

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1963

The morning of Thursday, November 14, 1963, Chief J. E. Curry instructed Assistant Chief Charles Batchelor to be in his office that afternoon at a meeting with him and Mr. Lawson, the Washington representative of the Secret Service, and Mr. Forrest Sorrells, the Dallas Agent in charge of the Secret Service.

At that time, they told us that the route the President probably would take from Love Field through the city had not been finalized, and that the location of the luncheon would be either at the Trade Mart or the Womens Building in Fair Park. Mr. Lawson stated that he thought the route from Love Field would be Cedar Springs to Mockingbird Lane to Lemmon Avenue to Turtle Creek Boulevard to Cedar Springs to Harwood to Main Street. He stated that although this seemed to be their preference at the moment, the announcement of the definite route would be made in the press by the host committee. Mr. Lawson further informed us that because the route had not been finalized, no statement should be made by this department as to the route.

During this conference, Mr. Lawson briefly laid out the tentative number of vehicles that would be in the parade and the order in which they would be. He showed us samples of the various identifying badges and buttons which would be worn by authorized personnel of the Presidential party, the Secret Service and plainclothes officers.

He stated that they had tentatively selected the area at Love Field where the three planes of the presidential party would be located, but he was concerned about whether or not there was enough space to park the planes and have room for the convoy of vehicles to come on to the apron and pick up the presidential party, thus he could not be sure that this particular location at the south end of the field near the American Airlines Freight Building would be their final arrangement. He stated that they had Air Force personnel coming in to measure the area and tell them whether or not it was sufficient. Mr. Lawson stated that he liked the particular spot due to the fact that there was a chain link fence along the area behind which spectators could be contained.

At this time, arrangements were made for Assistant Chief Batchelor and Deputy Chief M. W. Stevenson to meet with Mr. Lawson and Mr. Sorrells at the Trade Mart on Industrial and Stemmons Freeway, Tuesday, November 19, 1963, at 10:00 a.m.