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RUBY, JACK; BACKGROUND; ASSOCIATES AND RELATIVES

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INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE1. Identifying Information:

Name Temple Ford Bowley Date November 12, 1977  
 Address 639-71 BUCKNER / BUL. Place RESIDENCE  
 City/State DALLAS, TEXAS  
 Date of Birth 8-2-28 M or S MARRIED  
 Social Security 465-26-5052 Spouse JOYE - M.  
 Children 4 daughters

2. Physical Description:

Height 5' 11" Color Eyes \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Mixed Gray  
 Weight 189. Special Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ethnic Group WHITE

3. Personal History:

- a. Present Employment: WESTERN ELECTRIC CO.  
 Address 308 - So AKARD ST. DALLAS, TEXAS  
 Telephone 651-1000 HOME - 328-6060
- b. Criminal Record  
 1. Arrests 2 - DWI  
 2. Convictions PLED

4. Additional Personal Information:

- a. Relative(s): Name BONNIE R BRISICK  
 Address 1926 RUBY DR.  
IRVING, TEXAS.
- b. Area frequented: DALLAS
- c. Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigator DAY, MAXWELL + LEAP.  
 Date 11-12-77

OUTSIDE CONTACT REPORT

DATE 11-12-77 TIME 3<sup>30</sup> PM

I. Identifying Information:

Name Temple Ford Bowley Telephone 214-328-6060  
Address 639 BUCKNER BOLL., DALLAS, TEXAS.

Type of Contact:  Telephone  
 Person

II. Summary of Contact:

BOWLEY ADVISED THAT ON THE DAY OF THE ASSASSINATION HE AND HIS 12YR OLD DAUGHTER WERE DRIVING PAST THE SCENE OF THE TIPPIT SHOOTING. HE STOPPED HIS CAR AND WENT TO THE OFFICER. HE USED THE OFFICER'S SCOUTCAR RADIO TO CALL FOR HELP, AND REMAINED ON THE SCENE UNTIL OTHER OFFICERS ARRIVED. HE ALSO RECALLED LATER MAKING A FORMAL WRITTEN STATEMENT AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS. HE DID NOT SEE THE SHOOTING TAKE PLACE. BOWLEY VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD KNOWN RUBY SINCE THE 1950'S AND AT ONE TIME HAD WORKED FOR HIM AS A DOORMAN AT THE SILVER SPEAR. (A RUBY AFTER-HOUR-PLACE)

III. Recommended Follow-up (if any):

A Follow-up INTERVIEW.

Signature: CLARENCE J. DAY  
AI MAXWELL + HAROLD LEAP.

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

NAME Temple Ford Bowley Date 11/12/77 Time 3:30 p.m.  
Address 639 North Buckner Blvd. Place Dallas, Texas  
Phone: 328-6060

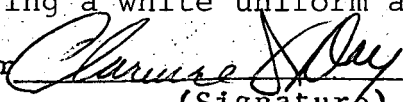
**Interview:** By Investigators Day, Maxwell and Leap

Bowley advised that on the afternoon of November 22, 1963, the day President Kennedy was assassinated, he had picked up his 12 year old daughter from school and was driving to meet his wife (his first wife not his present wife) at her place of employment. His wife worked at the telephone office located at 9th and Zang Avenue in Oak Cliff.

Bowley was driving his 1961 Tempest Station wagon, light tan in color. He was driving West on 10th Street from Marselia. As he approached the corner of 10th and Patton Street, he noticed a person lying on the ground in front of and near the left front wheel of a police car. He noticed other people in the neighborhood beginning to gather near the car and body.

Bowley stated that he and another man, who he described as a Mexican male, were the first ones to go to the assistance of the man on the ground. He also remembered seeing a white female wearing a white uniform and a nurse type name plate.

Interviewer



(Signature)

DAY, MAXWELL, LEAP

(Name)

Date Transcribed 11/23/77 by LJ  
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This woman, Bowley stated, was standing across the street from the man lying in the street.

Bowley pulled his car to the right side of the roadway, about 100 yards from where the man was lying and got out on the driver's side and went to the man on the ground. The man was lying on <sup>his</sup> right side with his face down. When Bowley reached him he rolled him over on his back. He could see that he was dead. He found no signs of life. Bowley stated that he saw no blood and did not know that the man had been shot at the time. Recognizing the man as being a police officer Bowley stated he found the officers revolver on the ground under him. The weapon was out of it's holster and near the officers right hand. Bowley picked the weapon up and placed it on the front seat of the scout car. The radio of the scout car was on and the Mexican man was attempting to use it to call for help. Bowley informed the man that he was familiar with two-way radio's and if he'd let him, he could get the call for help through. Using the police radio in the scout car, Bowley notified the police dispatcher that an officer had been shot and gave his location. After acknowledging the call the police dispatcher asked "will the citizen please clear the air." at that time he put the microphone down. Bowley remained on the scene until the police arrived. While awaiting the arrival of the police Bowley began to ask what had happened. He was told by someone on the scene that a man shot the officer

and had ran West on 10th Street toward the Church. When the police arrived on the scene Bowley gave a uniformed officer his name and where he could be reached, and informed him that he was leaving town and going on a vacation. The officer told Bowley to contact police when he returned. Bowley left the area driving West on Tenth Street and turned right to 9th and Zang, where he picked up his wife and went home. When Bowley returned from his vacation in San Antonia, (he did not remember the date) he contacted the police and later went to police headquarters and gave a statement to a detective.

During this interview Bowley stated that he knew Jack Ruby and had been associated with him since the 1950's. He had worked for Ruby at Ruby's after hour club, "the Silver Spur." Bowley advised that he first met Ruby when a club he was running, the Hernando's Hide-away, ran into financial problems. Ruby stepped in and took over the club. This club was on Greenville Avenue in Dallas.

This was in 1951 or 1952. After this Bowley went to work for Ruby. At one time he collected the cover money on the door at Ruby's after hour club "the Silver Spur." Bowley worked for Ruby off and on until about 1957 or 1958.

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Bowley stated he first found out that Ruby had killed Oswald while he was at a hunting lodge in San Antonio, on vacation on Sunday November 24, 1963.

Present during this interview was Mrs. Joye M. Bowley (Temple Bowley's present wife). She volunteered that she had known Ruby and his Bookkeeper prior to marrying Bowley. She was not thoroughly interviewed at this time.