon arrival, stood around in the hall corridor between the elevator and the Jail Office for a few minutes. Detectives CUTCHAW, LOWERY, HARRISON and GOOLSBY of the Juvenile Department were also on duty and all went to the basement with him. Word was passed to the officers to line up along the ramp area and they all did so. He does not know who gave the order. There were a large number of officers on one side of the ramp, exact number not recalled. A large number of press and TV representatives personnel were in the basement, exact number not known to him. Many of the press and TV personnel were along the opposite side of the ramp from the police officers. He was not assigned to the ramp area, but was stationed to the left of the Jail office door.

MILLER was stationed to the left of the Jail Office door for about five minutes before OSWALD was brought through that

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area to be transferred to the County Jail. Detective CUTCHAW was standing on the other side of the Jail Office doorway which was on the West side and Detective McMILLEN was stationed next to MILLER.

As OSWALD was escorted part, he and Detective McMILLEN started to move along the wall of the Booking Office behind OSWALD and the people. The lights from the TW cameras were very bright in the ramp area. A few seconds later, he saw a blur out of the corner of his eye, and at that instant, the thought ran through his mind that some TV or radio man was running up to CSWALD with a microphone. At about the same time, he heard a shot. As the shot sounded, OSMALD and the escorting police officers seem to fall toward the floor or move a little to their right. At the same time, several officers converged upon that spot and someone must have hit RUBY, since RUBY was propelled in his direction. MILLER was also moving toward the spot of the shooting. He grabbed RUBY by the neck and believes some other officer had a hold of RUBY's arm and was trying to get a pistol away from RUBY, which RUBY was still holding. He did not notice what type of pistol RUBY had, as he did not get a very good look at it. At the same time a large number of officers also converged on RUBY and RUBY was disarmed and taken into the jail office. The entire incident took place in a matter of seconds.

When the officers were sent to the ramp area prior to OSWALD being brought down, there were officers stationed on both sides of the ramp.

He had never previously seen OSWALD except on TV after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He did not personally know JACK RUBY and does not believe he had ever seen him prior to the shooting.

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When RUBY shot OSWALD, the escorting officers and OSWALD were approximately three or four steps from him. However, the backs of OSWALD and the officers were to him. He does not recall exactly what he was looking at when the shot sounded.

Police Department regulations do not permit officers to work off duty in a place where alcoholic beverages are served. He never worked for RUBY or in any of RUBY's night club. He does not know of any police officers who ever worked for RUBY.

There were a large number of police officers in the basement earlier prior to the shooting, but he has no idea how many officers were present. He had no reason to check anyone in the basement since the security checks were made at entrances to the basement as far as he knows. However, he was not familiar with the security measures that were in effect. He does not know of any unauthorized persons that were permitted entrance to the basement or of any one permitted to enter without showing identification. He saw no suspicious people in the basement prior to the shooting.

He has no knowledge of any relatioshir / between JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

MILLER said he had no other pertinent information concerning the shooting of OSWALD.

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