

Stevenson advised him that he would have seventy (70) plainclothes men. Mr. Lawson stated that he probably did not have sufficient buttons for that many, if he did not have, those assigned in the immediate vicinity of the President should wear these identification buttons in order that Secret Service and other members of the President's party could recognize them as officers.

Mr. Lawson requested two plain cars with drivers to meet Secret Service Agents who would arrive at Love Field a few minutes prior to the presidential party, and transport them immediately to the Trade Mart so that they could arrive well ahead of the President. (This was provided by Stevenson.) Mr. Lawson also requested motorcycle escorts for two trucks to carry paraphernalia and the Presidential Seal from the planes to the Trade Mart.

Lumpkin pointed out that the police vehicles in the motorcade would operate on the Channel 11 radio, and that he would have Souter at the Trade Mart notified when the motorcade reached downtown Dallas.

Batchelor announced that telephone extension 357, the Public Works Department, had informed him that they would have a Public Works truck and a supervisor in a car with a radio for the purpose of moving any obstructions along the route or in aiding in any way they could.

Lawrence announced that he had arranged with the railroads crossing the presidential route that they would not have trains crossing at the time of the President's passing.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1963, after Chief Curry had been advised of what would be needed at the Trade Mart by Stevenson, he contacted Major Guy Smith of the Department of Public Safety and Mr. J. E. Decker, Sheriff of Dallas County, about furnishing some personnel. Major Guy Smith agreed to furnish approximately 50 men and Sheriff Decker agreed to furnish approximately 15 men, which were to be assigned to Stevenson.

On Thursday, November 21, 1963, shortly after the meeting called by Chief J. E. Curry in the Police Conference Room, Mrs. Snow called from the Trade Mart and asked for two ambulances to stand by on the Industrial Boulevard side of the Trade Mart. Dudley Hughes Funeral Home was contacted and arrangements made for ambulances. (One ambulance reported directly to the Trade Mart around 10:00 a.m., and one emergency ambulance reported to Gate 28 at Love Field to stand by in case of an emergency during the arrival of the presidential party. Upon the arrival, the ambulance left Love Field and reported directly to the Trade Mart to stand by as a second ambulance.)