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

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 NEW YORK--FOR EIGHT CONFUSED MINUTES FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING OF
 JOHN F. KENNEDY, THE UNITED STATES WAS WITHOUT THE STRATEGIC CONTACT
 TO AN INSTANT NUCLEAR REPLY TO AN ATTACKER, SAID JAMES BISHOP
 ASSETS AS A BOMB DEFEATING THE ASSASSINATION DAY.
 "THE BAGMAN" WHO CARRIED THE SMALL-DIAL-LOCKED SUITCASE
 CONTAINING ELECTRONIC APPARATUS WITH WHICH THE PRESIDENT COULD ORDER
 A RETALIATORY NUCLEAR STRIKE, WAS OUT OF TOUCH THAT LENGTH OF TIME
 AND WAS LOST AGAIN SEVERAL TIMES LATER THAT DAY, ACCORDING TO BISHOP.
 "THE BAGMAN" WAS SHOT IN ASSASSINATION, BUT SALIENT
 FIFTH EDITION, AND THE SECRET SERVICE LAST MONTH AND A
 METALLIC FROM IT WERE PUBLISHED IN A MAGAZINE LAST MONTH AND A
 COMPENSATION WILL APPEAR IN ANOTHER THIS WEEK.
 HE TAKES THE VIEW THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS DEAD AT DEATH
 PLAZA IN DALLAS FROM THE TIME THE BULLET BLEW AWAY PART OF HIS HEAD
 AND THAT VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON BECAME PRESIDENT AT THAT MOMENT
 OF EXECUTIVE ACTION UNTIL HE TOOK THE OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE LUCH
 LATER THAT DAY AT THE DALLAS AIRPORT, BISHOP SAYS. AND JOHNSON
 HADN'T BEEN TOLD HOW TO USE THE SECRETS OF THE BAG.
 "THE BAGMAN'S" JOB WAS "NEVER TO BE MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS STRONG
 THE SIDE OF THE PRESIDENT."
 BISHOP RECOUNTS THAT DURING THE FATAL MOMENT A SECRET SERVICE
 AGENT, LEO JOHNSON, "HAD BEEN ORDERED AT THE PLAZA AND THE MOTORCADE
 HAD LEFT WITHOUT HIM AFTER THE SHOOTING. JOHNSON SAID
 HOSPITAL AND "NOW HE WAS DUMPING INTO PEOPLE IN A LONG CORRIDOR,
 AND ONE HE PUNCHED WAS ART DALES. "ARE YOU THE BAGMAN?" JOHNSON SAID.
 "DALES SAID NO. GEARHART WAS. LEO JOHNSON FOUND HIM AND ORDERED HIM
 TO HURRY TO THE SIDE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT. IT WAS IRONIC THAT, IN
 THE PAST EIGHT MINUTES, NO ONE KNEW WHERE THE BAGMAN WAS OR WHO HE
 WAS. AND THE BAGMAN DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THE PRESIDENT WAS OR WHO HE
 WAS. IF THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT RETALIATE
 INSTANTANEOUSLY TO A NUCLEAR ATTACK, THESE WERE THE MINUTES.
 "ALL DAY LONG HE--VARRANT OFFICER, LEO GEARHART--WOULD BE LOST AND
 FOUND AND LOST AGAIN.
 BISHOP SAYS A DOCTOR LEM A SHEET OVER THE BODY AT 10:46 P.M.
 "PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DEATH WAS A SECRET. IT WAS KNOWN TO A
 SELECT FEW, SUCH AS (AGENT) JERRY FEIN IN THE WHITE HOUSE, 1,500
 MILES AWAY. IT WAS NOT KNOWN TO LYNDON JOHNSON, 35 FEET AWAY. A
 RELEASE OF DOCTORS AND A FEW NURSES KNEW IT. THE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS
 ADVISED THE INFORMATION TO EACH OTHER."
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UPI-CH 11/22/63 ASSASSINATION, NEW YORK
IN THE HALL OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL TRAUMA ROOM WHERE THE BODY WAS
BEING PREPARED FOR TRAVEL, BISHOP WRITES, MRS. KENNEDY AND AIDES AND
AGENTS CONFERRED. "THE VICE, WANTED THE TIME OF DEATH TO COME
AFTER THE TIME THE PRIEST HAD GIVEN HER HUSBAND CONDITIONAL
ABSOLUTION." DR. MALCOLM PERRY WAS ASKED IF 1 P.M. WOULD BE ALL
RIGHT AND HE AGREED THE DEATH CERTIFICATE WOULD SO STATE, BISHOP SAYS.
WHEN JOHNSON WAS TOLD KENNEDY WAS DEAD, HE WAS MINDFUL OF SECRET
SERVICE WARNINGS THAT THERE MIGHT BE A WORLDWIDE CONSPIRACY
INVOLVING HIM, ALSO, AND DECIDED THE PRESS WOULD NOT BE TOLD UNTIL
HE HAD TRAVELED SWIFTLY TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PLANE AT THE AIRPORT.
THE DEATH FLASH CLEARED THE NEW WIRE AT 1:35 P.M.
BISHOP WRITES BISHOP, WHO SAYS JOHNSON GAVE HIM A PRIVATE
INTERVIEW FOR THIS BOOK:
"HAD ANYONE TOLD MR. JOHNSON THAT SHOULD THE YOUNG MEN
MR. KENNEDY UNCONSCIOUS, THE FRIGHTFUL DECISION TO LAUNCH A NUCLEAR
COUNTRY-ATTACK WAS NOW HIS? HAD GEN. CLIFTON (KENNEDY'S AIDE) TOLD
THE VICE-PRESIDENT THAT IT WAS NOW WITHIN HIS POWER--WITH THAT
SAC--TO DEAL ANY ONE OF SEVERAL TYPES OF ATTACK? DID HE KNOW? WAS
HE AWARE? HAD ANYONE EVER ENTERED THIS BIG FURBY MAN IN THE MATTER OF
AWESOME AND IRREVOCABLE DECISIONS?
"NO. AS THE CLOCK RANG SILENT, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STOOD, FOR A LITTLE TIME, RAZED.
"WAS THE PARALYSIS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAD KEPT ABRAHAM LINCOLN
FROM BRIEFING HIS VICE PRESIDENT, ANDREW JOHNSON, ON MATTERS OF WAR
AND PEACE, SO TOO THE NEW AROUND KENNEDY HAD KEPT THE DOCTRINES OF
POWER FROM LYNDON JOHNSON.
"HE KNEW THERE WAS A SAC. HE KNEW THERE WAS A MAN SEVERAL PAGES
AWAY IN THE HOSPITAL, STANDING WITH A SAC. BUT, IF THIS SECTING
WAS A PART OF A LARGER THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED
STATES, MR. JOHNSON HAD NEITHER THE COORDINATION TO THE SAC, NOR THE
EXACT KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT TO DO WITH IT." 10/26--TOS05ED