

REPORT ON OFFICER'S DUTIES IN REGARDS TO THE PRESIDENT'S MURDER

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Friday, November 22, 1963 at approximately 12:25 pm my partner, L. D. Montgomery, and myself stopped at Dales Cafe at Lemmon and McKinney to eat lunch. I went in and sat down at a table. My partner went to the phone to let our office know where we were. Approximately three minutes later he came back and said that Lt. Vells had told him the President had been shot and for us to come back to the office. We left the cafe immediately and returned to the office. As soon as we arrived at the office, Lt. Vells told us to go to Elm and Houston, the location of the shooting. We left the office and drove to Elm and Houston, arriving there at about 12:50 pm. We went immediately to the 6th floor of the Texas Book Depository Building and reported to Captain Will Fritz. Captain Fritz designated my partner and me to take charge of the scene where the assassin had done the shooting, to assist the crime lab and gather whatever evidence was available.

The window that the shot was fired from was open and we could hear the police radio from below. At approximately 1:20 I heard a call come out reporting a shooting at 10th and Patton Streets involving a police officer. We were not relieved of our assignment and did not answer this call. We remained where we were and continued to help Lt. Day and Det. Studebaker of the crime lab.

During the course of our search we found a brown paper bag which had been used for a lunch sack; a Fr. Pepper bottle and a long sack made from heavy wrapping paper. We suspected the long bag had been used to conceal the rifle that had been used in the shooting.

At approximately 2:30 pm we left the Book Depository and transported the above mentioned items to the crime lab located at city hall. We then returned to our office, arriving at the office at approximately 3:00 pm.