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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

On March 13, 1964, Mr. Tennyson Schod, assistant NY  
general attorney, and Mr. Richard Billings, assistant  
director of photography, Time Corporation, New York,  
New York, advised they had obtained the photograph of  
Lee Harvey Oswald which appeared on the cover of "Life"  
magazine from a confidential source. They then negotiated  
with Marina Oswald, through her business agent, James H. TEXAS  
Martin, obtaining the rights to this photograph for the  
sum of \$5,000.00. Mr. Schod, who handled the transaction,  
advised he did not wish to identify his source, but it was  
definitely not anyone with the President's Commission.

Mr. Schod also advised this corporation was  
instituting a suit against "The Detroit Free Press" which had  
published this same photograph. Mr. Schod advised he has  
been in contact with Mr. Ken Murray of "The Detroit Free  
Press" and that Mr. Murray never mentioned a "leak" in the  
President's Commission to him. Detroit, Mich

Mr. Schod was recontacted on the same date, at  
which time he advised his source had purchased the photograph  
in question from "an enterprising young man in the Dallas  
Police Department." The source also advised "The Detroit  
Free Press" had purchased its photograph from the Dallas  
Police Department.

Mr. Schod advised the "New York Journal-American"  
had copied its photograph from the cover of "Life" magazine  
and published it. Mr. Schod stated he understands other  
newspapers throughout the country obtained this same  
photograph from the Dallas Police Department.

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John Fitzgerald Kennedy,  
November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas

Mr. Schod stated "Life" magazine does not have the photograph which they originally purchased. He stated "Life" made a photostat copy of this photograph and then returned it to their original source.

Mr. Robert Keough of the "New York Journal-American" was contacted on March 13, 1964, and advised the photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald used by the "New York Journal-American" was a reproduction of the photograph which appeared on the cover of "Life" magazine. He also stated another copy of this photograph was obtained from the Associated Press Wire Service. D.C.

Mr. Philip H. Doherty of "~~The New York Times~~" advised "The New York Times" printed the photograph of Oswald on February 19, 1964, which was received from the Associated Press Wire Service. Mr. Doherty stated when a newspaper is a member of this wire service and a picture is printed it is automatically distributed by the wire service to the various member newspapers throughout the country. N.Y.  
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