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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISC. - INFO CONCERNING, OO:DALLAS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPES FEBRUARY THIRTEEN INSTANT.

THERE APPEARED IN THE FEBRUARY FOURTEEN INSTANT ISSUE OF THE NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE NEWSPAPER AN ARTICLE REPORTING WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE TRIAL OF CLAY L. SHAW ON FEBRUARY THIRTEEN INSTANT.

ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, D.A. JIM GARRISON MADE AN APPEARANCE IN THE COURT ROOM AS AN OBSERVER BUT DID NOT PARTAKE IN THE QUESTIONING OF ANY OF THE WITNESSES.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION OPENED WITH THE PROSECUTION ENTERING THREE EXHIBITS. ONE EXHIBIT WAS AN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF DEALEY PLAZA. THE SECOND EXHIBIT WAS A SURVEY PLAT REPRESENTING THE LAND TOPOGRAPHY AS OF NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, AND THE THIRD EXHIBIT WAS A MOCK-UP MODEL OF DEALEY PLAZA.

THE PROSECUTION CALLED ROBERT W. WEST, IDENTIFIED AS A DALLAS COUNTY SURVEYOR, AND AFTER QUESTIONING WAS QUALIFIED AS AN EXPERT

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WITNESS AND TESTIFIED TO THE ACCURACY OF THE EXHIBITS. HE TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD DONE A SURVEY PLAT FOR THE WARREN COMMISSION.

WEST TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS STANDING AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN AND HOUSTON STREETS, DALLAS, ON NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, AND OBSERVED THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE. HE OBSERVED THE MOTORCADE APPROACH HOUSTON STREET AND TURN NORTH ON HOUSTON. HE LOST SIGHT OF THE MOTORCADE AS IT TURNED WEST ON TO ELM STREET. HE TESTIFIED THE NEXT TIME HE OBSERVED THE MOTORCADE WAS JUST BEFORE IT WENT UNDER THE UNDERPASS AND THAT DURING THIS TIME HE HEARD FOUR UNUSUAL SOUNDS. THE FIRST TWO SOUNDS WERE SIMILAR TO A MOTORCYCLE BACKFIRING BUT BY THE TIME HE HEARD THE THIRD SOUND HE RECOGNIZED IT AS A RIFLE SHOT AND THE SOUNDS APPEARED TO BE COMING FROM THE NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF DEALEY PLAZA, THIS BEING THE ENTIRE AREA NORTHWEST OF ELM STREET.

WEST TESTIFIED HE LEFT HIS POSITION AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN AND HOUSTON STREETS AND WENT TO THE DEALEY PLAZA AREA. HE OBSERVED SEVERAL PEOPLE, INCLUDING POLICEMEN, RUN UP THE GRASSY KNOLL HEADED FOR THE AREA QUOTE UP BEHIND THE WOOD STOCKADE FENCE UNQUOTE. HE OBSERVED MEN GOING OVER THIS FENCE.

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UPON CROSS EXAMINATION BY THE DEFENSE, WEST TESTIFIED IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT HE COULD BE MISTAKEN AS TO THE NUMBER OF SOUNDS HE HEARD AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION. HE TESTIFIED THAT AT THIS TIME HE WAS QUOTE EXCITED UNQUOTE AND IT WAS CONCEIVABLE HE WAS MISTAKEN IN HEARING WHAT APPEARED TO BE FOUR QUOTE BACKFIRES UNQUOTE. HE TESTIFIED HE DID NOT KNOW IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO HEAR AN ECHO IN DEALEY PLAZA SINCE THE AREA RESEMBLES A VALLEY.

THE PROSECUTION THEN CALLED AS ITS NEXT WITNESS ABRAHAM ZAPRUDER OF DALLAS, TEXAS, WHO TESTIFIED THAT ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, HE WAS STANDING ON A FOUR-FOOT TALL CONCRETE ABUTMENT IN DEALEY PLAZA WITH HIS SECRETARY AND OBSERVED THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE TURN ON TO ELM STREET. AT THIS TIME HE BEGAN TO FILM THE MOTORCADE. AS THE MOTORCADE APPROACHED HIM HE HEARD A SHOT AND NOTICED THE PRESIDENT LEAN TOWARDS MRS. KENNEDY. ZAPRUDER THEN TESTIFIED HE HEARD ANOTHER SHOT AND QUOTE THIS ONE HIT HIM IN THE HEAD UNQUOTE.

ZAPRUDER TESTIFIED THAT AFTER THE FIRST SHOT THE PRESIDENT QUOTE GRABBED HIMSELF UNQUOTE AND QUOTE LEANED FORWARD UNQUOTE TOWARD HIS WIFE. AFTER THE SECOND SHOT THE PRESIDENT LEANED THE

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SAME WAY FORWARD TOWARD THE BOTTOM OF THE CAR. ZAPRUDER TESTIFIED THAT AFTER THE SECOND SHOT HE SAW THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD OPEN UP AND BLOOD AND QUOTE OTHER THINGS UNQUOTE COME OUT.

HE TESTIFIED HE STOPPED FILMING AND BEGAN RUNNING AROUND THE SCENE OF THE SHOOTING YELLING QUOTE THEY KILLED HIM UNQUOTE MANY TIMES. HE THEN WENT BACK TO HIS OFFICE LOCATED NEAR THE DEALEY PLAZA.

ZAPRUDER TESTIFIED THAT HIS SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE FILM HE HAD TAKEN AND THAT THE ORIGINAL AND THREE COPIES OF THIS FILM WERE DEVELOPED IN HIS PRESENCE. OF THE THREE COPIES MADE, ONE WAS GIVEN TO THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, ANOTHER TO SECRET SERVICE AND THE FBI, AND THE THIRD TO LIFE MAGAZINE. HE TESTIFIED THAT THE FILM WAS TAKEN WITH A BELL AND HOWELL EIGHT MILLIMETER CAMERA WITH A ZOOM LENS AND BELIEVED THE LENS TO BE TWO POINT EIGHT.

UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION BY THE DEFENSE, ZAPRUDER TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD NOT BROUGHT THIS FILM WITH HIM FROM DALLAS AND THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS HAD GIVEN HIM A COPY OF THE FILM WHEN HE ARRIVED TO TESTIFY.

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THE DEFENSE THEN OBJECTED TO THE FILM BEING INTRODUCED IN EVIDENCE, MAINTAINING THAT THE PROSECUTION HAD NOT LAID PROPER FOUNDATION.

JUDGE HAGGERTY THEN ORDERED THE JURY TO LEAVE THE COURTROOM WHILE THE FILM WAS SHOWN TO ZAPRUDER. ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, THIS WAS DONE TO ALLOW ZAPRUDER TO VIEW THE FILM AND VERIFY THAT IT WAS THE SAME ONE HE HAD TAKEN MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AGO.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THIS FILM LASTED APPROXIMATELY THIRTYFIVE SECONDS IN LENGTH AND SHOWED THE PRESIDENT GRASP HIS THROAT, LEAN FORWARD TOWARD MRS. KENNEDY, THEN WHAT RESEMBLED A LARGE CLOUD OF SMOKE SURROUNDED KENNEDY'S HEAD AS THE SECOND SHOT HIT ITS TARGET. THE FILM SHOWED MRS. KENNEDY LOOKING ON IN HORROR AS THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD WAS SHATTERED BY THE BULLET AND ALSO SHOWED MRS. KENNEDY SCRAMBLING TO THE BACK OF THE AUTOMOBILE TO ASSIST A SECRET SERVICE MAN INTO THE CAR. THE FILM THEN SHOWED THE PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLE DISAPPEAR BEHIND WHAT APPEARED TO BE A TREE OR A CLUMP OF BUSHES AND THE FILM ENDED.

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THEREAFTER THE DEFENSE ASKED ZAPRUDER IF THE FILM HE HAD SEEN WAS THE SAME FILM HE TOOK IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. HE TESTIFIED IT WAS THE SAME, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT BE SURE IF THE FILM HAD BEEN EDITED OR HAD SOME MISSING FRAMES.

JUDGE HAGGERTY THEN RULED THE FILM WAS RELEVANT AND ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE AND THE JURY WAS BROUGHT BACK INTO THE COURTROOM AND SHOWN THE FILM.

THE FILM WAS EXHIBITED TO THE JURY ON THREE OCCASIONS, ONE OF WHICH WAS A FRAME BY FRAME SHOWING.

THE PROSECUTION THEN CALLED AS ITS NEXT WITNESS BUELL W. FRAZIER OF IRVING, TEXAS, WHO TESTIFIED THAT IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE HE WAS EMPLOYED AS A CLERK AT THE TEXAS BOOK DEPOSITORY AND LIVED IN IRVING, A SUBURB OF DALLAS.

FRAZIER TESTIFIED THAT HE FIRST MET LEE HARVEY OSWALD AROUND THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, WHEN FRAZIER WENT TO WORK AT THE TEXAS BOOK DEPOSITORY. HE TESTIFIED THAT OSWALD WAS ALSO EMPLOYED AS A CLERK AND THAT HE GAVE OSWALD RIDES ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS TO IRVING BECAUSE OSWALD VISITED HIS WIFE MARINA WHO WAS LIVING IN IRVING. FRAZIER TESTIFIED THAT OSWALD  
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RODE WITH HIM TO IRVING, TEXAS, ON FRIDAY EVENINGS AND BACK TO DALLAS ON MONDAY MORNINGS EVERY WEEK END EXCEPT THE ONE BEFORE PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS KILLED. FRAZIER TESTIFIED THAT OSWALD HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE WOULD NOT BE RIDING WITH HIM ON THIS ONE OCCASION BECAUSE HE WAS GOING TO GET A DRIVERS LICENSE. FRAZIER TESTIFIED THAT HE DID NOT CONVERSE WITH OSWALD VERY MUCH ON THESE OCCASIONS AND WHILE AT WORK OSWALD STAYED BY HIMSELF AND WAS MORE OR LESS A LONER. HE TESTIFIED HE DID RECALL ON A FEW OCCASIONS SEEING OSWALD PLAY BASEBALL WITH CHILDREN IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD IN IRVING.

FRAZIER TESTIFIED THAT OSWALD ASKED HIM IF HE COULD GO TO IRVING WITH FRAZIER ON NOVEMBER TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. OSWALD TOLD FRAZIER HE WAS GOING TO SEE HIS WIFE TO GET SOME CURTAIN RODS WHICH OSWALD SAID HIS WIFE HAD BOUGHT FOR HIM. FRAZIER TESTIFIED THAT ON THIS DATE HE KNEW THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE WOULD BE COMING BY THE TEXAS BOOK DEPOSITORY ON NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. HE TESTIFIED THAT AT NO TIME DID OSWALD EVER MENTION THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT OR TALK OF THE PRESIDENT OR DISCUSS POLITICS WITH FRAZIER.

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HE TESTIFIED THAT ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, HE PICKED OSWALD UP AND OSWALD DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING WITH HIM BUT FRAZIER NOTICED A PACKAGE OSWALD HAD APPARENTLY PLACED IN THE BACK SEAT OF FRAZIER'S CAR. OSWALD IDENTIFIED THE PACKAGE AS CURTAIN RODS AND FRAZIER DESCRIBED THE PACKAGE AS APPROXIMATELY TWO FEET IN LENGTH, ABOUT FIVE OR SIX INCHES IN WIDTH, WRAPPED IN PAPER SIMILAR IN COLOR TO A PAPER SACK THAT CAN BE OBTAINED AT GROCERY STORES. HE TESTIFIED THAT HE NEVER OBSERVED OSWALD IN THE POSSESSION OF A RIFLE AND THAT ON THE TRIP TO DALLAS ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO HE ATTEMPTED TO TALK WITH OSWALD ABOUT THE WEATHER BUT OSWALD MADE NO RESPONSE. HE TESTIFIED THEY ARRIVED AT THE TEXAS BOOK DEPOSITORY ABOUT TEN MINUTES BEFORE EIGHT A.M. AND OSWALD WAS CARRYING THE PACKAGE AS HE SAW OSWALD ENTER THE BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING. THEREAFTER HE SAW OSWALD SEVERAL TIMES BUT HE NEVER DID SEE THE PACKAGE AGAIN.

FRAZIER TESTIFIED THAT AT ABOUT NOON HE WENT TO THE TOP OF THE STEPS OF THE BUILDING TO WATCH THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE. HE SAW THE MOTORCADE TRAVEL DOWN HOUSTON STREET AND TURN TOWARD THE TRIPLE UNDERPASS. JUST AFTER THE MOTORCADE MADE THE TURN OFF

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OF HOUSTON STREET HE HEARD SEVERAL NOISES WHICH SOUNDED LIKE A MOTORCYCLE BACKFIRING. HE OBSERVED PEOPLE IN THE AREA RUNNING AND SCREAMING AND THAT HE RECOGNIZED TWO OF THESE NOISES AS RIFLE SHOTS. FRAZIER TESTIFIED QUOTE THERE SEEMED TO BE A FEW SECONDS BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND SOUNDS AND THEN THE SECOND AND THIRD WERE ALMOST BACK TO BACK UNQUOTE. HE TESTIFIED THAT THESE SOUNDS APPEARED TO HIM TO COME FROM THE TRIPLE UNDERPASS AND THAT HE NOTICED QUITE A FEW OF THE SPECTATORS HEAD IN THE DIRECTION OF THE UNDERPASS. HE SAID HE STOOD AROUND OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING FOR A WHILE AND THEN WENT INSIDE AND ATE HIS LUNCH AND NEVER DID SEE OSWALD AGAIN.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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