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To Be Returned

Yes

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Description:

Two copies of Robert Lee Osward's notebook diary + one typed copy of same.

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On February 19, 1964, ROBERT LEE OSWALD, 1009 Sierra, Denton, Texas, made available to SA's BARDWELL D. ODUM and ARTHUR E. CARTER a notebook diary prepared by him in his handwriting, a copy of which was made. The contents of this notebook diary are hereinafter set forth:

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"Thomas Jefferson

"Born April 2 1743 o.s (April 13th)

Died July 4th 1826

"From his Autobiography.

"Nothing is more certainly written in the book of fate, than these people (Negroes) are to be free; nor is it less certain that the two races, equally free, cannot live in the same government."

"I served with General Washington in the legislature of Virginia, before the revolution, and, during it, with Dr. Franklin in Congress. I never heard either of them speak ten minutes at a time, nor to any but the main point, which was to decide the question. They laid their shoulders to the great points, knowing that the little one would follow of themselves." In a body to which the people send one hundred & fifty lawyers, whose trade is to question everything, yield nothing, and talk by the hour, how can it be otherwise?

"How the good should be secured & the ill brought to rights, was the difficulty. To refer it back to a new Convention might endanger the loss of the whole. My first idea was, that the nine States first acting, should accept it unconditionally & thus secure what in it was good, and that the four last should accept on the previous condition, that

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"certain amendments should be agreed to; but a better course was devised, of accepting the whole, & trusting that the good sense & honest intentions of our citizens, would make the alterations which should be deemed necessary.

"Were not this great country already divided into States, that division must be made, that each might do for itself what concerns itself directly & what it can so much better do than a distant authority. Every State again is divided into counties, each to take care of what lies within its local bounds; each county again into townships or wards, to manage minute details; and every ward into farms to be governed each by its individual proprietor. Were we directed from Washington when to sow, and when to reap we should soon want bread. All know the influence of interest on the mind of man, and how unconsciously his judgment is warped by that influence. To this bias add that of the esprit de corps, of their peculiar maxim and creed, that "it is the office of a good judge (or anyone with power - my own idea to add the preceding abstract statement) to enlarge his jurisdiction", & the absence of responsibility;

"I do not charge the judges with wilful & ill-intentioned error, but honest error must be arrested, where its toleration leads to public ruin.

"But it saves the Republic, which is the first & Supreme law." Jefferson spoke in regard to the impeachment of judges but I believe this should apply to all public offices, whether state or Federal.

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"December 6, 1963

"For the history of the past 2 weeks as seen thru my eyes & heard with my ears & felt with my body I write for future references for myself & for future members of the family.

"Friday - November 22, 1963

"I was out to lunch, on this never to be forgot day, with Bill Darwin, Burnette Henry, Bob Oesch & Bud Adams all of the Rene Birch Co. As we were leaving the Jay's Grill in Denton the cashier commented 'Have you heard (Speaking to all of us) that the President had been shot'. This was approx 1:00 P.M. As we walk to the car generally we all had doubts if it were true are not. Soon as we entered the car the radio was turned on & it was real enough but at this time the reports were not stating how serious the President was or Gov. Connally.

"We were on the yard of the 'Old' Denton Plant when a man from the sample dept. said that President Kennedy was dead. It seems untrue or hard to believe it was unreal & I'm sure none of us there really grasped the full meaning of that statement.

"We return to the New Denton Plant with vary degree's of comment's from everyone in the car. Soon as we stepped from the car someone said we should have our flag at half-mast. This was done promptly.

"After about 1/2 hour in the office we went out in the yard at the New Plant and returned to the office approx 1/2 - 3/4 hr. later.

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"I returned to my desk & worked on some papers for about 15 min & left my office & walked up to the front desk or rather into Marvin Ellis office & Nina Providence the receptionist is located there also had a portable radio going. I remember that the radio announcer said Lee's name & Miss Providence said 'Oswald' with shock & realization in her face -- then the second time Lee's name -- then it hit me my statement was 'That's my kid brother.' I turned & went to my phone & called Vada & asked her if she had heard. She had not. I explained briefly & told her I would be home shortly.

"I received, before leaving the office, a phone call from Wilt Osborne credit manager in Fort Worth stating 'Bob brace yourself your brother has been arrested' to this I replied 'Yes I know I just heard.' He advised me that my mother was trying to reach me & gave me a number to call. I called & we agreed to meet in the Baker Hotel in Dallas & that a Star-Telegram report would take her there.

"I left the office & came home & on arrival Vada & I agreed best to call her folks & have them pick up the kids & herself (at first Vada insisted on going with me -- I am thankful I would not let her go).

"I called the Fort Worth General Office & asked for Harry Regen but he was on a long distance call so I asked for Bill Darwin & advised him I needed to go to Dallas & he stated yes he had heard something like 'Do what you need to do & don't

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"worry about the office, also the F.B.I. had called the office for me.

"I called the F.B.I. Fort Worth office and spoke to a Mr. Jennings & informed him that unless he wanted me to do something else I was going to Dallas & he asked that I go to the F.P.I. Office in Dallas soon as possible. I advised him I would arrive around 5 P.M.

"It was approx 5:15 P.M. as I rang the night bell at the F.B.I. Office. Strange but I do not recall the agent__ name who interviewed me for 2 hours of when was the last time I saw Lee? Or when was the last time I wrote him or heard from him? This was a an interview with no pressure applied to me. His first statement was I had a right not to answer any questions. My reply was I didn't need a lawyer & he could feel free to ask any question. On completion of our talk I asked where was Lee being kept & he said 'Dallas City Jail or Police Station.'

"I walked into the Police Station around 7:15 P.M. & went upon in a _ elevator but it was the wrong floor.

"I found a Capt. of Police in Traffic Division eating his dinner & asked where I could find someone in charge of the case. I then introduce myself. He stop__ eating & tried to call upstairs but all the lines were busy, so he said he would take me up. As we stood waiting on the elevator I reach__ into my left-hand rear pocket for a handkerchief & apparently or _ least I feel almost certain that the Capt. thought I was reaching for a gun because he turned as to prepare

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"himself but then he saw it was a handkerchief. We went upstairs and he found Capt. Fritz who was in charge of the case. We shook hands & he asked that I wait in another office. The office I went into was my mother was & a Star-Telegram reporter & 2 or 3 P.B.I. Agents. Two of the Agents name were Brown.

"Mother & I talked briefly & after about 30 min. we were taken across the hall to Marina & the 2 children were (this was the first I knew of the new baby). A Mrs. Paine was also present. We talked a little & shortly Mrs. Paine-- who the police had been talking to came out of the office & Mrs. Paine introduced us. I did not like the appearance of Mrs. Paine nothing really to put my finger on but I just had a feeling.

"I still do not know why or how but Mr. & Mrs. Paine are somehow involved in this affair.

"Shortly thereafter Mother, Marina & children & the Paines left to go to the Paine's house in Irving & I advised them I would stay there & see them tomorrow.

"I stood around for a short while & finally started a conversation with a Cummings (I believe this was his name). We of course, discuss the happen of the date and I do not feel we were in any type of 'formal or informal interview we were just talking. This office did state he did arrive at the movie shortly or during Lee's arrest. He did give me my first first hand report & generally it was as announced in the radio & thru the press. That

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"he was capture_ in the theatre after shooting a policeman later identified as Tippitt. Also he was thought to be involved with the President's death. We talked about 30-45 min & I finally decided I could gain nothing this night -- this night of unspeakable horror.

"I walked to my car about 7 blocks away (I was not known to reporters at this time & was not bothered at all) & I just started to drive to drive down Highway 80 to Fort Worth & returned to Dallas by the turnpike the only stop I made was a_ midway for gasoline. I do not recall my thoughts other than I was attempting to arrange my thoughts & my fears in my own mind.

"I arrived back in Dallas approx 10:30 PM & check_ into the Staler-Hilton Hotel, which is located across the street from Dallas Police Station. After checking in I went to my room & then decide_ to eat something, which I did in the coffee shop_ I had a ham sandwich.

"After eating I decide_ to go back to the Police Station this was approx 11:15 P.M. maybe 11:30 PM anyway I asked to see Capt. Fritz again and was taking_ to his office but again he was busy, however as I stood outside of his office an F.B.I. Agent who_ name I do not recall asked if he could not speak with me and of course I said yes. We sat in a small office & another F.B.I. Agent came in & we start_ & covered more or less the same ground covered by the original interview with the exception of one thing the man_ name who had come to my house in Ft. Worth while Lee was there this was Mr. Peter Gregory (I later became to know him, at least a little bit, and find him to be a fine person). At approx 11:55 one agent left and returned and said

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"12-7 Robert you might as well know now they are charging your brother with the President death (he had all ready been charged with Policeman Tippitt death) I looked at my watch_ it was a few minutes after 12 midnight.

"I left the Police Station a few minutes later & as I walked to the hotel approx 1/2 block away my body suddenly began to shake all over - however I regained control by the time I reach_ the entrance to the hotel. This young body of mine had then started to react to this unbelievable day & during the next 7 days especially my young body mind & soul was aged a great deal.

"I went to bed this Friday night of November 22, 1963 but I know I never really went to sleep.

"Saturday November 23, 1963

"I started moving about at 7 AM took a shower & because I didn't have a comb, razor or anything I went to the drugstore & purchase_ a comb & hair oil returned to my room combed my hair & left for a shave in the hotel barber shop.

"The barber who shaved me & the barber in the next chair had a discussion on the past day's happening. I listened intently & even now (2 weeks later) I cannot recall but one point & that was made by the barber who shaved me. The point was even the crime Lee was charge_ with he deserves like anyone else a just & fair trial. I never commented to any part of the discussion but I did leave my barber a 50¢ tip.

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"I went, without breakfast, to the Police Station and after hanging around for 30-40 min I thought that since charges had already been made that the District Attorney's office might be the place to contact. I called from the first floor of the Police Station & was advised by an Asst. D.A. that the D.A. was not in but expected shortly & for me to come to his office.

"12-11-63 When I arrive_ the D.A. Mr. H. Wade was there & I was shown right in & also met 1st Asst. D.A. Jim Bowie. We talked for about 1 hour or so mostly general things about when & where Lee_ trail would be held & would it be a Federal case or not. The answer was no to Federal case since it was not against Federal law to kill a President. All of our conversation was pleasant & not to_ infuriating on either side.

"I received a call from Mother while I was at the D.A.'s office & she advised that she was at the Baker Hotel (I believe) & was with Life Magazine reporters. She stated the_ Capt. Frits had agreed for us to see Lee around 12 noon. I left the D.A.'s office at approx 11 AM & went to the hotel. I remembered I walk_ there I believe it was 6 or 7 blocks.

"When I came to the hotel room 2 Life men were there one F.B.I. Agent by the name of Odum & an interpeter (She was a mess just to see this interpeter). Marina apparently did not want to talk to the F.B.I. at this time so we made ready to go to the jail to see Lee.

"We arrived approx 12 noon & were asked to wait for a little bit before we could go up. As we were

"waiting a man asked if he could talk with me. This was Mike Howard of the United States Secret Service. Mr. Howard stated that he would like certain facts about Lee & myself. I indicated I would be more than willing to answer any & all questions the best I could. We had an interview that lasted perhaps 1 hour or so, with vary___ degrees of interruption. He mentioned that Mr. Kennedy was interested in our background etc. at the very first part of the interview. Later as we talk__ I mentioned to him that perhaps thru this direct means I could express my deepest sympathy on the death of the President my voice broke & I could not finish. Mr. Howard stated he knew what I was trying to say.

"Mother & Marina & the children went up to see Lee & I was told I would go later.

"About this time a Mr. Kelley came into the office where Mr. Howard & I were talking. Later I found out this was Inspector Tom Kelley of United States Secret Service. We talked for a few minutes off & on as we were having a few interruptions again.

"Mike Howard, Mr. Kelly & myself talked about whether or not Lee upon seeing me would say anything to me because he (Lee) did not at any time admit to any part of the whole unbelievable mess. I stated I would do my best. (Do not misunderstand here my whole intention then as now was to find out the truth & nothing else).

"Approx 3:15 PM I went up to see Lee & as we came face to face thru the glass he motioned for me

"to pick up the telephone which we were to talk thru. His first statement to me was 'How are you' I reply O.K. & I asked if he was O.K. (He did have cuts & bruises on his face) He stated that he was O.K. & that they were 'treating me well.' I do not recall everything we say I did try to point out to him that the evidence was overwhelming that he did kill the police officer Tippitt & possibly the President. To this he replied do not form any opinion on this so called evidence. All the time we were talking I searched his eyes for any sign of guilt or whatever you call it. There was nothing there -- no guilt no shame no nothing Lee finally aware of my looking into his eyes he stated 'You will not find anything there.' I tried to talk about his family (Marina & the babies) He said 'How about the little one I want a boy but you know how that goes.' He asked that I not come every day to see him but he did want me to come though & visit with him. He talked about the Paines as his friends & that they would take care of Marina & children. I stated what he considered to be his friend were not necessary mine, I did this to try to get thru to him, to me his answer was mechanical & I was not talking to Lee I knew. A police officer finally tap Lee on the shoulder & Lee said that was all & his last words were 'See you.' These were to be the last words I would ever hear from him.

"Mr. Tom Kelley & Mike Howard were waiting outside the door for me & as we enter the elevator & the door closed I said 'He did not say anything because (I forgot this up above) the first thing Lee said was that the line is tapped. Mr. Kelly said if it was he would not be asking me what was say_.

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"We discussed briefly what was said & we all agreed that maybe if we had been allowed to enter into a room & not over telephone things might have been different, but we also agree this was now out of the question since he (Lee) would feel everything is tapped or wired.

"I left the Police Station & went to the hotel & mother & Marina & babies had been moved to another motel by the Life reporters. This was the Executive Inn. I called there & told mother I was going to the farm & would see them in the A.M.

"When I arrived at the farm Mike Howard had called & left word for me to call back. When finally I reach him he stated he wanted to know where Mother & Marina were & I gave him the room number & telephone number at the Executive Inn.

"Sunday November 24, 1963

"Around 8:45 A.M. Mike Howard called again and advised Mother had call Mr. Gregory & was upset over reporters showing up and bothering her & Marina. I advised him I would meet them there (Executive) around 10:30 A.M.

"When leaving I decided to go thru Fort Worth rather than to Denton & then to Dallas as I had advised Mike Howard. I stop at a phone booth as I entered Fort Worth & called Mike Howard & we agreed to meet at the Howard Johnson on the Turnpike.

"I arrived first & they that is Mike Howard, Charlie Kunkel & Mr. Gregory. We had a cup of coffee but before sitting down I was introduced to Mayor Vandergriff of Arlington also some others (about 2 men) who I do not remember. (Believe these were police officers of Arlington).

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"After coffee Mr. Gregory rode with me & the 2 agents rode together, we followed there car to the Executive Inn. On arrival Mr. Gregory & myself went to the room & no reporters were visible anywhere. After a few minutes in the room I left to pay the bill & prepare to leave.

"Out front where we parked the car Mike Howard stood waiting & he informed me that they just heard of the radio that Lee was shot. He advised that it had not been serious though & not to worry. I decided not to say anything to Marina & Mother but rather that they should go to the farm. This I spoke to Mike Howard about also that I would go to find out about Lee.

"I went to Parkland Hospital (I heard that this was were they were taken Lee) and arrived but had to identify myself to a police officer in order to pull into the entrance rode. The police officer instructed me to wait & he called a policeman (the first one was a Sgt.) to park my car in front of a patrol car & wait with me.

"Shortly in about 20 min I guess 2 Secret Service Agents came out to the car & we talked for a few minutes & then left to go into the Hospital. Roger Warren was one of the 2 Agents & I do not recall the other one's name but later on he took the tape recording to Washington.

"As we entered a side door of the hospital Agent Warren gave me a fast shakedown for any weapons. This I did not mind since he did not know me at all.

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"We went into a room on the first floor & one Agent stayed with me (Warren I believe at first) and then a new one came in (I later saw him at the Motel also but cannot recall his name). We were there approx 30 min when the telephone rang (2 or 3 other calls had come in) Oh, yes before I forget an Agent came in after about 20 min & advised it was not serious & Lee was doing fine. Now approx 10 min later the phone rang, as I mentioned above & the Agent in the room with me requested that the party on the other end repeat whatever he said. The Agent rose & I look__ at him & he stated 'Robert I am sorry but Lee is dead'. I broke down and cried for God I do not know how long & I was not aware of anything going on around me at this time. Someone finally said there was a minister here in the hospital & asked if I wanted to speak to him I nodded yes.

"Before the minister arrived Mr. Tom Kelley came in (I wasn't aware when) but suddenly he stated 'violence breeds violence' I replied 'does this justify anything or all of this'. I do not recall if he answered that or not.

"Dr. Pepper talked to me & we prayed together & then Agents said I could go & see Lee. We walked slowly down the hall & went to the back or basement of the hospital I do not remember which. They put me in a room & said it would be a few minutes.

"About this time Marina, Mother & the two children came in. They had already seen Lee so we waited for a while. Then someone came in & said that they had already started the autopsy & that it would

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"be impossible for me to see him until it was completed. They advised it would be 4-5 hours. I decided not to wait so plans were made to go.

"The Secret Service apparently had received orders from the local level to stay with us until further notice.

"We left in two cars. I was in the first car with 2 Agents & Marina kids & Mother & Mr. Gregory was in the last car. Only one car with newspaper reporters tried to follow us as we headed for the Inn of the Six Flags, Arlington, Texas. We were driving down the highway & this car was still following us. Additional help was called for over the radio & before long police cars were stopping the car that was following us on speeding or something.

"We arrived at the Inn where the Agents had set up 4 different rooms.

"We stayed in Room 424 & 423.

"Marina took the children in room 423 (actually the rooms were together & we could walk thru without going outside). I do not remember much that went on this first afternoon (I guess it was around 4 PM when we arrived there) I do recall that Arlington Police were now helping the Secret Service Agents out. I will mention two of these police officers now. Bob Parson & Jesse Gann (I do not know what their ranks were but both were around from this day forward until we left the Inn).

"Later in the night Police Chief of Arlington Chief Perry by name came in. I stayed mostly in the

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"main room 424 & everyone that came in was introduced to me. Also I __ not sure wheater it was this night or the following night by Sheriff Lon Evans of Ft. Worth came in & I remember having a cup of coffee with him & talking about different things & he told me anything he could __ to help to count on him.

"We order__ supper that night & all I had was a milk shade (I found out on the day I left that the Inn usually didn't serve milk shades & that they had to find a machine somewere).

"During the general time period Bob Parson went to Dallas Parkland Hospital & 'stole' my car. He took it to Arlington Police Station & they put a guard on it.

"After Marina had eaten they (the Secret Service Agents) started an interview with Marina & Mr. Gregory as the interpreter. I was present during this entire interview which was on a tape recorder & Marina answer__ all questions to the best of her ability -- of this I am sure of. Marina never did mind talking to the Secret Service. Agent Charlie Kunkel was the interviewer. Mike Howard controled the tape recorder for a while & then I believe they found it did not need any further adjustment.

"A telephone call started involing me into making a decision on what arrangement where to be made for the body of Lee. I talked with Mike Howard & decided that Miller's Funeral Home in Ft. Worth would be my preference. Agent Howard called & talked with the Funeral Home Director Mr. Groody.

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"Much later I would say around 10 or 11 PM Mike received a call from the hospital wanting to confirm that Miller funeral home was to pick up the body.

"I was to call & ask for Malcolm & this would identify me & O.K. removal for Miller's.

"After this I believe the interview was complete with Marina.

"Agent Charlie Kunkel who was really dead on his feet stretched out on the sofa & went to sleep. Bob Parsons was outside walking around (everyone more or less expected the F.B.I. any time now) with a carbine in case someone else should show up. As I went to bed someone (usually everyone was knocking on the door) rattled the door knob & Charlie Kunkel came alive I knew by sheer reflex with drawn pistol but Jesse Gann had reached the door now & it was Bob Parson wanting in.

"* After Marina__ interview I was interviewed by Mike Howard perhaps for 20 or 30 minutes. Also they had Mason Langford take a picture of Marina and one of me.

"Monday November 25, 1963

"Somewhere around 6 or 6:30 AM I got up. I do believe I never really went to sleep. Also around 8:30 either the Funeral Home called or we called them this I do not remember anyway to make funeral arrangements over the phone.

"Around 11 AM the first great shock of this day was to hit me -- One cemetery (Lauel Land in Ft. Worth

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"What not accept the body) also they were having a hard time locating a minister to give the service. The Funeral Director was going to continue until he had found something out for sure. We had planned the funeral for around 4 P.M.

"Someone came in & said that a Lutheran Minister was here & did we want to talk with him. Mother & I replied yes. (They had been taking a tape recording from Mother but it was skip___ because I was so badly shock-up over so called Christian people not even wanting to bury Lee.

"The above mentioned minister (who__ name I do remember & perhaps never forget) I will not print -- he has my deepest sympathy because he is the lowest of all in my book. He was so afraid for his personal reputation in that he would avoid ever possible question he could. He at one point said he would preform the service but when he left we never saw him again.

"Later we heard (around 1 PM or 2 PM) that everything was ready or would be ready for 4 P.M.

"It was necessary to purchase a dress for Marina and a few other odds & ends for the funeral, prior to this an example of the understanding of the Secret Service men understand.

"Lee, who always loved his children & mine too, had said the June needed new shoes, she had been wearing a pair of canvas top shoes for children, early this Monday Nov. 25, 1963 Marina was dressing June & she said in her broken English 'Lee said June need shoes'. I looked to see what size as I turned I could not control myself and broke once again. I called

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"Agent Charlie Kunkel over and with tears falling down my cheeks I said 'I realize this is personal and explained briefly about the shoes'. His reply was as he put his hand on my shoulder was something like 'She will have shoes.' I said I would of course pay for them & he sent Mason Langford for them.

"On return Mason was again asked to go out & find the necessary apparell for Marina this he did at Sears in Arlington. Also a dress for June Lee was purchased (I had stated from the beginning that I would pay for all the items. I mention this again because later this week & early the following week varies report that the government was paying for all this -- they never indicated at any time they would because I had from the beginning said I would).

"We left for the funeral in two cars Roger Warren, Bob Parson & a man from the Sheriff department was driving the car I was in. Marina & the children and Mother were in the other car driven by Mike Howard with Charlie Kunkel also.

"Also an example to show even under the constant pressure all of us were under on the way, our was the lead car, a car came between us & the 2nd car the driver asked Bob Parsons to turn around (He & I were in the back seat Bob carry a M-1 Carbine) and Bob Parsons turned and then said it was OK only two old maid one carrying a burp gun. Everyone laugh I believe it was the first time I had laugh in over 2 days.

"As we arrived at the gate to Rose Hill the Ft. Worth Policemen made all agents & police officer

"identify themselves they were taking no chances. We pulled up to the 'chapel' and nothing was on the inside and report_ with camera_ started gathering around I felt again as if I were literally torn apart because I had hoped for a few minutes alone before the burial but this also could not be so as we walked to car again a cameraman partically bent his camera up to my face and I almost lost control because I believe if I had to take a couple more steps to the car I would have knocked him down, this I am sure would have been exactly what they hope_ for. As I sat down in the back of the car again Bob Parson, who had orders to stay inside with the Carbine, said 'Bob, hang on you are doing fine.' We drove down to burial place and the funeral began conducted by the Rev. Sanders_ I do not remember much but there was numerous reporters around, one speaking Russian to Marina. I finally asked Mike Howard, the picture in Life magazine showing an Agent bending over me was Mike Howard and I was asking him to see if all the reporters could not be moved back so that we may have a few private minutes with the casket open. This was done & also a half-closed are_ so policemen in plain clothes formed a semi-circle around the head of the casket for further protection of no pictures while the casket was open. Marina kissed Lee & slipped (rather the funeral director helped her) her ring on Lee's finger. Mother kissed Lee and so did I & said a pray_ as I lend over him.

"After the funeral was over we went back to the motel.

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"Jim advised that Marina told him that Lee wanted to -----NMR also but Marina locked Lee in the bath room all day. This was confirmed later this day by Marina, on the way to the cemeratary.

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"Marina & the Martgins had gone to Katy Ford house in Richardson we arrived at the Martin's house around 2 PM they return__ about 4:45 PM.

"On the way to grocery Jim said the F.B.I. had asked Marina during the week if she knew ___ had tried to commit suicide while in Russia prior to their marriage. She did not and it was the first I knew about it. Marina later confirm__ this and said that she had asked Lee 2 or 3 times what was the cut on his wrist pointing to the cut on his left wrist. Lee would become very mad and tell her nothing. The F.B.I. read this in Lee__ 'book'. Understand he had a date with another girl around 8 PM (this is in Moscow) one night before she was due to arrive he cut his wrist. Marina said she was 'shocked' when the F.B.I. told her the story.

"1/11/64 Oliver W. Homes p. xxxv

"'A sophistication that prevented him from projecting his economic philosophy & calling it the Constitution -- and that in an era when it would have been easy enough to identify his views with the welfare of the nation.'

"p. xxxvi 'Each case required courge of heart, sharpness of mind, wisdom of judgement, cunning of hand in contriving the right words.'

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"p. xxxvii 'It makes me sick when he has broken his heart in trying to make every word living and real to see a lot of duffers -- talking with the sanctity of print in a way that at once discloses to the knowing eye that literally they don't know anything about it.'

"p. xiii 'Between two groups that want to make inconsistent kinds of a world, I see no remedy except force.'

"p. xivii how spirit-breaking the efforts to fight against complacency & blindness.

"p. 5 'That life is a bottle and the best meaning of effort comes out under fire -- that 'to act with enthusiasm and faith is the condition of act by greatly.' War was the maturing force in Holmes's life.

"Ideal - 'What men can believe when they surrender themselves to something beyond themselves & what they can do when they stretch their capacities to the breaking-point.

"'Skirting the edges of the unutterable.'

"p. 10 May 30, 1884 Speech to Post No 4 General Army of the Republic 'to recall what our country has done for each of us, and to ask ourselves what we can do for our country in return' (Believe this is where President Kennedy recive the thoughts for the now famous statement very similar to this).

"p. 10 'One may fall - at the beginning of the charge or at the top of the earthworks; but in no other way can he reach the rewards of victory.

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"S. E.

Arlington

Mike Howard
Tom Kelley
Roger Warren
Charlie Kunkel
Gary Seals
Bill Carter
T. Bailey
Jim Leckey

Bob Parsons
Jesse Gann

Larry Hess - 12/7/63 on the way out of town approx
3:15 PM & came by the house to
say good-by in person

Tony Sherman (last) same as before

Lee Gopadze
Arthur Blake
Mack Phillips
Bob Camp

Carl Handy (last) Relieved approx 11:30 but stayed for
lunch & left at 12:40 P.M. 12/7/63.

Thomas Jefferson

Born April 2 1743 o.s. (April 13th)

Died July 4th 1826

From his Autobiography.

"Nothing is more certainly written in the book of fate, than that these people (Negroes) are to be free; nor is it less certain that the two races, equally free, cannot live in the same government."

"I served with General Washington in the legislature of Virginia, before the revolution, and during it, with Dr. Franklin in Congress. I never heard either of them speak ten minutes at a time, nor to any but the main point, which was to decide the question. They laid their shoulders to the great points, knowing that the little one would follow of themselves." "In a body to which the people send one hundred & fifty lawyers, whose trade is to question every thing, yield nothing, and talk by the hour, how can it be otherwise?"

"How the good should be secured & the ill brought to rights, was the difficulty. To refer it back to a new Convention might endanger the loss of the whole. My first idea was, that the nine State

just acting, should accept it uncondi-
tionally & thus secure what in it was
good, and that the four last should
accept on the previous condition, that
certain amendments should be agreed
to; but a better course was devised
of accepting the whole, & trusting that
the good sense & honest intentions of
our citizens, would make the altera-
tions which should be deemed necessary.

"We met this great country already
divided into states, that division
must be made, that each might do
for itself what concerns itself directly
& what it can so much better do than
a distant authority. Every state
again is divided into counties, each
to take care of what lies within its
local bounds; each county again into
townships or wards to manage minute
details; and every ward into farms
to be governed each by its individual
proprietor. Were we directed from
Washington when to sow, and when
to reap we should soon want bread;

" All know the influence of interest on the mind of man, and how unconsciously his judgment is warped by that influence. To this bias add that of the esprit de corps, of their peculiar maxims and creed, that "it is the office of a good judge (nary one will give my own idea to add the preceding abstract statement) to enlarge his jurisdiction, & the absence of responsibility;

" I do not charge the judges with wilful & ill-intentioned error, but honest error must be corrected, where its toleration leads to public ruin.

" But it is over the B. Republic which is the first & Supreme law. Jefferson spoke in regard to the impeachment of judges but I believe it should apply to all public officers, whether state or federal.

December 6, 1963

For the history of the past I wish
or seen thru my eyes & heard with
my ears & felt with my body & with
future reference - for myself &
future members of the family.

Friday - November 22, 1963

I was out to lunch, on this memo to
be forget day, with Bill Damin, Burnett
Henry, Bob O'Leary & Bud Adams, all
of the Sun Oil Co. As we were leaving
the lady's bill in order the cashier
commented "Have you heard (speaking to all
of us) that the President had been shot
this was approx 1:00 P.M. As we walk to the
car generally we all had doubts if it
were true or not. Soon as we entered
the car the radio was turned on &
it was real enough but at the time
the reports were with station boys
serious the President was on Gov. Connally
we were on the yard of the "Old"
Duke Plant when a man from the
sample dept. said the President Kennedy
was dead. It seems within a hard
to believe it was so real & it's

sure none of ^{us} these really grasped the full meaning of that statement!

We return to the "New Denton Plant" with many degrees of comment from everyone in the car. Soon a we stepped from the car someone said we should have our flag at half-mast. This was done promptly.

After about 2 hrs in the office we went out on the yard at the "New Plant" and returned to the office approx 2-3 hrs later.

I returned to my desk & worked in some papers for about 15 min & left my office & walked up to the front desk & into Miss Ellis office & Miss Providence the receptionist located there also had a portable radio going. I remember that the radio announcer said Lee's name & Miss Providence said "Orruld" with shock & realization on her face - then the second time Lee's name - then it hit me my statement was "That's my hiel brother! I turned & ~~then~~ went to my phone & called Vada & asked her if she had heard she had not. I explained briefly &

told her I would be home shortly.
I received, before leaving the office, a
phone call from Will Wilson about
merger in Fort Worth station. But when
I found your brother has been arrested "he
the I replied" yes I know I just
heard". He advised me that my
brother was trying to reach me & gave
me a number to call. I called &
we agreed to meet in the Baker Hotel
in Dallas & that a Star-Telegram
report would take her there.

I left the office & came home & on
arrival Vada & I agreed best to call
her folks & have them pick up the kids
& herself (at first Vada insisted on going
with me - I am thankful I would not
let her go).

I called the Fort Worth General office &
asked for Harry Peyer but he was on a long
distance call so I asked for Bill Davis
& advised him I needed to go to Dallas
& he stated yes he had heard something
in like to what you need to do & don't
worry about the office, also Mr. K. B. & had
called the office for me.

I called the F. B. I. Fort Worth office

and spoke to a Mr. Jennings & informed him that unless he wanted me to do something else I was going to Dallas & he asked that I go to F.B.I. Office in Dallas soon as possible. I advised him I would arrive around 5 P.M. before I arrived.

I was going 5:15 P.M. as I thought might call at the F.B.I. Office. Strange but I do not recall the agent name who interviewed me for a hour or more on the last time I saw her? Or who was the last time I wrote him or heard from him? This was an interview with no pressure applied to me. His first statement was that he had a right not to answer any questions. My reply was I didn't need a lawyer & he could feel free to ask any question. On completion of our talk I asked when was free being kept & he said Dallas City Jail or Police Station. I walked into the Police Station around 7:15 P.M. & ~~was~~ met by an elevator but it was the wrong floor. I found a Capt. Baker in Traffic Division eating his Dinner & asked

where I could find someone in charge of the case. I then introduced myself. He stopped eating & tried to call upstairs but all the lines were busy so he said he would take me up. As we stood waiting on the elevator I reached into my left-hand ^{pocket} for a handkerchief & apparently to a handkerchief I feel almost certain that the Capt. thought I was reaching for a gun because he turned as to prepare himself but then he saw it was a handkerchief. We went upstairs and he found Chief Capt. Fritz who was in charge of the case. We stood back & he asked what I want in another office. The office I went into was where mother was & a Star-Telegram reporter & 3 F.B.I. agents. Two of the agents were Brown.

Mother & I talked briefly & after about 30 min. we were taken across the hall to her room & the 2 children were (This was the first I saw of the new baby). A Mrs. Cain was also present. We talked a little & then by Mrs. Cain - who she policies had

been talking to come out of the office
& Mrs. Paine introduced us. I did
not like the appearance of Mr. Paine neither
really to put my finger on but I
just had a feeling.

I did not know why ^{how} Mr. &
Mrs. Paine are somehow involved in this
affair.

Early the next ^{morning} Mr. & Mrs. Paine & children
& the Baines left at 90 to the Paine's
house in Swin & I advised them I
would stay there & see them tomorrow.

I stood around for a short while & finally
started a conversation with a ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~man~~ ^{man} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~room~~ ^{room}
(I believe this was his name). We of course discuss
the happen of the day and I do not feel
we were in any type of "formal or informal
interview" we were just talking. This
office did state he did arrive at the
movie show shortly or during Lee's
arrest. He did give me my first-
hand report & generally it
was announced on the radio & then
the press. That he was captured in the
street after shooting a policeman later
identified as Tippitt. Also he was
thought to be involved with the President's

death. We talked about 30-45 min & I finally decided I could gain nothing the night - this night of unspeakable horror.

I walked to my car about 7 blocks away (I was not known to anyone at this time & was not bothered at all) & I just started to drive to drive down Hwy 80 & got stuck & returned to Dallas by the turnpike the only stop I made was a mid way for gasoline. I do not recall my thoughts other than I was attempting to reverse my thoughts & my fears in my own mind.

I arrived back in Dallas approx 10:30 PM & checked into the Stalen-Hilton hotel which is located across the street from Dallas Police Station. After checking in I went to my room & then decided to eat something, which I did in the coffee shop. I had a ham sandwich.

After eating I decided to go back to the Police Station this was approx 11:15 PM approx 11:30 PM anyway I asked to see Capt. Fritz again and was taken to his office but again he was busy.

men - and I stood outside of his office
on F. B. I. a gent who named I do not
recall asked if he could not speak
with me and of course I said yes. We
sat in a small office & another F. B. I.
agent came in & we start & covered
more or less the same ground covered by the
original interview with the exception of
one thing the man ^{name} had come to
my house in Ft. Worth while Lee was there
this was Mr. Peter Gregory (I later become
to know him, at least a little bit, and find
him to be a fine guy). At approx 11:55
one agent left and returned and said
Robert you might as well know now they
are charging your brother with the President
death (he had all ready been charged
with Policeman Tippitt death) I looked
at my watch it was a few minutes
after 12 midnight.

I left the Police Station a few
minutes later & as I walked to the
hotel approx 2 block away my body suddenly
began to shake all over - however I
required control by the time I reach
the entrance to the hotel. This young
body of mine had then started to re-

act to this unbelievable day & during the
next 7 days especially my young body
mind & soul was aged a great deal.

I went to bed the first night
November 22, 1963 but I know I never
really went to sleep.

Saturday November 23, 1963

I started moving about at 7 AM
took a shower & because I didn't have
a comb, razor or anything I went to the
drug store & purchase a comb & hair oil
returned to my room combed my hair &
left for a shave in the hotel barber
shop.

The barber who shaved me & the barber
in the next chair had a discussion on the
past day's happenings. I listened in-
tently & then now (months later) I can
not recall but one point & that was
made by the barber who shaved me. The
point was that the crime Lee was charge
with he doesn't like anyone else a
just a fair trial. I never commented to
any part of the discussion but I did
leave my barber a 50¢ tip.

I went, without breakfast & the

Police Station and after bargaining around
for 30-40 min I thought that since
charges had already been made that the
District Attorney's office might be the
place to contact. I called from the first
floor of the Police Station & was advised
by an Asst. D.A. that the D.A. was not
in but I would shortly & for me to come
to his office.

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When I arrived the D.A. Mr. H. Wade
was there & I was shown right in & also
met Asst. D.A. Jim Bowie. We talked
for about 1 hour on so mostly general things
about when & where the trial would be
held & would it be a Federal case or
not. The answer was no & Federal case
since it was not against Federal law & kill
a President. All of our conversation was
pleasant & not to in frustration or either side.

I received a call from Mother while I
was at the D.A.'s office & she advised
that she was at the Palm Hotel (Delaware) &
was with Life magazine reporter. She
stated the Capt. ~~Paul~~ Fritz had agreed
for us to see her around 12 noon. I left
the D.A.'s office at approx 11 AM & went to
the hotel. I remembered I would then

I believe it was 6 or 7 blocks.

When I came to the hotel room
2 Life men were there one F.B.I. Agent
by the name of Edson & an interpreter.
(She was a mess just to see this interpreter). Maria
apparently did not want to talk to the
F.B.I. at this time so we made ready to
go to the jail to see Lee.

We arrived approx. 12 noon & were asked
to wait for a little bit before we could go up.
As we were waiting a man asked if he could
talk with me. This was Mike Howard of the
United States Secret Service. Mr. Howard stated
that he would like certain facts about Lee &
myself. I indicated I would be more than
willing to answer any & all questions the best
I could. We had an interview that lasted
perhaps 1 hour or so, with very deep questions in the
nature. He mentioned that Mrs. Kennedy was
interested in our background etc at the very first
part of the interview. Later as we talk I
mentioned to him that perhaps thru this direct
man I could express my deepest sympathy over
the death of the President my voice broke & I
could not finish. Mr. Howard stated he saw
what I was trying to say.

Mother & Maria & the children went

up to see Lee & I was told I would go later.

About this time a Mr. Kelley came into the office where Mr. Howard & I were talking. Later I found out the was Inspector Tom Kelly of United States Secret Service he talked for a few minutes off & on as he was having a few interruptions again.

Mike Howard, Mr. Kelly & myself talked about whether or not Lee upon seeing me would say anything to me because he did not at any time admit to any part of the whole unbelievable mess. I stated I would do my best. (Do not misunderstand here my whole intention then is now was to find out the truth & nothing else).

Approx 3:15 PM I went up to see Lee & as we came face to face then the glass he produced for me to pick-up the telephone which he were to talk thru. His first statement to me was "How are you" I replied "O.K." if he was O.K. (he did have cuts & Bruise on his face) he stated that he was O.K. & that they were "treating me well". I do not recall everything he say ~~but~~ I did try to point out to him that the evidence was over whether that he did kill the Police officer Tippitt & possible the President. To this he replied do not form any opinion on the

is called evidence. All the time we were talking I searched his eyes for any sign of guilt or what ever you call it. There was nothing there - no guilt no shame no nothing. Lee finally came of my looking into his eyes. He stated "you will not find anything there." I tried to talk about his family (Marie & the babies) He said "How about the little one I want a boy but you know how that goes". He asked that I not come every day to see him but he did want me to come through & visit with him. He talked about the babies & his friends & that they would take care of Marie & children. I stated who he considered to be his friend was not necessary since I did this to try to get them to him, to me his answer was mechanical & I was not talking to Lee I knew. A police officer finally tap Lee on the shoulder & Lee said that "we all & his last words were "See you". There were to be the last words I would ever hear from him.

Mr. Tom Kelly & Mike Howard were waiting outside the door for me & as we entered the elevator & the door closed I said "He did not say anything because I got this up about the first thing Lee said was that the line is tapped. Mr. Kelly said if it was he would not be asking me

what was said.

We discussed briefly what was said & we all agreed that maybe if we had been allowed to enter into a room & get our telephone things might have been different, but we also agree this was now out of the question since de (Lee) would feel everything is tapped or wired.

I left the Police Station & went to the hotel. Mother & Maria & babies had been moved to another motel by the life reporters. This was the Executive Inn. I called them & told mother I was going to the farm & would see them in the A.M.

When I arrived at the farm Mike Howard had called & left word for me to call back. When finally I reached him he stated he wanted to know where Mother & Maria were & I gave him the room number & telephone number at the Executive Inn.

Sunday November 24, 1963

Arrived 8:45 A.M. Mike Howard called again and advised Mother had called Ma. Dragan & was upset over reporters showing up and bothering her & Maria. I advised him I would meet them there (Executive Inn) around 10:30 A.M.

When leaving I decided to go thru Fort Worth rather than to Denton & then to Dallas as I had advised Mike Howard. I stop at a phone booth as I entered Fort Worth & called Mike Howard & we agreed to meet at the Howard address on the Turnpike.

I arrived first & they that is Mike Howard, Charles Kunkel & Mr. Gregory. I had a cup of coffee but before sitting down I was introduced to Marge Vanderquill of Arlington also some others (about 2 men) who I do not remember. (Believe these were police officers of Arlington).

After coffee Mr. Gregory rode with me & the 2 agents rode together, we followed their car to the Execution Chamber. On arrival Mr. Gregory & myself went to the room & no registers were visible anywhere. After a few minutes in the room I left to pay the bill & prepare to leave.

Out front where we parked the car Mike Howard stood waiting & he informed me that they just heard of the radio that Lee was shot. He advised that it had not been serious though & not to worry. I decided not to say anything to Marie & Mother but rather that they should

go to the farm. This I spoke to Mike Hoover about also that I would go to find out about Lee.

I went to Carlsbad Hospital (I heard that this was where they were taken Lee) and arrived. I had to identify myself to a police officer in order to get into the entrance road. The police officer instructed me to wait & he called a policeman (the first one was a Sgt.) to park my car in front of a patrol car & wait with me.

Shortly in about 20 min I guess 2 Secret Service Agents came out to the car & we talked for a few minutes & then left to go into the Hospital. Royce Wanner was one of the 2 Agents & I do not recall the other one name but later on he took the tape recording to Washington.

As we entered a side door of the hospital Agent Wanner gave me a fast shake down for any weapons. This I did not mind since he did not know me at all.

We went into a room on the first floor & one Agent stayed with me (Wanner I believe at first) and then a new one came in (I later saw him at the motel also but can not recall his name). We were there

Approx 30 min when the telephone rang (2 or 3 other calls had come in) Oh, yes before I forget an Agent came in after about 20 min & advised it was not serious & Lee was doing fine. Now approx 10 min later the phone rang, as I mentioned above & the Agent in the room with me requested that the party on the other end repeat what ever he said. The agent rose & I look at him & he stated "Robert I am sorry but Lee is dead" I broke down and cried for God I do not know how long & I was not aware of anything going on around me at this time. Someone finally said there was a minister here in the hospital & asked if I wanted to speak to him I nodded yes.

Before the minister arrived Mr. Tom Kelly came in (I wasn't aware when) but suddenly he stated "violence breeds violence" I replied "does this justify anything or all of this" I do not recall if he answered that or not.

Dr. Peggan talked to me & we prayed together & then agents said I could go & see Lee. We walked slowly down the hall & went to the back or basement of the hospital I do not remember which. They put me in a room & said it would be a few minutes.

About this time Maria, mother & the two children
came in. They had already seen Lee so
we waited for a while. Then someone came
in & said that they had already started
the autopsy & that it would be impossible
for me to see him until it was completed.
They advised it would be 4-5 hours. I
decided not to wait so orders were made
to go.

The Secret Service apparently had re-
ceived orders from the local level to stay
with us until further notice.

We left in two cars. I was in the
front car with 2 agents & Maria kids
& mother & Mr. Gregory was in the last car.
Only one car with newspaper reporter tried
to follow us as we headed for the Inn
at the Big Flats, Culington, Texas. We were
driving down the highway & the car was
still following us. Additional help was
called for over the radio & before long
police cars were stopping the car that was
following us on speed or something.

We arrived at the Inn where the
capt had set up 4 different rooms.
We stayed in Room 424 & 423.

Mania had the children in room 423 (actually the rooms were together & we could walk thru without going outside). I do not remember much about what went on the first afternoon (I guess it was around 4 PM when we arrived there) I do recall that Arlington Police were now helping the Secret Service Agents out. I will mention two of these Police officers now. Bob Parson & Jesse Darr (I do not know what their ranks were but both were around from the day forward until we left the area).

Later in the night Police Chief Arlington Chief Perry by some came in. I stayed mostly in the main room 424 & everyone that came in was introduced to me. Also I do not sure whether it was the night or the following night by Sheriff Lon Evans of Ft. Worth came in & I remember having a cup of coffee with him & talking about different things & he told me any thing he could help to help to court on him.

We had a supper that night & also I had had a milk shake (I found out on the day I left that the town usually didn't serve milk shakes & that they had to find a machine somewhere).

During the general. Tim Service
Bob Pass went to Dallas Parkland Hospital
& "Stole" my car. ~~He~~ He took it to
Culight Police Station & they put a guard
on it.

After Maria had eaten they (the Secret Service Agents) started an interview with Maria & Mr. Gregory D. Cotti interrogator. I was present during this entire interview which was on a tape recorder & Maria answered all questions to the best of her ability - of this I am sure of. Maria never did mind talking to the Secret Service Agent Charlie Kunkel was the interviewer. Mike Howard controlled the tape recorder for a while & then I believe they found it did not need any further adjustment.

A telephone call started in which we it making a decision on what arrangement when to be made for the body of the. I talked with Mike Howard & decided that Miller's funeral home in Ft. Worth would be my preference. Agent Howard called & talked with the funeral home Director Mr. Brody.

Much later I would say around 10 or 11 PM Mike received a call from the hospital wanting to confirm that Miller funeral home was to pick-up the body.

I was to call & ask for Mac Cohn & he would identify me & O.K. removal of Miller's.

After this I believe the interview was

Complete with mainie.

Agent ^{Charlie} Kumbel who we really liked a lot
stretched out on the sofa & went to sleep.
Bob Passon was outside walking around (they are
more or less of feeted the F.B.I. any time now)
with a carbine in case someone should show
up. As I went to bed someone (usually anyone
was knocking on the door) rattled the door
knob & Charlie Kumbel came along & I knew
by sheer reflex will drawn pistol but
Jesse Barron had reached the door now &
it was Bob Passon waiting.

After mainie interview I was inter-
viewed by Mike Howard perhaps for 20 or 30 minutes.
Also they had Marion Langford take a picture
of mainie and one of me.

Monday November 25, 1963

Some time around 6:30 AM I got up. I
do believe I ~~never~~ really went to sleep. Also
around 8:30 either the funeral home called or
we called them. I do not remember
who ~~we~~ made funeral arrangements over the
phone.

Around 11 AM the first great shock of the
day was to hit me - One cemetery (I am
sure it is Ft. Worth what not a cemetery body)
also they were having a hard time locating

a minister to give the service. The funeral director was going to continue until he found someone in our area. We had planned the funeral for around 4 P.M.

Someone came in & said that a Lutheran minister was here & did we want to talk with him ^{about} ~~it~~ I replied yes. (They had been talking ^{regarding} ~~about~~ Luther but it was shy because I was so badly shook-up over so called Christian people not even visiting I bury Lee.

The above mentioned minister (who name I do remember & perhaps never forget) I will not forget - he has my deepest sympathy because he is the honest of all in my book. He was so afraid for his personal reputation that he would avoid even possible questions he could be at our first said He would perform the service but when he left we never saw him again.

Later we learned (around 1 P.M. & 2 P.M.) that every time we ready or would be ready for 4 P.M. It was necessary to purchase a dress for woman and a few other odds & ends for the funeral, prior to the service. I understand & to Secret Service was understood.

Lee, who always loved his children ^{mine} to D. O.

said she she needed new shoes, she had
been wearing a pair of canvas top shoes for
children, early this morning Nov. 25, 1963 Maria
was driving home & she said in her broken
English "You need shoes" I looked to see what
size and turned I could not cut out myself
and make one again. I called Agent
Charlie Kunkel over and with tears falling down
my cheeks I said "I realize this is personal
and explained briefly about the shoes. His
his reply was as he put his hand on my
shoulder in something like "She will have shoes."
I said I would of course pay for them &
he sent money for food for the.

On return Maria was again asked to go
out & find the necessary apparel for Maria
the he did @ Sears in Arlington. Also
a dress for Irene Lee was purchased (I had
stated from the beginning that I would pay
for all the items. I mention this again because
late this week & early the following week Maria
said that the government was paying for all
this - they never indicated at any time they
would. because I had from the beginning
said I would).

We left for the funeral in two
cars Roger Warner, Port Passon & a man

from the Sheriff department was driving the
car in. Maria & the children and mother
were in the other car driven by Mike Howard
with Charlie Tunkel also.

Also an angle to show me under
the constant pressure all of us were under on
the way, on the back car, a car can be
taken to the 2nd car the driver asked
Bob Brown's to turn around (He & I were in
the back seat. Bob carry a M-1 Carbin) and
Bob Brown's turned and then said it was
all very two old maid one carrying a brief
case. Everyone laugh I believe it was the
first time I had laugh in over 2 days.

As we arrived at the gate to Rose Hill the
F.D. Police Officers made all Agent & Police
officer identify themselves they were taking
no chances. We pulled up to the "Chapel" and
satting on the inside and register with
camera started gathering around I felt again as
if I were literally torn apart because I had
dropped for a few minute alone before the
burial but the also could not be so busy
walked to ear again a camera particularly
but it came up to my face and I al-
most lost control because I believe if
I had to take a single more steps to the

car I would have knocked him down, the
I am sure would have been exactly what they
hope for. As I sat down in the back of the car
again. But Parn, who had orders to stay in-
side with the Carlina, said "But, how on you
are doing for?" We drove down to burial place
and the funeral began conducted by the Rev
Sander. I do not remember much but there
was someone right in front, one speaking Russian
to Maria. I finally asked Mike Howard,
the picture in Life magazine showing ~~the~~ aged
bending over me was Mike Howard and I was
asking him to see if all the negatives could
not be moved back so that we may have
a few quiet minutes with the casket open.
This was done & also a half-dose anes-
theticon in plain cloth formed a semi-
circle around the head of the casket for further
protection of no pictures while the casket was
open. Maria kissed her & slipped (with the
funeral director or helped her) her ring in
Lee's finger. Mother kissed her and so did
I & said a prayer as I laid over him.
After the funeral was over we went back
to the motel.

Sunday
Jan 17, 1964

Jim advised that Maria told him that Lee wanted to - - - - - NMR also but Maria locked Lee in the bath room all day. This was confirmed later the day by Maria. on the way to the cemetery.

Sunday Jan 19, 1964

Maria & the Martins had gone to Kathy Ford house in Richardson we arrived at Lee Martin's home around 2 PM they return about 4:45 PM.

On the way to grocery Jim said the F.B.I. had asked Maria during the week ~~if~~ if she knew had tried to commit suicide while in Russia prior to their marriage. She did not admit on the first I knew about it. Maria later confirm the call said that she had ^{asked} Lee 2 or 3 times what was the cut on his wrist pointing to the cut on his left wrist, Lee would be very very mad and tell her nothing.

The F.B.I. read the in Lee "book". Understand he had a date with another girl around 8 PM (this is in Moscow) the night before she was due to arrive he cut his wrist. Maria said she was "shocked" when the F.B.I. told her the story.

11/16/47 Oliver W. Holmes O. xxxv

"a sophistication that prevented him from projecting his economic philosophy & calling it the Constitution - and that in an era when it would have been easy enough to identify his views with the welfare of the nation".

"Each case required courage of heart, sharpness of mind, wisdom of judgment, cunning of hand in contriving the right words."

xxxv "It makes one sick when he has broken his heart in trying to make every word living & real to see a lot of duffers - talking with the sanctity of Quint in a way that at once discloses to ^{the} knowing eye that literally they don't know anything about it."

11/11 "Between two groups that want to make inconsistent kind of a world, I see no remedy except force."

"low spirit - but in the effort to fight against complacency & thinness."

5 "That life is a ball he and the best meaning of effort comes out under fire - that" is a bit with enthusiasm as faith is the condition of a truly great life. War was the maturing force in Holmes's life."

idea "what men can believe when they surrender themselves to something beyond themselves"

& what they can do when they stretch their
capacities to the breaking-point.

"Stretching the edges of the unutterable!"

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May 20, 1964 Speech to the 4th Great American Republic
to recall what our country has done for each
of us, and to ask ourselves what we can do for
our country in return. (Believe this is
what President Kennedy received throughout his
new program statement very similar to this)

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"One man - fall - at the beginning of the charge or
at the top of the earthworks; but in no other
way can he reach the rewards of victory."

S. S.

1/30/63

Arlington

Mike Howard
Tom Kelley

Bob Parsons
Jesse Darr

Roger Warren
Charlie Kunkel
Sam Seals
Bill Carter

T. Bailey
Jim Secker

Sam Hess (12/7/63) on the way out of town approx 3:15 PM
& came by the house to say goodbye

Tony Sherman (last) same as before

Lee Dogaclze
Arthur Blake

~~Mike Darr~~
Mark Phillips

Bob Camp

Carl Handly (last) Returned approx 11:30 AM and stayed for lunch
& left at 12:40 PM 12/7/63.