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Assistant Chief M. W. STEVENSON, Dallas Police Department, advised that on November 24, 1963, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, who was being held at the Dallas City Jail on charge of murder of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, November 22, 1963, was to be transported from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail.

STEVENSON stated that, in preparation for this transfer, extensive security precautions had been put into effect which called for all pertinent areas to be cleared and secured; this phase to be under the control of Captain CECIL TOLBERT, Patrol Division, Dallas Police Department. After the area was secured, he instructed Captain O. A. JONES, Forgery Bureau, to be in charge of placing additional detectives in the pertinent area. He stated that JONES had twenty-five detectives in his division. In addition to uniformed officers under TOLBERT's supervision and the detectives under JONES' supervision, homicide officers were in charge of the actual transporting of OSWALD to the transportation vehicle. STEVENSON advised that the transportation vehicle was to be an armored car driven by a Dallas County Deputy Sheriff. This vehicle was to be in the basement area of the City Hall in the immediate area of the jail office. STEVENSON stated instructions generally were for no one to be permitted on the west side of the basement driveway, which side is adjacent to the jail office entrance. News media were to be kept off of the drive ramp in the basement and were to be permitted in the garage area only. Only news media and officers were to be allowed in the pertinent area. STEVENSON estimated that there were from sixty to eighty officers stationed throughout the pertinent area.

STEVENSON advised that he, himself, had taken up a position at the edge of the ramp in the pertinent area at the time OSWALD was brought out of the basement jail office by homicide and robbery officers into the corridor leading to the ramp. STEVENSON added that he has no idea as to what caused the security breakdown and allow an unauthorized individual to enter the pertinent area. He stated that a full investigation is currently being conducted by the Dallas Police Department. STEVENSON further indicated that he is having a sketch of this pertinent area prepared and this will be available in the immediate future.

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