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INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

1. Identifying Information:

Name C. N. DHOVITY
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City/State MESQUITE TEXAS
Date of Birth AUG 5 1923
Social Security 453-20-1777

Date 5-25-78
Place D. A. OFFICE
Telephone 749 8511
M or S _____
Spouse BILLIE
Children 2

2. Physical Description:

Height 5-10
Weight 190
Ethnic Group _____

Color Eyes BL Hair BLACK
Special Characteristics _____

3. Personal History:

- a. Present Employment: DALLAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY - INVESTIGATOR
Address COURT HOUSE - COMMERCE ST
Telephone _____
- b. Criminal Record
 - 1. Arrests _____
 - 2. Convictions _____

4. Additional Personal Information:

- a. Relative(s): Name _____
Address _____
- b. Area frequented: _____
- c. Remarks: _____

Investigator Alfred Maxwell

Date _____

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

Name C. N. Dhority

Date May 25, 1978 Time 12 noon

Address 2200 Stafford Lane

Place Dallas D. A. office

Mesquite, Texas

Interview: Mr. C. N. Dhority was interviewed this date by the undersigned at his present place of employment (the Dallas County District Attorney's office) where he works as an investigator. He retired from the Dallas Police Department in 1973 after 27 years of service.

Mr. Dhority recalls that on the day of the assassination of President Kennedy (11-22-63) he was on a regular day off, but after the shooting he was recalled to duty by Captain Fritz (his Commanding Officer) and arrived at Police Headquarters at about 2 PM and reported in at the Homicide Office where he was given a list of assignments relative to the investigation, many of which he doesn't recall, but states the files at the Dallas Police Department should reflect his activities for that day and the following days.

Mr. Dhority states that on Sunday, November 24, 1963, he was not assigned to any special tour of duty, but to the best of his recollection, he came to work in the early morning. Lee Harvey Oswald was in Captain Fritz's office and was visible to all because the wall was part glass. Dhority recalls speaking to Oswald two

Interviewer Signature



Typed Signature

Albert Maxwell

Date transcribed June 14, 1978

or three times, mostly general conversation. LHO would not talk about what he had done, but just act as though he didn't hear what was being said to him. LHO appeared to be well schooled in the art of interrogation.

After a while, Captain Fritz gave Dhority his assignment which was to drive the car that was to transport Lee Harvey Oswald to the County Jail. LHO was to sit in the rear seat with Detectives Revill and Reeves on either side of him. Captain Fritz was to sit in the front seat, with Dhority driving.

Dhority relates that he had checked the basement earlier and found it vacant except for a few police autos, but after receiving the assignment, he returned to the basement to get the auto in position for the transfer, and found bedlam. The area was crowded with newsmen and cameramen and cameras and cables all over the floor. He returned upstairs and told Captain Fritz, "you wouldn't believe it." Fritz said "Curry had said to let the press in" and that it came from the City Manager.

Interrogation of LHO had been going on, but ceased for the transfer. There was an old black sweater in the room and I told LHO there have been some threats and the sweater may change your looks. He said "yeah." Captain Fritz told me to go down and get the car. I left, I got the car which was parked in the basement, I pulled over and was backing up when they came down (Captain Fritz, LHO, Revill and Reeves.) I saw someone dart out of the crowd. I thought it was a detective and stepped on the brake to keep from hitting him. Television movies of the

scene will show the tail light coming on when I backed the auto up and jammed on the brakes. I heard a shot and jumped out of the car and helped subdue him. Ruby looked up from the floor and said to me "I'm all right, Dhority."

When time came to move Lee Harvey Oswald, Captain Fritz ordered me to ride in the ambulance with Oswald and get a dying declaration from him during the ride to Parkland Hospital. Oswald did not respond to any questions. He only opened his eyes once. He was pronounced Dead On Arrival at Parkland Hospital. Captain Fritz was there when we arrived and ordered me to remain and observe the autopsy.

Mr. Dhority was questioned relative to his knowledge of or friendship with Jack Ruby and stated he did not know Ruby personally, but had seen him around Dallas for years. He said he never used Ruby for information, but knew of his reputation for helping the police.

When questioned about reports of his (Dhority's) having driven the armored truck, Mr. Dhority stated he did not at any time drive the armored truck, and did not know that it was stuck in the driveway until almost time for the Oswald transfer.