

I was requested to take the most direct route to Love Field where the presidential planes were parked. We proceeded to Love Field and the President, Mrs. Johnson, Secret Service agents and others, boarded the presidential plane. Sometime later, an ambulance and several other cars arrived. Mrs. Kennedy and others of the official party alighted from the vehicles. A casket was removed from the ambulance and placed on the plane.

A short time later I was informed that Judge Sarah Hughes was enroute to administer the oath of office to President Johnson. When she arrived, I escorted her aboard the plane and witnessed the President taking his oath of office. Then I escorted Judge Hughes back to her car, and saw Mayor Cabell and his wife and talked to them.

After the President's plane departed, I returned to City Hall about 3:45 or 4:00 p.m. I saw that many newsmen were in the basement and were crowded into the north corridor, third floor. Some officers were near the elevator screening people who were getting off the elevators to determine what business they had on the third floor. Two officers (uniformed) were stationed just outside the Homicide office.

I was told that the suspect in the slaying of Officer Tippit was a prime suspect in the assassination of President Kennedy.

I was in and out of the Homicide office several times during the remaining part of the day. About 7:00 p.m., Captain Fritz told me he was ready to file charges against Lee Harvey Oswald for the murder of Officer Tippit. Several times during the evening, I saw and talked to Mr. William Alexander and District Attorney Henry Wade.

The investigation continued and near midnight charges were accepted by, I think, Mr. Wade (I was not present), against Oswald for the murder of President Kennedy.

During the evening, the FBI had approached me several times and asked that Vince Drain, one of their agents, be permitted to take all of our physical evidence to their laboratory in Washington, D.C., to be examined. It was decided to release our physical evidence to Mr. Drain who was to fly with it to Washington, D. C., wait for the reports of the examination, then return it to us. The evidence was turned over to Drain about 12 midnight, Friday, November 22, 1963.

About 1:30 a.m., Justice of the Peace David Johnston arraigned Oswald in the Identification bureau. I was present for the arraignment, and went home a short time later.

Saturday, November 23, 1963: I arrived at the office about 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. During the day, I conferred with my staff and many other