

OSWALD, Lee Harvey W/M 24
MURDER 11-22-63 of JOHN FITZGERALD
KENNEDY, W/M 46, PRESIDENT of the
UNITED STATES.
ASSAULT TO MURDER: Governor
JOHN B. CONNELLY

FILE OF: Sheriff's Department
Dallas County, Texas
BILL DECKER, SHERIFF
Called Dallas April 16, 1964
Sub H 8323 signed
Bill Decker from Austin

Ex. No. 5323 DECKER, J.E. Deposition
Dallas 4-16-64

On November 22, 1968, at approximately 11:15 AM, I was picked up at my office by Chief of Police Jesse Curry in his automobile and we proceeded to Love Field to await the arrival of President John F. Kennedy. After arriving at Love Field, Chief Curry and I were joined by Mr. Forrest Sorrells, Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Office of the U. S. Secret Service and Mr. Winston G. Lawson, a Special Agent of the U. S. Secret Service White House Detail.

After the President's arrival, the Motorcade was formed with Motorcycle Escort first in line followed directly by Chief Curry's automobile in which Chief Curry was driving, Mr. Lawson, riding in front right hand seat, Mr. Forrest Sorrells riding in rear right hand side of automobile and I was seated in the rear left hand side of car. The Presidential automobile was directly behind us as we escorted the Motorcade on its route through Dallas. There had been no incidents during the entire route of the motorcade and we arrived at Elm Street at approximately 12:31 PM. Mr. Lawson had just looked at his watch, stating it was 12:31 PM and remarking that we would be approximately 5 minutes late in arriving at Market Hall.

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As the Motorcade was proceeding down Elm Street, I distinctly remember hearing 2 shots. As I heard the first retort, I looked back over my shoulder and saw what appeared to me to be a spray of water come out of the rear seat of the President's car. At this same moment, Mr. Lawson said, "Let's get out of here and get to the nearest hospital". When I heard the shots I noted motorcycle officers coming off their cycles and running up the embankment on Dealey Plaza. At the same time, Chief Curry was on his intercom radio giving instructions to the motorcycle escort to move out- Code 3 to Parkland Hospital. We moved out immediately at which time I took the microphone and requested the DFD Dispatcher 521 to advise my Station 5- Radioroom to notify all officers in my department to immediately get over to the area where shooting occurred and saturate the area of the park, railroad and all buildings, also advising all deputies to return to the station and stand by for emergency assignment. This was being done as we were proceeding Code 3 out Stemmons Expressway and was approximately 1½ to 2 minutes from the time the shooting occurred. We arrived within minutes at the Emergency entrance to Parkland Hospital where I got out of the car and stood at the side of the Presidential automobile while

the President was removed from the automobile and placed on a stretcher carriage and taken into the emergency room. I waited until Governor Connally was also removed from the automobile and both Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Connally had also entered the hospital at which time I then went to an automobile belonging to the DPD, Homicide Division and requested them to return me to the scene of the shooting. I had seen Mr. Forrest Sorrells also get into another automobile which was also proceeding back towards the City, also proceeding Code 3.

Upon my arrival at the Texas School Book Depository Bldg, I observed many officers of my department present and I contacted Allan Sweatt, Chief Criminal Deputy of my Department and Inspector Sawyer of the Dallas Police Department and they were getting witnesses together and also informed me that the building was secured. I was advised that Deputy Sheriff Luke Mooney had found empty cartridges on the 6th floor of the building and that he was standing by waiting the arrival of the Crime Search Unit of the Dallas Police Department. Mr. Jimmy Kitching, Chief of Identification Bureau of my department had also arrived at the scene, however, I ordered him back to the Sheriff's Department and advised that the Crime Search Unit was enroute and we would hold secure any evidence

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pending their arrival. Within a few moments the Crime Search Unit arrived and were permitted to enter the building.

At this time I was notified that another of my Deputies, Eugene Boone had found the rifle on the 6th floor of the building and I also advised him to stand by the evidence until the Crime Search Unit was ready to take over.

I then sent Chief Criminal Deputy Allan Sweatt back to the Sheriff's Office to see that statements were taken from witnesses who had been sent to the office earlier by both Deputy Sweatt and Inspector Sawyer.

At approximately 1:30 PM, I received word on Inspector Sawyer's car radio that a Dallas Police Officer had been shot on Jefferson Street in Oak Cliff and that the suspect was supposedly at large in the area on foot. I immediately got hold of officers who were present including Deputy Sheriff's, Dallas Police Department Officers and FBI officers who were at the scene, advising them of the shooting and dispatched them to Oak Cliff to assist in the search. At this time, Officer Sweatt also reported to me that he had already sent 4 detectives to Oak Cliff to assist in the search for the suspect who had killed the police officer.

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After my first arrival at the Texas School Book Depository Building from Parkland Hospital, Captain Frits of the DPD, Homicide Division arrived and he and I went on up into the Texas School Book Depository Building, leaving a pair of his officers down stairs where they opened up their automobile and brought out rifles to assist them in securing the building. Shortly thereafter Captain Frits came to my office where he contacted his department by telephone and advised me that the suspect, Lee Harvey Oswald had been apprehended in the Texas Theatre in Oak Cliff. Also he advised me that Oswald had been employed in the Texas School Book Depository.

After arriving at my office, Allan Sweatt advised me that when the first of the witnesses had been brought to my office, that he had opened the Polygraph Room to be used for the interrogation of witnesses and that ^{Deputy Sheriff} Mrs. Rosemary Allen, and Mr. Wallace Haitman, FBI Agent were interviewing and taking statements from the witnesses who seemed to have the most valuable information. Upon the arrival at my office of Mr. Forrest Sorrells, I had Chief Criminal Deputy Allan Sweatt take Mr. Sorrells to this room where Mr. Wallace Haitman and Mrs. Rosemary Allen were interviewing witnesses and taking statements.

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After the capture of Oswald in the Texas Theatre, Deputy Sheriff E.R. Walthers contacted me and I ordered him and Deputies Harry Weatherford and J.L. Oxford to go to a house located at 2515 West 5th Street in Irving, Texas, to meet there Detectives Rose and Adamcik of the DPD, Homicide Division, which they did.

After gaining permission from Mrs. Ruth Payne and Mrs. Marina Oswald at this location, these officers searched the premises.

Mrs. Payne gave Deputy Walthers a telephone number where she said that Lee Oswald had been staying at, however, she stated she did not know the address. Officer Walthers then called me by public service giving me this information, whereupon I had Allan Sweatt, Chief Criminal Deputy and Deputy Clint Lewis attempt to locate this address, both by Criss-Cross and also verifying same through telephone company. Mr. Sweatt reported to me that the address to this telephone number was 1026 North Beckley.

At this time I requested that David Johnston, Justice of the Peace, to issue a search warrant for the premises at this address, which he did and he personally delivered the search warrant to that location for officers to search the premises. Information was obtained at this address from the landlady to the effect that a man by the name of O. H. Lee had been

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living at this location for a period of two weeks.

All copies of statements were turned over to me for correlation and dissemination and I saw that copies of all statements were given to the Secret Service, the F.B.I. and the Dallas Police Department.

I have maintained the originals of all in my possession.

Officers of my department then started turning in supplemental reports to me as to their activities during and after the assassination. The 14 uniformed officers that had been assigned as security at the Market Hall were ordered returned to the station.

I remained in my office until approximately 9:30 PM, on Friday, November 22nd, remaining in contact with my office via telephone from my home. I returned to my office, Saturday morning at approximately 6:30AM. All during the day, Saturday, November 23rd, I remained in contact with the Dallas Police Department in the event they should have decided to move the prisoner, to the County Jail. Extra security provisions were made and special quarters prepared to receive the prisoner when the transfer would be made.



The taking of statements from witnesses was continued on Saturday.

At approximately 3:30 PM, Saturday afternoon, I was advised from City Hall that the transfer of Oswald might take place.

At this time, it was noticeable that several hundreds of spectators were forming around the entrance to the County Jail and at this time, I notified the City of this action. I then ordered special officers to the area and began roping off area to keep spectators away from the drive-in entrance to the County Jail.

Late in the afternoon, after hearing several times that Oswald was ready to be transferred, the Press and other News Media, Cameras, TV, etc, began converging on the Sheriff's Office and County Jail area, trying to make plans for the use of electrical equipment, cameras, etc.

I remained in my office until approximately 8:00 PM when Jimmy Koor, WRAP, Channel 5, notified me that it was on TV that Oswald would be transferred to the County Jail at 10:00AM on Sunday morning, November 24th. I later confirmed

this with City Hall. I remained in my office Saturday night until approximately 9:30 PM, at which time, I ordered Allan Sweatt, Chief Crim. Deputy and other Detectives who were on ~~assignment~~ this special assignment and Mrs. Rosemary Allen, who had all been standing by in the event they were needed, to go to their homes/

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I arrived at my office early Sunday morning to re-check all security measures that had been provided for the transfer of Oswald.

For additional security, I had placed all members of the Press in a small room adjoining my private office and had the doors to this room secured so that none of the Press could get to the prisoner as he was being brought into the jail.

I together with special members of my department were outside the drive in entrance to the County Jail, awaiting the arrival of Oswald, when we received a "flash" on live TV which was on in my office, that shots had been fired in the basement of the City Hall and that a riot was in progress.

At this time, the Press who had been secured in this room adjoining my office made effort to get out. I ordered the doors released and the Press proceeded to get to City Hall at great speed. I later learned that it was Oswald who had been shot in City Hall and that Jack Ruby had been taken in custody for the shooting. I was later notified that Oswald had died in the emergency room at Parkland Hospital.

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CRIME REPORTS

**COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

MURDER

Report Serial No. **1-3-63**

Classification of Crime

Dallas, Texas

Name of injured party **KENNEDY, John Fitzgerald** Where Committed **406 Block Elm Street**
 Res. Address **Washington DC** Reported by _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Time Reported **November 22, 1963**
 Date Committed **November 22, 1963** Reported to _____
 Time Committed _____ Investigating Officers _____
 Person Attacked _____ Persons Arrested _____ Arrest No. _____
John Fitzgerald Kennedy W/H 46 Arrest No. _____
 Property Attacked _____ **Lee Harvey Oswald W/H 24** Arrest No. _____
 How Attacked **6.25 Italian rifle** By _____ Date **11-22-63**
 Means of Attack _____ Suspect _____
 Object of Attack _____ Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____
 Trademark _____ Height _____ Weight _____ Age _____
 Nationality _____ Build _____
 Occupation _____ Marks _____
 Dress _____

Vehicle Used _____
 The complainant, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN was riding in a motorcycle with his wife Jacqueline and John B. Connally, Governor of the THE STATE OF TEXAS and Mrs. Connally. At approximately 12:55pm, 11-22-63 three shots were heard and the PRESIDENT slumped to the seat of the vehicle in which he was riding. Investigation reveals that the shots came from the Texas School Book Depository building located at the corner of Elm Street and Houston Streets and from the next to the top floor of windows, the last window on the East end of the building.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY STOLEN	ESTIMATED VALUE	RECOVERED	
			Quantity	Date

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the above recovered articles delivered to me by _____ (Signed) _____
 Date _____

TO INVESTIGATION OFFICER: Complete this report by writing in missing data; if available. Write on reverse side details of your investigation and names and addresses of witnesses.

Case Filed _____ Inactive (not cleared) Date **November 22, 1963**
 Yes No This offense is Unfounded
 Cleared by arrest Arresting Officer **H**

DEPUTY SHERIFFS PARTICIPATING IN INVESTIGATION NOVEMBER 22, 1963

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1. Allan Sweatt, Chief Criminal Deputy
2. Eugene Boone
3. Luke Mooney
4. A. D. McCurley
5. E. R. (Buddy) Walthers
6. Harry Weatherford
7. J. L. Oxford
8. Jack Faulkner
9. C. L. (Lummie) Lewis
10. C. J. Jones
11. Harold Elkins
12. John Wiseman
13. C. C. McCoy
14. W. W. Mabra
15. C. L. (Clint) Lewis
16. Charles Polk Player
17. L. C. Smith
18. Jack Watson (radio)
19. Roger Craig
20. Cecil Gentry
21. Ralph Walters
22. Billy Courson
23. Frank Vrla
24. Charles Turner
25. James Ramsey
26. Sam Webster
27. Billy Joe Victory
28. Hiram Ingram
29. W. C. Owens

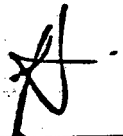
Secretaries and Typists

1. Ann Price Turner
2. Rosemary Allen
3. Evelyn Cox
4. Aileen Davis
5. James Mulleady

14 Uniformed Patrolmen who were assigned special duty at Market Hall.

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WITNESS
AFFIDAVITS





BILL DECKER

SHERIFF
CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS

A. J. Hillican
2650 Valley View Lane
Dallas 34, Texas

Chapel 7-4953

Works for Sam P. Wallace and Claude Beard Plumbing Company

Fabricating pipe for the Republic Bank Building at the end of the Katy Railroad yards and the west end of Pacific Street I was standing on the North side of Elm Street, about half way between Houston and the Underpass. About five or ten minutes before the President came by I observed a truck from Honest Joe's Pawn Shop, and parked by the Book Depository Store. Then drove off about five or ten minutes before the President's car came by. Just after the President's car passed, I heard three shots come from up toward Houston and Elm right by the Book Depository Building, and then immediately I heard two more shots come from the Arcade between the Book Store and the Underpass, and then three more shots came from the same direction only sounded further back. It sounded approximately like a 45 automatic, or a high powered rifle. Then everybody started running up the hill. A man standing on the South side of Elm Street, was either hit in the foot, or the ankle and fell down. And then I went on back to work.

by ERH... DPD

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OFFICERS
SUPPLEMENTS

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COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant

Serial No.

Ref: ~~ASSASSINATION~~ Death of President

Offense

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date 11-23-63

Kr. Dacker,

About 8:00 am this morning, while in the presents of Allen Sweatt, I talked to Sorrels the head of the Dallas Secret Service. I advised him that for the past few months at a house at 3126 Harlendale some Cubans had been having meetings on the week ends and were possibly connected with the "Freedom For Cuba Party" of which Oswald was a member.

11-26-63

I don't know what action the secret service has taken but I learned today that sometime between seven days before the president was shot and the day after he was shot these Cubans moved from this house. My informant stated that subject Oswald had been to this house before.

Buddy Walthers

I recommend this case be declared Unfounded Inactive (not cleared) Cleared by Arrest

Case declared Inactive (not cleared) Unfounded

Signed _____ Investigating Officer

Signed _____ Commanding Officer

COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant

Serial No.

Offense

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date Nov. 22, 1963

Mr. Decker;

I was assisting in the search of the 6th floor of the Dallas County Book Depository at Elm st and Houston St. proceeding from the ~~Northwest~~ East side of the building. Officer Whitman DPD and I were together as we approached the Northwest corner of the building ~~xxxxxxx~~ I was the rifle partially hidden behind a row of books with two (2) other boxes of books against the rifle. The rifle appeared to be a 7.65mm Mauser with a telescope sight on the rifle. Capt. Fritz was called to the scene and also someone from the ID ~~xxxxx~~ pictures were taken and then Capt Fritz picked up the rifle. I first saw the rifle at 1:22pm date.

E. L. Boone 240 DSO

I recommend this case be declared

Unfounded
Inactive (not cleared)
Cleared by Arrest

Case declared Inactive (not cleared)
Unfounded

Signed

Investigating Officer

Signed

Commanding Officer

COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant

Serial No.

Deputy Sheriff Clinton L. Lewis

Offense

Duty Report - November 22, 1963

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date 11-22-63

MR. DECKER:

The following report of my activities for Friday, November 22, 1963 is submitted for your information:

I was at home ill on Friday, November 22, 1963 when I first learned that President Kennedy had been shot. I immediately dressed, and reported to the Sheriff's Office where I contacted Allan Sweatt, Chief Criminal Deputy. Mr. Sweatt instructed me to report to you at your station in front of the Texas School Book Depository Building, which I did. I remained in front of the building to carry out your orders until, and after you had returned to the Sheriff's Office. Upon hearing that a police officer had been shot in Oak Cliff, I, accompanied by John Scholkoef, Reporter for the Dallas ^{Times-Herald} Morning-News came to the Office, and the Reporter asked you for transportation to the Texas Theater in Oak Cliff where the suspect in the killing of the officer was supposed to be located. Reporter Scholkoef, and I proceeded to Jefferson, and Zangs where Scholkoef left the car, and I proceeded onto the Theater. Suspect had been apprehended, and was leaving the theater at the time my arrival. I returned to the station, and stayed in the office the rest of the day assisting both yourself, and Allan Sweatt.

Clint Lewis - Squad 36

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Unfounded

Signed _____
Investigating Officer

Signed _____
Commanding Officer

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**COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant

Serial No.

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Officer

Officer A. D. McCurley, Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County Sheriff's Office.

**DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)**

Date Nov 22 19 63

I was standing at the front entrance of the Dallas Sheriff's Office at 505 Main Street, Dallas as the President's motorcade passed and was watching the remainder of the parade pass when I heard a report and I immediately recognized it as the sound of a rifle. I started running around the corner where I knew the President's car should be and in a matter of a few seconds heard a second shot and then a third shot. I, along with other officers who had been standing near me, all started running and I rushed towards the park and saw people running towards the railroad yards beyond Elm Street and I ran over and jumped a fence and a railroad worker stated to me that he believed the smoke from the bullets came from the vicinity of a stockade fence which surrounds the park area. A search was made of this vicinity and then information came to us that the shots came from the Texas School Book Depository Building at the corner of Elm and Houston. Officer Jack Faulkner and I, together with several other City officers went to the building and started checking the floors. We were searching the 6th floor when Deputy Sheriff Mooney, who was also on the 6th floor, hollered that he had found the place where the assassin had fired from. I went over and saw the 3 expended shells laying by the window that faced onto Elm Street, along with a half-eaten piece of chicken that was laying on a cardboard carton. It appeared as if the assassin had piled up a bunch of boxes to hide him from the view of anyone who happened to come up on that floor and had arranged 3 other cartons of books next to the window as though to make a rifle rest. This area was roped off and guarded until Captain Will Fritz of Dallas Police Department Homicide Bureau arrived. It was about this same time that Deputy Sheriff Eugene Boone yelled that he had found the rifle which had been placed between some rows of cardboard boxes near the staircase which leads down to the 5th floor. The Dallas Crime Lab Officers took over the gun and I proceeded to help officers continue to search this building from the roof down and through the basement area.

I recommend this case be declared

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 Cleared by Arrest

Case declared

 Inactive (not cleared)
 Unfounded

Signed

Investigating Officer

Signed

Commanding Officer

COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY Serial No. _____

Offense Officer Roger Craig, Dallas County Deputy Sheriff.

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date Nov 23, 1963

I was standing in front of the Sheriff's Office at 505 Main Street, Dallas, Texas, watching President Kennedy pass in the motorcade. I was watching the rest of the motorcade a few seconds after President Kenney passed where I was standing when I heard a rifle shot and a few seconds later a second and then a third shot. At the retort of the first shot, I started running around the corner and Officer Buddy Walthers and I ran across Houston Street and ran up the terrace on Elm Street and into the railroad yards. We made a round through the railroad yards and I returned to Elm Street by the Turnpike sign at which time Officer Walthers told me that a bullet had struck the curb on the south side of Elm Street. I crossed to Elm with Deputy C. L. Lummie Lewis to search for a spot where a shell might have hit. About this time I heard a shrill whistle and I turned around and saw a white male running down the hill from the direction of the Texas School Book Depository Building and I saw what I think was a light colored Rambler Station wagon with luggage rack on top pull over to the curb and this subject who had come running down the hill get into this car. The man driving this station wagon was a dark complected white male. I tried to get across Elm street to stop the car and talk with subjects, but the traffic was so heavy I could not make it. I reported this incident at once to a secret service officer, whose name I do not know, then I left this area and went at once to the building and assisted in the search of the building.

Later that afternoon, I heard that the City had a suspect in custody and I called and reported the information about the suspect running down the hill and getting into a car to Captain Fritz and was requested to come at once to City Hall. I went to the City Hall and identified the subject they had in custody as being the same person I saw running down this hill and get into the station wagon and leave the scene.

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Case declared Inactive (not cleared) Unfounded

Signed _____ Investigating Officer

Signed _____ Commanding Officer

COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant

Serial No.

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Officer

DEPUTY J. L. OXFORD, Dallas County Sheriff's Department.

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROCESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.:
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date Nov 23 1963

On November 22, 1963, I was standing in front of the Courthouse along with Officers McCurley and Wiseman of the Sheriff's Department and the President's car had just gone by. We stood there until the rest of the cars had passed. While we were standing there, we heard what I thought to be shots. Officer McCurley and myself ran across Houston Street on across Elm and down to the underpass. When we got there, everyone was looking toward the railroad yards. We jumped the picket fence which runs along Elm Street and on over into the railroad yards. When we got over there, there was a man who told us that he had seen smoke up in the corner of the fence. We went on up to the corner of the fence to see what we could find, and searched the area thoroughly. After we searched this area, we separated. Then I, with a couple of Dallas Police Officers, began searching through the cars on the parking lot. After we got through searching the cars, I stood guard watching the Texas School Book Depository Building and came back to the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Decker then sent me along with Deputies Buddy Walthers, Harry Weatherford to a location at 2515 W. Fifth Street in Irving, Texas, to meet Dallas Police Officers to search a house there and talk to the people within. When we got at this address, Officer Adamcik of the DPD and myself went to the back of the house and Officers Weatherford, Walthers and Detective Rose of the DPD and another DPD officer went to the front door. These officers later let us in the back door. We talked to a Mrs. Oswald, the wife of the suspect and a Mrs. Ruth Paine and were in the process of getting them ready to bring to City Hall for statements when Michael Paine, husband of Ruth Paine, came up and we talked to him. We found a blanket in the garage. This blanket looked like a rifle had been wrapped in it. We also found about 7 metal boxes which contained pamphlets and literature from abroad. Also, there were cameras and film found. All of this was brought to the City Hall along with Mr. and Mrs. Paine and Mrs. Oswald. The children were also brought along. We called Sheriff Decker and he told us to leave all of the evidence at the City Hall and report back to the Sheriff's Office. Upon arriving back at the Sheriff's Department we then had assignment of carrying witnesses to their homes who had made statements in the Sheriff's office.

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Investigating Officer

Signed _____

Commanding Officer

COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Officer

DEPUTY C.L. "Lennie" Lewis, Dallas County Sheriff's Department.

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
 (Investigating Officer must sign)

Date Nov 23, 1963

I was standing on the sidewalk on Main Street in the 500 block just east of Houston Street when the motorcade passed and turned the corner onto Houston Street. In a few seconds I heard 3 shots. I ran around the corner and came across Houston Street to Elm Street to the Park. I saw some people there. I began to talk to them getting names and information.

I talked to the following named people:

Shearion Simmons, w/f/31, 3168 O'Bannon St., FR 1 7267.

Jeanie Holt w/f/18, 2521 Pleasant Drive, EV 1 0377

Stella Jacobs w/f/20, 730 W. 9th Street, WH 2 0168.

The above people work at the Texas School Book Depository Building.

The following named people were brought to the Sheriff's Office and statements taken from them.

Bob Edwards w/m/22, 121 S. Nursery, Irving, Texas. Wks: Auditor's Office.

Ronnie Fisher, c/o County Auditor's Office.

H. W. Betzner, Jr. w/m/22, 5922 Velasco, YA 7 9761

Wks: Railway REA Express, was in the building.

Arnold Rowland, w/m/, 3026 Hammerly, FE 7 1861

Saw man in bldg about 15 min before shooting with a gun. Wife Barbara was with him.

Ronald Fischer w/m/24, 4007 Flamingo Way, BR 9 0950.

Was with Bob. Saw man on next to top floor and gave description of suspect. Fairly short hair cut, not a crew, but stuck up in front and not a flat top. Med complex. In his 20's, sport shirt and slacks. Sport shirt opened at collar.

Charles Brehm, 1619 King's Highway, WH 2 6893. Works at War's in "Carpets" in Wynewood. Was on grass on Elm St, saw president when he was shot.

Marvin Ghien, C/A/19, Husband, John e/m/23, 4502 Underwood Dr. Cook at Marriott. RI 8 7751. Standing on Elm by Freeway Sign.

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Signed

Investigating Officer

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Commanding Officer

COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Serial No.

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Offense

Deputy C.L. Lewis, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, Dallas.

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date _____

Jim Braden w/m/48, Cabana Motel, Room 301
215 S. La Cienga Blvd, Beverly Hills, Calif. Calif DL R 751 775
Ind. Oil Dealer. In Dallas 2 days. Was in building when Pres. assassinated.

Floren Lawrence, 3609 Potomac, LA 1 7150.
S.L. Ewing, 2805 Gaston, TA 1 2358
Sales Wk & bookkeeper. Was on 3rd floor, using phone.

Had lunch with Richard Bartholomew RI 8 8011
Wket Nat'l Bank Commerce
Louie Schug, TA 1 2358

G.G. Slack, w/m/59, 3130 Delee EV 1 2590
Jessie William w/E/40 1108, Allen St., Apt 114, Irving.
Traveling salesman, home: 1211 Columbia Dr, Longview, Tex. PL 3 7086

Lonnie Ray Wright w/w/ 3-time looser. Drunk, put in jail. Was on RR track.

Amos Ewins, c/m/15, 411 Ave L. WH 3 9701
Saw man on 5th floor.

Jean Newman w/E/21, 3893 Clover Lane, FL 2 4222.
Bob Jackson, Times Herald Reporter. Saw Shooting.
Walt William Eugene Newman w/m/22, wife: Gayle w/f/
718 W. Clarendon, WH 8 6082
(In front of 2nd light post going west on Kim St - North side.

See statements taken from all of the above named people.

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Commanding Officer

**COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant

Serial No.

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

Offense

Deputy Sheriff Luke Mooney, Dallas County Sheriff's Department.

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

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I was standing in front of the Sheriff's Office at 505 Main Street, Dallas, when President Kennedy and the motorcade passed by. Within a few seconds after he had passed me and the motorcade had turned the corner I heard a shot and I immediately started running towards the front of the motorcade and within seconds heard a second and a third shot. I started running across Houston Street and down across the lawn to the triple underpass and up the terrace to the railroad yards. I searched, along with many other officers, this area, when Sheriff Bill Decker came up and told me and Officers Sam Webster and Billy Joe Victory to surround the Texas School Book Depository building. As we approached the two big steel wire gates to the loading dock at the back of the building on Elm Street side, we saw that the loading dock had locks on it and I then pulled the steel gates closed and requested of a citizen standing there to see that no-one came out or went in until I could get a uniformed officer there, which he did. Officers Webster, Victory and myself took to the building. Officers Webster and Victory took the stairs and I told them I would take the freight elevator. At the time I got on the elevator two women who work in the building got on the elevator, saying they wanted to go to their office. As the elevator started up, we went up one floor and the power to the elevator was cut off. I got out on the floor with these women and looked around in their office and I then took to the stairs and went to the 6th floor, and Officers Webster and Victory went on up to the 7th floor. I was the only person on the 6th floor when I was searching it and was reasonably sure there was no one else on this floor as I searched it and then criss-crossed it, seeing only stacks of cartons of books. I was at that time also checking for open windows and fire escapes. I found where someone had been using a skill saw in laying some flooring in one corner of this floor and I then went to the 7th floor and was assisting in searching it out and crawled into the attic opening and decided it was too dark and came down to order flash lights. I then went on back to the 6th floor and went direct to the far corner and then discovered a cubby hole which had been constructed out of cartons which protected it from sight and found where someone had been in an area of perhaps 2 feet surrounded by

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cardboard cartons of books. Inside this cubby hole affair was three more boxes so arranged as to provide what appeared to be a rest for a rifle. On one of these cartons was a half-eaten piece of chicken. The minute that I saw the expended shells on the floor, I hung my head out of the half opened window, and signaled to Sheriff Bill Decker and Captain Will Fritz who were outside the building and advised them to send up the Crime Lab Officers at once that I had located the area from which the shots had been fired. At this time, Officers Webster, Victory and McCurley came over to this spot and we guarded this spot until Crime Lab Officers got upstairs within a matter of a few minutes. We then turned this area over to Captain Fritz and his officers for processing.

At this time I continued to search this 6th floor along with many other officers and within a few minutes, I heard Deputy Sheriff Eugene Boone holler out that he had found the rifle near the staircase between some rows of cartons.

We continued to search the building for a suspect.

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RADIO

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I had just looked out the window of the radio room facing Main St and watched the Presidential parade pass and as it turned the corner onto Record I looked over in that direction but was unable to see any of the vehicles from my location and about that time I heard three loud reports evenly spaced which I presumed to be rifle or shotgun blast. I looked at the time on the radio panel and it was about 40 seconds after 12:30pm as I was calling Dallas PD on the hot line and I asked the operator that answered if anything had been reported and she said no I told her that I heard what I believed to be three shots and she thought I was kidding. At that time all the traffic officers at the intersection of Main and Record started running and some were on their motorcycles with red light and siren wide open headed in the direction of the railroad area north of Elm St. About that time DPD called advised that the President had definitely been hit condition unknown and was enroute to Parkland and the hospital had been advised to stand by.

Then DPD advised that Mr. Decker said to send every available deputy to the area of the railroad track SS North of Elm St. To my knowledge everyone but Mr. Crews, Mr. Deaton and myself went to the area to assist in the search for the suspected assassin. Squads 20, 25, 26 and various civil and constable units were in route also when Mr. Player advised that he was at the location and that there were sufficient officers at the location and the other units were not believed to be needed at that time. All units were advised to stay in their cars for emergency traffic also there were a large number of reserve units on the air standing by. Mr. Ferguson came into the radio room and was assisting with traffic Dallas PD advised that one of their men had been shot in the vicinity of Beckley and 10th Sts.. Squads 24, 26, 25 and various other units proceeded to the location where it was reported that the suspect was believed to be in the Library at that location. Then it was reported that he was in the Texas Theatre on Jefferson, they also advised that Officer Tippen was dead.

Secret Service Unit 437 was desiring to know the location of Mr. Lyndon Johnson after several calls located Mr. Johnson at Love Field in Air Force

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No 1 and advised SS 437 of same.

Grand Prairie called by public service and said a Mrs. Cunningham called and said that a subject W/M no further desc. driving a 1957 Ford green and white Texas license DT 4857 which was reported enroute to Ranger, Texas was involved in the assassination. All auth Grand Prairie PD message was broadcast, and a short while later Tarrant County advised that the subject had been taken into custody in the downtown area of Fort Worth.

Carrollton PD called on public service and said that someone had reported that the following vehicle had been parked near the Harry Hines circle for the last 3-4 days and very shortly after the shooting was reported the vehicle left traveling North on Harry Hines at a very high rate of speed. Description as follows, Red, 1963 Chevrolet Impala bearing Georgia license 52J1033, this information was broadcast to all stations North.

My Relief Paul Johnson arrived at about 2:10pm and I stayed in radio room until about 6:45pm.

Nelson, Radio

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDYJohn Wiseman, Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County Sheriff's Department.

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
 (Investigating Officer must sign)

Date Nov 23, 1963 to

I was standing in front of the Sheriff's Office at 505 Main Street, Dallas when the President passed and the car went around the corner and a few more cars had passed when I heard a shot and I knew something had happened. I ran at once to the corner of Houston and Main Street and out into the street when the second and third shots ran out. I ran on across Houston Street, then across the park to where a policeman was having trouble with his motorcycle and I saw a man laying on the grass. This man laying on the grass said the shots came from the building and he was pointing to the old Sexton Building. I talked to a Marilyn Sitzman, 202 S. Lancaster who said her boss, Abraham Zaprutes, RI 8 6071, had movies of the shooting. She said the shots came from that way and she pointed also to the old Sexton building. I ran at once to the Sexton Building and went in. I asked some woman how many doors lead out of the building and she said 4. I left the building and found some DPD patrolmen and we came back to the building. I ran up the stairs and the patrolmen started trying to get more help to search the building. I went up the stairs to the 7th floor and started up into the attic and noticed that the door to the roof was locked on the inside with a gate type hook latch. I stopped and started back down the stairs taking a quick look on each floor. I met more officers on the 2nd floor and then in a few minutes the place had maybe 50 officer in it. A better search was started floor by floor. About the time we got started on the 3rd floor, Deputy Sheriff Luke Mooney found some spent shells. An officer of the Dallas Police Department told us all to get on one side of the room and make one clean sweep of the entire floor to see if we could find the rifle. As we worked our way across the room which was filled with boxes, we got to the front of the stairway when Deputy Sheriff Eugene Boone said, "here is the gun". It was about 4 feet in front of me in the aisle in which I was working. Deputy Boone stayed at one end of the aisle where the gun was spotted and I stayed at the other end of the aisle so that nothing would be touched. Officer Day of the DPD Crime Lab came and took pictures of the gun in its hiding spot behind the boxes and then removed it from this spot. I then left the building and came back to the Sheriff's Office to talk with witnesses. A Mrs. Mary Moorman was in the office with a picture of the President getting shot.

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Deputy Bill Wiseman, Dallas County Sheriff's Office.

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I asked her if she had any more pictures and she said she did. I got all these pictures and looked at them and in one picture Mrs. Moorman had taken a picture of the lead motorcycle officer, in the background of this picture was a picture of the Sexton Building and the window where the gunman sat when doing the shooting. I took this picture to Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff, Allan Sweatt, who later turned it over to Secret Service Officer Patterson.

I then obtained sandwiches and coffee and brought to all witnesses that were in the office and continued to do anything else that I could do to assist.

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Offense

Officer Buddy Walthers, Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County Sheriff's Office

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.:
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Date, Nov 22, 1963

I was standing at the front entrance of the Dallas Sheriff's Office when the motorcade with President Kennedy passed. I was watching the remainder of the President's party when within a few seconds I heard a retort and I immediately recognized it to be a rifle shot. I immediately started running west across Houston Street and ran across Elm Street and up into the Railroad yards. At this time, it was not determined if, in fact, this first retort and 2 succeeding retorts were of a rifle, however, in my own mind, I knew. Upon reaching the railroad yard and seeing other officers coming, I immediately went to the triple underpass on Elm street in an effort to locate possible marks left by stray bullets. While I was looking for possible marks, some unknown person stated to me that something had hit his face while he was parked on Main Street, the next lane south from Elm, as the traffic had been stopped for the parade. Upon examining the curb and pavement in this vicinity I found where a bullet had splattered on the top edge of the curb on Main Street which would place the direction of firing, high and behind the position the President's car was in when he was shot. Due to the fact that the projectile struck so near the underpass, it was, in my opinion, probably the last shot that was fired and had apparently went high and above the President's car. At about this time word was passed through the crowd that the President had been shot, as well as Governor Connally. The only building that was likely to have a shot fired from in this area was the Texas School Book Depository Building on the northwest corner of Elm and Houston streets, which, by this time, was fast becoming surrounded by police officers. Upon returning to the front of this building, I met Allan Sweatt, Chief Criminal Deputy of the Dallas Sheriff's Office and immediately escorted 5 witnesses to the shooting which he turned over to me and took them to Sheriff Bill Decker's office and placed them in the custody of Deputy Harold Elkins until they could be questioned. At this time Deputy Allan Sweatt told me that a police officer had been killed in Oak Cliff area somewhere on Jefferson Street. I immediately left the office with Deputies J. F. Ramsey and Deputy Frank Vrla and ran Code 3 to Oak Cliff. I received information by radio that there was a suspect

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in the Dallas Public Library located at Marsalis and Jefferson. Upon arriving at this location, we were met by a number of other police officers and we surrounded the library. It was then determined that the person inside the library was the wrong person. Upon getting back into our automobile, we started towards 10th Street, where the police officer had been killed in an effort to obtain further information and then received radio information from Deputy Sheriff Bill Courson, who was also in the Oak Cliff area, that the suspect was in the balcony of the Texas Theatre on West Jefferson. We arrived at this location within a few seconds and were met by many other officers. Upon proceeding to the balcony of the theatre, I ordered the manager to turn on the house lights. Some unknown officer was holding a white man at the steps of the balcony and I proceeded on into the balcony. I looked over the balcony and saw a commotion in the center section, near the back, in the downstairs of the theatre, and I hollered to other officers, "He's downstairs", and we all ran down the steps and to the area of the commotion. When I reached the area of commotion, it was hard to tell "who had who" as there were so many officers into a melee on the floor between the seats, but I saw Officer Carroll of the Dallas Police Department standing on the other side of the melee of people and I could see a gun on the floor with 2 or 3 hands on it and I reached into this melee and pulled up on the people and I believe it was Officer Carroll who reached down and got this gun. I am not positive it was Officer Carroll, but I believe it was, however, there was such a swarm of officers at this time, it was hard to determine. 4 or 5 officers then began carrying subject towards the front of the theatre and I picked up my shotgun which I had laid down in some seats away from the melee and we, along with several other officers who had shotguns, proceeded outside and held the crowds back so the officers could put the suspect in a car. The crowds were pushing and yelling, "Kill the SOB" and "let us kill the SOB". The only thing I ever heard the suspect say was, "It's all over". After they left the area with the suspect, me and the officers who were with me got in our car and reported back to Sheriff Docker at his office. Sheriff Docker then ordered me, together with

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Deputy Harry Weatherford and Deputy J. L. Oxford to go to a house at 2515 West 5th Street in Irving, Texas and meet some officers from Capt. Will Fritz' office. We arrived at location and met Detectives Rose and Adamsk from the Homicide division of the Dallas Police Department. Upon getting to this residence, we were met by a Mrs. Michael Payne and upon showing our credentials and advising her who we were, she stated, "It's about the President being shot. We've been expecting it. Come on in". She informed us that the lady standing beside her was Mrs. Oswald. Mrs. Payne went on to explain that Mrs. Oswald spoke only Russian, however, he would help interpret as she spoke both English and Russian. Upon asking if suspect Oswald lived at this location, she advised that his wife and children lived there, but that Lee Oswald and his wife had been separated and he did not live there. Mrs. Payne gave us permission to search the house or do anything we wanted to and she also, through interpretation, gave us Mrs. Oswald's permission to do the same. Mrs. Payne then gave us a telephone number and stated that was the phone number of Lee Oswald, however, she advised she did not know an address where he was staying. At this time, I called Sheriff Decker and advised him of this and he criss-crossed this telephone number and gave us an address of 1026 North Beckley. He advised he would dispatch other officers to cover this address. About this time, Mr. Michael Payne came to this location. Mr. Payne works at Bell Helicopter Plant. When told of the incident, Mr. Payne did not seem at all surprised, and merely stated that he had just taken off and had come home, when he had heard that the President had been shot. It was then learned that Mr. Payne had also been separated from Mrs. Payne and that he has been living in Grand Prairie. Mr. Payne gave no explanation for coming to this house in Irving, Texas.

Upon searching this house we found stacks of hand bills concerning "Cuba for Freedom" advertising, seeking publicity and support for Cuba. Also found was a set of metal file cabinets containing records that appeared to be names and activities of Cuban sympathizers. All of this evidence was confiscated and turned over to Captain Fritz of the Dallas Police Department and Secret Service Officers at the City Hall.

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A blanket was found at location that had a string tied around one end of it and still bore an imprint of a rifle. It was then determined that suspect, LEE OSWALD had spent the previous night at this house. It was also determined from Mrs. Oswald that the day before, a rifle was in this blanket. Further interrogation of Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Oswald was carried on at the office of Captain Will Fritz, Dallas Police Department, at which I was not present.

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Offense

ALLAN SWEATT, Chief Criminal Deputy, Dallas County Sheriff's Office.

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date Nov 23, 1963 19

At approximately 12:30 PM, Friday, November 22, 1963, I was standing with a group of Deputy Sheriff's about 30 feet east of the corner of Houston and Main Street on Main Street.

The President's caravan had just passed and about a minute or 2 I heard a shot and about 7 seconds later another shot and approximately 2 or 3 seconds later a third shot which sounded to me like a rifle and coming from the vicinity of Elm and Houston street. Several officers and myself from the Sheriff's department ran around the corner and towards Elm Street and Houston and were told that someone had shot at the President. A man by name of "Hester" told Deputy John Wiseman that the shots had come from the old Sexton building. As we approached the building we were told the shots had come from the fence. Deputy Wiseman and a City Officer went to the front door of the building and I continued towards the railroad yards with Deputy Harry Weatherford and I stopped where I could see two sides of the building which was the west and south sides. Deputy Harry Weatherford went into the building through an open window on the 1st floor and Deputy Wiseman and the DPD officer went in the front door. On the far side of the building opposite me were some DPD officers. At that time I was told the President had been shot and that Governor Connally also had been shot.

Officers started coming to the scene and approximately 15 deputy sheriff's and a number of DPD officers were at location. At that time, Inspector Sawyer of the DPD came to the front of the building and started taking names of witnesses and I suggested to Inspector Sawyer that I get two deputies and send the witnesses to the Sheriff's Office for statements instead of letting the witnesses leave the scene. Inspector Sawyer agreed with this plan and as witnesses were brought together they were taken directly across the street to the Sheriff's Office to wait until statements could be taken.

While I was still at the front of the Building, Deputy Sheriff Luke Mooney stuck his head out of the 5th floor window and the Northeast corner of the

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Allan Sweatt, Chief Criminal Deputy.

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building and stated he had found some spent cartridge cases and he was told to let them remain untouched until the DPD Crime Lab arrived on the scene.

Shortly after, a DPD officer brought a boy in a sport coat up and said, "Here is the man that had done the shooting". As officers started to question him, the crowd began to talk and passed the word around that this was the individual that had shot the President. At that time, in the company of city officers, I sent 2 deputy sheriff's to take this man into custody and take him to the Sheriff's Office. Also Inspector Sawyer was informed of this and he sent a DPD detective to the Sheriff's Office to talk to the boy.

At this time Sheriff Bill Decker arrived at the location where I was standing and I informed him as to what had been done up to that time. I then returned to the Sheriff's Office to co-ordinate the taking of statements and see that all persons that were in the office gave statements. I separated certain witnesses whom seemed to have more facts than others and turned them over to Mrs. Rosemary Allon of the Dallas Sheriff's Office, Mr. Wallace Heitman of the FBI and Mr. Forrest Sorrells of the Secret Service, and they took witnesses to the Polygraph room of the Sheriff's Office where they obtained statements.

At approximately 1:30 PM, I received word that a Police Officer had been shot on Jefferson Street in Oak Cliff and the suspect was supposedly at large in that area. I immediately dispatched Officers Ruddy Walthers, James Ramsey and Frank Vrla to the scene of the shooting. Officer Bill Courson of the Sheriff's Office joined with them in Oak Cliff. Apprehension was made of the suspect in the Texas Theatre and suspect was turned over to the Dallas Police Department.

After this we correlated all statements, getting copies separated and in separate files. Sent a complete set of all statements taken to Capt. Fritz of the Dallas Police Department.

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Allan Sweatt, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County, Texas.

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During this time, Deputy Bill Wiseman brought in two girls to me with some pictures they had taken. 1 picture was taken just shortly before the shooting of the President which showed the Sexton Building in the background. This picture was turned over to Secret Service Agent Patterson, who gave this woman his card, advising her that the picture would be returned to her.

I also received copies of pictures taken from a witness by name of "Betzner, Jr.", which have been included in the files of this case.

I have contacted all Deputies to come in this date and make their supplements of activities during the day of November 22nd, 1963.

I still have in my custody all original statements, supplements and copies of pictures by Betzner subject.

Allan Sweatt

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John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Serial No.

1-3-63

Offense

Murder

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
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Mr. Decker:

Friday Morning, November the 22nd, 1963 between the hours of approximately 12 noon to 12:35pm, I was standing in front of the Driminal Courts Building talking with Allan Sweatt and Robert Benevides and awaiting the arrival of the motorcade bearing the President's party. The motorcade passed in front of us and everything appeared to be in order. A few short seconds later I heard an explosion followed in about 3 to 5 seconds later two more explosions. I am certain that I recognized the second two as being that of gunfire. I immediately came back into the office, going on through to the back of the building and out onto the street and seeing the area swarming with officers, I mingled in the crowd in an effort see what I could learn. I then returned to this office and went immediately to the Interrogation room where I spent the next few hours interrogating four witnesses and taking affidavits from them. At the conclusion of this process, I remained in the office for further instructions.

G. M. Jones

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Offense

SHOOTING OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
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Date 11-22-63 19

Mr. Decker:

Just shortly before 12:30pm, Friday, November 22, 1963, I was standing in front of the Sheriff's Office on Main street and watched the President and his party drive by. Just a few seconds later, I heard the first shot, which I thought was a backfire, then the second shot and third shot rang out. I knew then that this was gun shots and everyone else did also. I ran as fast as I could to Elm Street just West of Houston and I heard a woman unknown to me say the President was shot, in the head and the shots came from the fence on the North side of Elm. I went at one behind the fence and searched also in the parking area. Then came from word the shot was thought to have come from the Texas Book Depository Bldg., on the corner of Elm and Houston.

When I arrived there they were bringing in hand lights to search out the top floor. I helped search the 5, 6 and 7th floors. I was on the floor when Officer Boone found the rifle behind some books. From here I went to the remaining floors and the attic for which we had to have huge fire department lights to search the attic good. Then Officer McCurley and myself went to the top of the building and searched it also. After the building was finished being searched, I returned to the Sheriff's office for further duties or orders.

L. C. Smith

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John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Serial No.

1-3-63

Offense

Murder

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Mr. Decker:

On Friday morning, November the 22nd, 1963 I was standing in a window of the Identification Bureau of the Dallas County Jail and I observed the President's motorcade pass in front of the Criminal Courts Building on Main Street. After the motorcade passed, I stood around in the Identification Bureau. I did not see anything nor did I hear anything. I guess something like 10 minutes later I left the Criminal Courts Building thru the driveway and went across the street as far as the parking lot near the railroad tracks looking for Officer Todd. When I failed to find him there, I returned back to the driveway of the Dallas County Jail and then came into the jail. I was later sent back by Chief Holman and made another circle looking for Todd and when I returned, the Chief was standing on the alleyway to the driveway. He then told me that he saw Todd in front of the School Book Depository and I then walked over to him and told him that the Chief wanted him back at the jail. We then returned back to the jail. I did not see anything or hearing anything.

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Date 11 / 22 1963

Mr. Decker,

I watched the motorcade pass on Record St. from your office window. After the President's car passed I started back to my desk. I heard three shots and went back to the window. People were running in all directions. I left the office by the back door and went across the street to where my squad car was parked on the side street just back of the book depository. I drove the car on to the rail road tracks, turned the car around and stopped head west. Sgt. Harkness of the Dallas Police arrived on a 3 wheeler. He turned his radio to DPD Channel 2 and I had the sheriff's 37,300 and DPD Channel 1 in my car. We acted as a West command post for about 2 hours. No one was permitted to leave any of the parking lots until cleared and then a Dallas Police Officer took their names. Officers were directed to search all of the cars in the area, search the rail road cars and to bring anyone in that knew, saw or heard anything.

COMMAND POST "B"

Charles Folk Player, #78

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I recommend this case be declared Unfounded Inactive (not cleared) Cleared by Arrest

Case declared Inactive (not cleared) Unfounded

Signed _____ Investigating Officer

Signed _____ Commanding Officer

THIS IS LIST OF WITNESSES INTERVIEWED BY W. I. TRANTHAM 340 DFD

Hugh William Betzner, Jr. w/m/22- 5922 Velasco- Emp. R. E. A., Dallas
He was standing on the corner of Houston & Elm Streets and took two
pictures. As he took these pictures, two or more shots rang out. His
camera was taken by unknown officers. He did not see anything.

John A. Chism, c/m/23 and wife Marbie Chism, w/i/19 - 4502 Underwood
Drive, Employed at Marriott Motel. Saw the shooting take place. Saw
what appeared to be the President shot. He did not see anything else.

Bob Jackson, Times Herald Reporter, who is now at Parkland Hospital,
is reported to have seen the rifle and the man that fired the shots
as the shots were fired. This information from Sgt. W. G. Jennings, 562
E2P DFD (Dallas Police Department).

Lee Bowers, 1508 Maple Grove, RI 8-4698, Employee at Union Terminal
North Tower, reported seeing two strange cars shortly before the shooting.
One - 1957 Ford blk: two door, occupied by one unknown white male who
was using a telephone or radio mike before the parade started.
No Two car 1961 Chevrolet Impala 4 door. This car is white and very
dirty. Had a Goldwater sticker on the back window, occupied by a white
male, 25 to 30, long Blonde hair. This information from Sgt. W. G.
Jennings, 562, Dallas Police Department.

O. S. McVey, w/m/?, 322 S. Marlborough, WH 1 4853 was standing on top
of the underpass. We also did not interview him. Information from
Sgt. Jennings.

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Lawrence Huber Florer, 3609 Potomac, w/m/23, Emp. S. L. Ewing Co.,
2805 Gaston, USAF # 25983326, Texas Driver License No. 2397323,
was behaving in a suspicious manner. He was detained by Officer W. H.
Denham, 1140 Dallas Police Department, This man stated to W. I. Trantham
that he was at the corner of Poydras & Main and heard of the shooting over
the radio. He saw nothing and knew nothing of this incident.

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 25th day of November A. D. 19 63
personally appeared William Clifford Anderson, Address 2503 Kilburn, Dallas
Age 22, Phone No. _____

Deposes and says: I am presently living at 2503 Kilburn where I have a room with a Mrs. Rogers. The telephone number there is FR 401170. My folks live at 5125 Corrigan, Dallas, Texas and the telephone there is FR 403331. I am employed for Joe Summers Loop 12 Conoco Service Station at Loop 12 and Lancaster Road. The telephone number there is FR 6-6766. On Saturday, November the 16th, 1963 a man whose name I do not know moved into the cottage behind 2503 Kilburn that he rented from Mrs. Rogers. He rented this cottage for 1 week. Another man has been to this cottage named D. H. McFadin. McFadin is about 26 or 27 years of age, dark hair, heavy build, 160 to 170 pounds. The other man I have not seen but one time and I can not be sure of a good description on him. These two men either come in late at night or early in the mornings. One other odd thing is that they always park their cars by backing them into the driveway. One of the cars is a two tone Pontiac about a 58 model and the other one is a foreign made car and is black. They both bear Texas license plates. Last Friday night I had been over to my girl friend's house and had left there about 11pm and went directly home. This took me about 20 minutes, as I went directly home. I then went to bed and sometime, I think it must have been early Saturday morning, I heard voices outside my window on the walk. One person was saying "well it's over". The other man said "Keep Quiet, that guy is probably still awake". I heard nothing else, and went on back to sleep. This morning Mrs. Rogers told me that she had not seen them anymore and I went out to the cottage and looked around. I found 3, 30-30 calibre shells a photograph taken at Guthrie's at Corinth and Industrial and another picture and a letter and an envelope. I picked up these things after thinking about what had happened and the conversation I had overheard and brought them to the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. To me these two men have acted peculiar all week and after hearing them early Saturday morning, they have disappeared. The man shown in the picture from Guthrie's is the McFadin man.

William C. Anderson

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 25th day of November A. D. 19 63

[Signature]
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63
personally appeared Garland Glenwill Slack, Address 4130 Dealy St., Dallas
Age 59, Phone No. EV 1 2950
Deposits and says:-

Today, I was standing on Houston Street, just below the window to Sheriff Bill Decker's office waiting for the parade. I was standing there when the President's car passed and just after they rounded the corner from Houston onto Elm Street, I heard a report and I knew at once that it was a high-powered rifle shot. I am a gth big game hunter and am familiar with the sound of hi powered rifles and I knew when I heard the report that the shot had hit something. Within a ~~few~~ few seconds I heard another report and knew it also had hit something and all I could see was the highly colored hat that Mrs. Kennedy had on. I couldn't see anything else. I was so sick that I went back to my office but after thinking it over, I came back as a citizen to offer my statement if it could help in any way. During the time I was standing there I did look up into the building where the Texas Book Depository is and saw some people, maybe 12 or 14, hanging out of windows, but I didn't see anyone with a gun.

When the sound of this shot came, it sounded to me like this shot came from away back or from within a building. I have heard this same sort of sound when a shot has come from within a cave, as I have been on many big game hunts.

Garland Slack

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Raymond Allen
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 23rd day of November A. D. 19 63
personally appeared Eddie Piper Address 3402 Hunger Avenue, Dallas
Age 55 Phone No. TA 1 2190 MR: Janitor- Texas School Bk Dep.
Deposes and says:

I have been employed as janitor for the Texas School Book Depository for a little over 4 years. I do the packing of the books as well as lock up at night. I came to work yesterday about 10:00 AM and I work until 7:00PM. There has been a man that I know only as "Lee" who has been working there about 5 weeks. He fills the orders and I pack the orders. Yesterday, at 12:00 Noon, this fellow Lee says to me, "I'm going up to eat" and I went on to my lunch. I went to a front window on the first floor and ate my lunch and waited to see the President's parade go by. I saw the president pass and heard some shots and looked at the clock there and saw it was 12:25PM. The shots seemed to me like they came from up inside the building. It was about 1:00 PM when the police made us vacate the building and as we were being checked out, I noticed that "Lee" wasn't with us and I mentioned to some of the employees there checking out that Lee wasn't there and somebody said, he must have already gone out. This man Lee has never talked much to anyone and hardly ever said anything to me. He kept pretty much to himself and hardly ever answer when I would say "Goodmorning".

Eddie Piper

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Raymond Allen
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 23rd day of November A. D. 19 63
personally appeared Malcolm Summers, Address 405 E. 12th Street
Age 39, Phone No. WH 6 3558 WK: Self Employed- Summers Mailing Serv.
Deposes and says:-

Yesterday, November 22, 1963, I was standing on the terrace of the small park on Elm Street to watch the President's motorcade. The President's car had just come up in front of me when I heard a shot and saw the President slump down in the car and heard Mrs. Kennedy say, "Oh, no", then a second shot and then I hit the ground as I realized these were shots. Then all of the people started running up the terrace away from the President's car and I got up and started running also, not realizing what had happened. In just a few moments the President's car sped off and everybody was just running around towards the railroad tracks and I knew that they had somebody trapped up there. I imagine I stayed there 15 or 20 minutes and then went over on Houston Street to where I had my truck parked. I had just pulled away from the curb and was headed toward the Houston street viaduct when an automobile that had 3 men in it pulled away from the curb in a burst of speed, passing me on the right side, which was very dangerous at that point, then got in front of me, and it seemed then as an afterthought, slowed in a big hurry in front of me as though realizing they would be conspicuous in speeding. These three men were of slender build and seemed to be very excited in talking and motioning to each other. They went across the Houston Street Viaduct and I turned off at Marsalis Street exit and they continued on going towards Zang Blvd. They were in a 1961 or 1962 Chevrolet sedan, maroon in color. I ~~don't~~ don't believe I could identify these men, but I do believe I could identify the automobile if I saw it again.

Malcolm Summers

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James Allen
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22 day of November A. D. 1963

personally appeared Jesse James Williams, Address 1211 Columbia Drive
Longview, Texas; or
Age 40, Phone No. PL 3 7086 Longview 1103 Allen St., Apt. 114,
Irving, Texas.

Deposits and says:-

Last Tuesday evening at approximately 12:15 AM (Wednesday morning), a lady friend and myself; we had made an acquaintance, of a man who invited us to his Motel for some after hours drinking (after 12 at night). I don't have his name but I have the license number of the car he was driving. I left my car at the parking lot near the Baker Hotel, in Dallas, and we proceeded to his motel, a large kitchenette motel, as you go across the Houston street viaduct it is the first motel on the right, it's a big white motel, not too modern, I don't know the name of it. After the three of us got to his motel, where he was previously registered, we had a few drinks in his room. He proceeded to entertain us with a mandolin and seemed to be pretty good with it. We had been there about 30 minutes, as well as I remember. About this time this fellow began to make indecent remarks to the woman, to the effect that he wanted her to get in bed with him. We had all been drinking, I was fairly well polluted, more so than the others but still had my mental and reasoning powers. At this point I objected to his language and overtures and we became involved in an argument of words. Something came up to the effect that he might be a queer or something. Then he tells me to get the hell out of there and if there's not going to be a party get the hell out of the place, I believe is the way he said it; and as I turned to walk toward the door and told the woman with me let's go, he pulled a rifle out of the closet, and put a round into the chamber, pointed it at me, and said: "Leave"... in so many words that's what it amounted to. As the woman and I got to the door he said, "I should make you strip and let me see your beautiful body." With that we walked out the door. He left the rifle inside the room and came outside and told us to get into the car and he would take us back to our car. When we got back to the parking lot where we had previously left ~~my~~ my car, after some more conversation to the effect that I didn't appreciate what he had done and this and that, then he pulls a pistol -- I don't know where it came from, whether from his pocket or from the seat of the car on the left. He had the pistol in his left hand. We were still in his car just as we were about to get out. And he said to sit still. And the woman put her hand on the barrel of the gun and told him to point it the other way, she was scared. I said to her, "Let's go." And opened the car door. We got out of the car and walked over to our car, which was about six feet away from his at the time. As he drove off in his car, the woman and I both got the ~~license~~ license number on his car, and we each repeated it aloud to each other, I continued to repeat the number until we got in my car and the woman wrote the number down on the back of a check book that was laying on the dash of my car. (continued next page).

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Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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personally appeared Jesse James Williams, Address _____
Age _____, Phone No. _____
Deposits and says:-

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That was the last I saw of him. This man, to the best of my recollection, was approximately five foot eight inches tall, weighing approximately 175 pounds; with dark hair; normal complexion; approximately 30 years old. He didn't appear to be a learned person, that is too well educated, and did not appear to be ignorant by any means.

The woman friend says that he had real wavy black hair and was in her opinion about five foot ten, and would weigh about 165, and about 30 years old.

The best I can describe the rifle, it appeared to be well kept, a deer rifle or something, I don't know too much about guns; it I know it was not a .22; I know that it was a larger caliber gun, perhaps in my judgment a 303 caliber...that would be my guess what it would be. It had a chrome appearance about it somewhere.

I heard him cock the pistol as he told us to sit still, and I got a very dim look at the gun, it seemed a long barrel like a police officer normally carries.

We both agreed it was a light green car, a new model somewhat on the smaller side, about like the appearance of a Chevy II. She says it was an extremely light green. The license Number on the car was KK— GD 1583 Texas.

After the tragic incidents that have occurred in Dallas this date, upon hearing about the killing of the police officer I thought about the incidents related above about the man with the rifle in the car, and for these reasons I decided to give the information contained herein to the proper authorities for whatever value it may have.

Jesse James Williams

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22 day of November A.D. 1963

James J. Mulerdy
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 63
personally appeared Hugh William Betzner, Jr., Address 5922 Velasco, Dallas
Age 22, Phone No. TA 7-9761

Deposes and says: I was standing on Houston Street near the intersection of Elm Street. I took a picture of President Kennedy's car as it passed along Houston Street. I have an old camera. I looked down real quick and rolled the film to take the next picture. I then ran down to the corner of Elm and Houston Streets, this being the southwest corner. I took another picture just as President Kennedy's car rounded the corner. He was just about all the way around the corner. I was standing back from the corner and had to take the pictures through some of the crowd. I ran on down Elm a little more and President Kennedy's car was starting to go down the hill to the triple underpass. I was running trying to keep the President's car in my view and was winding my film as I ran. I was looking down at my camera to see the number of the film as I ran. I took another picture as the President's car was going down the hill on Elm Street. I started to wind my film again and I heard a loud noise. I thought that this noise was either a firecracker or a car had backfired. I looked up and it seemed like there was another loud noise in the matter of a few seconds. I looked down the street and I could see the President's car and another one and they looked like the cars were stopped. Then I saw a flash of pink like someone standing up and then sitting back down in the car. Then I ran around so I could look over the back of a monument and I either saw the following then or when I was standing back down on the corner of Elm Street. I cannot remember exactly where I was when I saw the following: I heard at least two shots fired and I saw what looked like a firecracker going off in the president's car. My assumption for this was because I saw fragments going up in the air. I also saw a man in either the President's car or the car behind his and someone down in one of those cars pulled out what looked like a rifle. I also remember seeing what looked like a nickel revolver in someone's hand in the President's car or somewhere immediately around his car. Then the President's car sped on under the underpass. Police and a lot of spectators started running up the hill on the opposite side of the street from me to a fence of wood. I assumed that that was where the shot was fired from at that time. I kept watching the crowd. Then I came around the monument over to Main Street. I walked down toward where the President's car had stopped. I saw a Police Officer and some men in plain clothes. I don't know who they were. These Police Officers and the men in plain clothes were digging around in the dirt as if they were looking for a bullet. I walked back around the monument over to Elm Street where they were digging in the dirt. I went on across the street and up the embankment to where the fence is located. By this time almost all of the people had left. There were quite a few people down on the street crowded around a motorcycle. I was looking around the fence as the rumor had spread that that was where the shot had

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Hugh William Betzner, Jr.
Albert Davis
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

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personally appeared Hugh William Betzner, Jr., Address 5922 Velasco, Dallas
Age 22, Phone No. TA 7-9761

Deposes and says come from. I started figuring where I was when I had taken the third picture and it seemed to me that the fence row would have been in the picture. I saw a group of men who looked like they might be officers and one of them turned out to be Deputy Sheriff Boone. I told him about the picture I had taken. Deputy Sheriff Boone contacted superiors and was told to bring me over to the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Sheriff Boone took my camera and asked me to wait. I waited in the Sheriff's Office and some time later, an hour or two, he brought my camera back and told me that as soon as they got through with the film and they were dry that they would give me the film. A little later he came in and gave me the negatives and told me that they were interested in a couple of pictures and implied that the negatives was all I was going to get back. To the best of my knowledge, this is all I know about this incident.

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Hugh William Betzner Jr.

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Aileen D. Davis
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63

personally appeared Ernest Jay Owens, Address 3005 Peachtree,
Age 36, Phone No. None Lesquite, Texas

Deposes and says: Yesterday afternoon, Thursday, and while on my way home from work, I passed a man walking in a westerly direction on Wood Street as well as I can remember about Good-Lattimer Expressway. I was headed in an Easterly direction in my car and this was sometime between 4:15pm and 5:15pm. This man I saw was a white male, about 5 foot 4 to 5 foot 6 inches tall and heavy build, not fat but large shoulders. This man was carrying a foreign made rifle, long blue steel barrel and a long yellow stock. This man was wearing a dark colored suit and was bareheaded. He was carrying the gun on his right side in his right hand. As far as I know I have never seen this man before and I could not be sure that I could identify him if I ever saw him again. This man came out of a parking lot with the gun in his hand. I can not be sure if this weapon had a scope on it or not. I would say this man's age was between 35 and 45 years and he did not have glasses on.

Ernest Owens

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Ch. J. Jones
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63
personally appeared Jean Newman, Address 3893 Clover Lane
Dallas, Texas
Age 21, Phone No. FL 2-4222
Deposes and says:-

My name is Jean Newman, I live with my parents, my father's name is G. C. Kimbriel. I work at the Rheem Manufacturing Company.

I was standing right on this side of the Stemmons Freeway sign, about half-way between the sign and the edge of the building on the corner. I was by myself, there were other people around watching the motorcade. The motorcade had just passed me when I heard something that I thought was a firecracker at first, and the President had just passed me, because after he had just passed, there was a loud report, it just scared me, and I noticed that the President jumped, he sort of ducked his head down and I thought at the time that it probably scared him, too, just like it did me, because he flinched, like he jumped. I saw him put his elbows like this, with his hands on his chest.

By this time, the motorcade never did stop, and the President fell to his left and his wife jumped up on her knees, I believe it was, in the back of the car on her knees, I couldn't say that for sure. And I realized then it had been a shot. I looked in the car and she was on her knees, and he wasn't even visible in the car. I looked around then and everybody was running every which way, I don't know why I didn't run, I just stood there and backed up and looked around to see if I could see anything, but I saw no one whatever with anything that resembled a gun or anything of that kind.

I just heard two shots. When it happened, I was just looking at the President and his wife, and when she jumped up in the car, I had my vision focused on her, and I didn't see anything else, about the others in the front of the car.

The first impression I had was that the shots came from my right.

Jean Newman

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James J. Mulready
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 1963

personally appeared Julia Ann Mercer, Address 5200 Belmont, No. 208
POB; 2-10-40 Chatanooga, Tenn. Ballas
Age 21, Phone No. _____
Employed: Automat Distributors, 1720 Canton, Dallas.
Depositor did not sign.

On November 22, 1963, I was driving a rented White Valiant automobile west on Elm Street and was proceeding to the overpass in a westerly direction and at a point about 45 or 50 feet east of the overhead signs of the right entrance road to the overpass, there was a truck parked on the right hand side of the road. The truck looked like it had 1 or 2 wheels up on the curb. The hood of the truck was open. On the drivers side of the truck, there were printed letters in black, oval shaped, which said, "Air Conditioning". This was a pickup truck and along the back side of the truck were what appeared to be tool boxes. The truck was a green Ford with a Texas license. I remember seeing the word "Ford" at the back of the truck.

A man was sitting under the wheel of the car and slouched over the wheel. This man had on a green jacket, was a white male and about his 40's and was heavy set. I did not see him too clearly. Another man was at the back of the truck and reached over the tailgate and took out from the truck what appeared to be a gun case. This case was about 8" wide at it's widest spot and tapered down to a width of about 4" or 5". It was brown in color. It had a handle and was about 3 1/2 to 4 feet long. The man who took this out of the truck then proceeded to walk away from the truck and as he did, the small end of the case caught in the grass or sidewalk and he reached down to free it. He then proceeded to walk across the grass and up the grassy hill which forms part of the overpass. This is the last I saw of this man.

I had been delayed because the truck which I described above was blocking my passage and I had to wait until the lane to my left cleared so I could go by the truck.

During the time that I was at this point and observed the above incident there were 3 policeman standing talking near a motorcycle on the bridge just west of me.

The man who took what appeared to be the gun case out of the truck was a white male, who appeared to be in his late 20's or early 30's and he was

Julia Ann Mercer
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Rosemary Allen
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63
personally appeared Julia Ann Mercer, Address 5200 Belmont, No. 208
Age 23, Phone No. _____ Dallas
Deposes and says:-

wearing a grey jacket, brown pants and plaid shirt as best as I can remember. I remember he had on some kind of a hat that looked like a wool stocking hat with a tassell in the middle of it. I believe that I can identify this man if I see him again. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
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The man who remained in the truck had light brown hair and I believe I could identify him also if I were to see him again.

Julia Ann Mercer

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Raymond Allen
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63
personally appeared Philip Ben Hathaway Address 11021 Quail Run, Dallas

Age 28 Phone No. DI 8 6532
DOB: July 9, 1935 DOB: Chicago, Ill. Wks: Lone Star Gas Co, Research & Development Dept. RI 1 3711 Ext 776

Just before Noon today, my friend John Stevens Rutter Lawrence, who works with me, and I and two other friends left the Texaco Building where we work going to the parade. We were walking down Commerce up to Main and Main to Akard and while we were walking up Akard towards Main Street we passed a man who was carrying a rifle in a gun case. I saw this man walking towards me, walking towards Commerce, and took particular attention to him because of his size. I am 6'5" and weigh 200 pounds. This man was very tall, approx 6'6" or 6'7" over 250 pounds, very thick and big through the chest, in his 30's, dirty blonde hair worn in a crew cut. Was wearing a grey colored business suit with white dress shirt, fair complexion. I remarked to my friend that there was a guy carrying a gun in all this crowd and made the remark that he was probably a secret service man. I could very easily identify this man if I ever saw him again. The gun case was holding a rifle because I could tell there was a gun in it as it was a combination leather and cloth gun case and without a gun, it would have been limp, but it was heavy and he was carrying it by the handle and the barrell of the gun was up at a 45 degree angle. It was beige or tan leather and olive drab material.

We can place the time that we saw this man walking with the gun as I recall someone in the crowd asking for the time and they said it was 11:50A.M.

Philip Ben Hathaway

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James Allen
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 1963

personally appeared John Stevens Rutter Lawrence Address 709 Devonshire
DOB: 5-21-40 POB: Oak Park, Ill. Richardson, Texas
Age 23, Phone No. _____

Deposes and says:-

Today at about 11:45AM, me and Phil Hathaway and two other fellows left the Texaco Building, where we all work together, to go see the parade and President Kennedy. In just a few minutes after we got out on the street and walking down Akard, Phil called to my attention a big man and said he was carrying a rifle. I looked and saw the man but due to a big rush of noontime people, I did not see the rifle. I took particular attention to him because of his size. I was walking with my friend Phil Hathaway who is 6'5" and this man was fairly close to his size, maybe a little taller, he was very thick chested and big through the shoulders, maybe 250 pounds or more, but no fat, he gave me the impression of perhaps a professional football player. He had dirty blonde hair and was a short crew cut. He was approximately in his 30's. He was wearing a business suit and I believe it was light in color, perhaps tan, a white business shirt. I could identify this man if I ever saw him again.

John Stevens Rutter Lawrence

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Rosemary Allen
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A.D. 63

personally appeared Barbara Walker Rowland, Address 3026 Hammerly St.,
DOB: 4-5-46 Dallas, Texas

Age 17 Phone No. FE 7 1861
POB: Grand Prairie, Texas
Depositor and says:

My husband, Arnold Rowland and I came to downtown Dallas today at approximately 12:10PM to see the President in the motorcade. We are both students at Adamson High School, but my husband has been ill and neither of us went to school today in order to see the President. We had taken a position at the side entrance of the Sheriff's Office on Houston Street and were standing there talking. We talked about security measures for the President and had talked about the recent affair with Mr. Stevenson. Arnold told me to look up at the building which was the Texas Book Depository at two adjoining open windows, that there was a man up there holding a rifle and he must be a secret service man. I looked up and Arnold told me he had moved back, but I didn't see anything because I am very nearsighted and I didn't have my glasses on. We didn't think anything more of this and in about 15 minutes the President passed where we were standing and turned left onto Elm Street and started down towards the overpass when I heard a report and thought it was a backfire then in a few seconds another report sounded and in another few seconds the third report. We started running towards Elm Street and that is all I know.

Mrs. Barbara Rowland

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A.D. 19 63

Lawrence Allen
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63

personally appeared Arnold Rowland ^{Louis}, Address 3026 Hammerly St.,
DOB 4-29-45 POB: Corpus Christi, Texas Dallas, Texas
Age 18, Phone No. FE 7 1861

Deposes and says:-

I am a student at Edamson High School in Dallas, Texas. I am employed on weekends at the Pizza Inn located on West Davis Avenue in Dallas. At approximately 12:10PM today, my wife Barbara and I arrived in downtown Dallas and took position to see the President's motorcade. We took position at the west entrance of the Sheriff's Office on Houston Street. We stood there for a time talking about various things and were talking about the security measures that were being made for the president's visit in view of the recent trouble when Mr. Adalal Stevenson had been a recent visitor to Dallas. It must have been 5 or 10 minutes later when we were just looking at the surrounding buildings when I looked up at the Texas Book ~~Supply~~ building and noticed that the second floor from the top had two adjoining windows which were wide open, and upon looking I saw what I thought was a man standing back about 15 feet from the windows and was holding in his arms what appeared to be a hi powered rifle because it looked as though it had a scope on it. He appeared to be holding this at a parade rest sort of position. I mentioned this to my wife and merely made the remark that it must be the secret service men. This man appeared to be a white man and appeared to have a light colored shirt on, open at the neck. He appeared to be of slender build and appeared to have dark hair. In about 15 minutes President Kennedy passed the ~~spot~~ spot where we were standing and the motorcade had just turned west on Elm heading down the hill when I heard a noise which I thought to be a back fire. In fact some of the people around laughed and then in about 8 seconds I heard another report and in about 3 seconds a third report. My wife, who had hold, of my hand, started running and dragging me across the street and I never did look up again at this window.

This statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Arnold S. Rowland

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63

Rosemary Allen
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 63
personally appeared Jean Hill, Address 9402 Bluffcreek
Dallas 27, Texas
Age 32, Phone No. EV1-7419
Deposes and says:

Mary and I were wanting to take some pictures of the President so we purposely tried to find a place that was open where no people was around and we had been standing half way down toward the underpass on Elm Street on the south side. We were the only people in that area and we were standing right at the curb. The President's car came around the corner and it was over on our side of the street. Just as Mary Moorman started to take a picture we were looking at the president and Jackie in the back seat and they looking at a little dog between them. Just as the president looked up toward us two shots rang out and I saw the President grab his chest and fall forward across Jackie's lap and she fell across his back and said "My God he has been shot". There was an instant pause between the first two shots and the motorcade seemingly halted for an instant and three or four more shots rang out and the motorcade sped away. I thought I saw some men in plain clothes shooting back but everything was such a blur and Mary was pulling on my leg saying "Get down they are shooting". I looked across the street and up the hill and saw a man running toward the monument and I started running over there. By the time I got up to the rail road tracks some policeman that I suppose were in the motorcade or near by had also arrived and was turning us back and as I came back down the hill Mr. Featherstone of the Times Herald had gotten to Mary and ask her for her picture she had taken of the President, and he brought us to the press room down at the Sheriff's office and ask to stay.

Jean Hill

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 1963

Alfred Blain
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 65
personally appeared Robert E. (Bob) Edwards, Address 821 South Nursery
Irving, Texas
Age 22, Phone No. None (Employed by the Dallas County Auditor's
Deposes and says: Office.)

Today, November 22nd, 1965, I was with Ronald Fischer, and we were on the corner at Elm and Houston, and I happened to look up there at the building, the Texas School Book Depository Building, and I saw a man at the window on the fifth floor, the window was wide open all the way; there was a stack of boxes around him, I could see. Bob remarked that he must be hiding from somebody. I noticed that he had on a sport shirt, it was light colored, it was yellow or white, something to that effect, and his hair was rather short; I thought he might be something around twenty-six, as near as I could tell.

The motorcade rounded the corner about this time, and then I thought I heard four shots, but it never occurred to us what it was. The shots seemed to come from that building there.

Robert E. Edwards

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 65
James J. Mulesky
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63
personally appeared John Arthur Chism, Address 4502 Underwood Drive
Lisbon, Oak Cliff.
Age 23, Phone No. _____
Deposes and says:-

I am married and have three children. I was standing with my wife and three year old boy, we were directly in front of the Stemmons Freeway sign, as the motorcade rounded the corner from Houston onto Elm.

When I saw the motorcade round the corner, the President was standing and waving to the crowd. And just as he got just about in front of me, he turned and waved at the crowd on this side of the street, the right side; at this point I heard what sounded like one shot, and I saw him, "The President," sit back in his seat and lean his head to his left side. At this point, I saw Mrs. Kennedy stand up and pull his head over in her lap, and then lay down over him as if to shield him.

And the two men in the front seat, I don't know who they were, looked back, and just about the time they looked back, the second shot was fired.

At this point, I looked behind me, to see whether it was a fireworks display or something. And then I saw a lot of people running for cover, behind the embankment there back up on the grass.

And at this point, I turned back around and saw the motorcade beginning to speed up, and everybody was laying down but the driver, of course. I didn't notice where it went.

My wife and I began seeking cover, and we went to our car, and then we told the policeman about what we knew.

John Arthur Chism

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63

James J. Muleady
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63

personally appeared Marvin Faye Chism, Address 4502 Underwood
Lisbon, Oak Cliff

Age 19, Phone No. _____

Deposes and says:-

I was with my husband and three year old child, we were standing at the corner where the sign says "Stemmons Freeway" to the right.

As the President was coming through, I heard this first shot, and the President fell to his left. The President's wife immediately stood over him, and she pulled him up, and lay him down in the seat, and she stood up over him in the car. The President was standing and waving and smiling at the people when the shot happened.

And then there was a second shot that I heard, after the President's wife had pulled him down in the seat. It came from what I thought was behind us and I looked but I couldn't see anything.

The two men in the front of the car stood up, and then when the second shot was fired, they all fell down and the car took off just like that. After the motorcade went by, after that, I jumped up and headed for my car, we were parked up on the freeway. A police patrolman came up where we were, and we told him what we saw.

Marvin Faye Chism

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63

James Muleady
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63
personally appeared Mary Ann Moorman, Address 2832 Ripplewood, Dallas
Age 31, Phone No. DA 1-9390

Deposes and says: Mrs. Jean Hill and I were standing on the grass by the park on Elm Street between the underpass and the corner of Elm & Houston. I had a Polaroid Camera with me and was intending to take pictures of President Kennedy and the motorcade. As the motorcade started toward me I took two pictures. As President Kennedy was opposite me, I took a picture of him. As I snapped the picture of President Kennedy, I heard a shot ring out. President Kennedy kind of slumped over. Then I heard another shot ring out and Mrs. Kennedy jumped up in the car and said, "My God, he has been shot." When I heard these shots ring out, I fell to the ground to keep from being hit myself. I heard three or four shots in all. After the pictures I took were developed, the picture of President Kennedy showed him slumped over. When the pictures were developed, they came out real light. These pictures have been turned over to Officers investigating this incident.

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Mary Ann Moorman

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63

Allen Davis

Allen Davis
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 1963

personally appeared Austin Lawrence Miller W/M 26 Address 1006 Powell Circle, Mesquite

Age _____, Phone No. AT 5-2998

Deposes and says: My Business Address is Texas and Louisiana Freight Bureau, 215 Union Terminal Bldg. and the phone number is RI 1-1396. I and Roy Shelton who works with me was standing on the Tripple Underpass bridge with a large group of people watching for the Presidential Motorcade. I saw a Convertable automobile turn West on Elm off Houston Street. It had preceeded about halfway from Houston Street to the underpass when I heard what abounded like a shot a short second two more sharp reports. A man in the back seat slumped over and a woman in bright colored dress (Orange or Yellow) grabbed the man and yelled. One shot apparently hit the street past the car. I saw something which I thought was smoke or steam coming from a group of trees north of Elm off the Railroad tracks. I did not see anyone on the tracks or in the trees. A large group of people concreated and a motorcycle officer dropped his motor and took off on foot to the car. XXXXXXXXXXXX

Austin L. Miller

*A.L. Sawyer
D.P.S.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 1963

Chas. Lewis Durbin

Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22 day of November A. D. 19 63
personally appeared S. M. Holland, Address 1119 Lucille, Irving,
Age 57, Phone No. EL3-2185 Texas

Deposes and says- I am signal supervisor for the Union Terminal and I was inspecting signal and switches and stopped to watch the parade. I was standing on top of the triple underpass and the President's Car was coming down Elm Street and when they got just about to the Arcade I heard what I thought for the moment was a fire cracker and he slumped over and I looked over toward the arcade and trees and saw a puff of smoke come from the trees and I heard three more shots after the first shot but that was the only puff of smoke I saw. I immediately ran around to where I could see behind the arcade and did not see anyone running from there. But the puff of smoke I saw definitely came from behind the arcade through the trees. After the first shot the President slumped over and Mrs. Kennedy jumped up and tried to get over in the back seat to him and then the second shot rang out. After the first shot the secret service man raised up in the seat with a machine gun and then dropped back down in the seat. And they immediately sped off. Everything is spinning in my head and if I remember anything else later I will come back and tell Bill.

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S. M. Holland

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63
Clifford Lewis
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 1963
personally appeared Gayle Newman, Address 718 W. Clarendon, Dallas
Age 22, Phone No. WH 8-6082

Deposes and says- My husband, Billy, myself and our children were standing about halfway between the corner of Elm and Houston and the underpass. We were the last people in line going toward the underpass. When President Kennedy's car was about ten feet from us, I heard a noise that sounded like a firecracker going off. President Kennedy kind of jumped like he was startled and covered his head with his hands and then raised up. After I heard the first shot, another shot sounded and Governor Connally kind of grabbed his chest and lay back on the seat of the car. When I first saw and heard all of this, I thought it was all of a joke. Just about the time President Kennedy was right in front of us, I heard another shot ring out and the President put his hands up to his head. I saw blood all over the side of his head. About this time Mrs. Kennedy grabbed the President and he kind of lay over to the side kind of in her arms. Then my husband, Billy, said it is a shot. We grabbed our two children and my husband lay on one child and I lay on the other one on the grass. We started to get up and then all of a sudden we lay back down. I don't know what it was but another shot may have been fired that caused us to lay back down. Everyone started running back toward the brick structure. We got up and went back there. Everyone was saying, "What happened? What happened.?" Some man from Channel 8 here in Dallas took us over to the studio where we gave statements of what we had seen. This is all I saw of know of the incident.

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Gayle Newman

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 1963

Aileen Davis
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63
personally appeared Ronald B. Fischer, Address 4007 Flamingo Drive,
Mesquite, Texas
Age 24, Phone No. FR 9-0950 (Employed by the Dallas County Auditor's
Deposits and says- Office.)

Today, November 22nd, 1963, I was with Robert E. (Bob) Edwards, we were standing on the corner of Elm and Houston, on the southwest corner; about thirty seconds before the motorcade came by, Bob turned to me and said that there was a man on the fifth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building, at the window there, and I looked up and saw the man. I looked up at the window and I noticed that he seemed to be laying down there or in a funny position anyway, because all I could see was his head. I noticed that he was light-headed and that he had on an open-neck shirt, and that was before the motorcade rounded the corner. I noticed his complexion seemed to be clear, and that he was in his twenty's, appeared to be in his twenty's.

I turned away and by that time the motorcade rounded the corner. And then I heard what I thought was three shots, and the motorcade was about where that Stemmons Freeway sign is there.

I do remember one peculiar thing happened just at the time I saw the man up there. There was a girl walked in the Texas School Book Depository Building, a rather tall girl, and looked to me like she might be an employee in that building. She was walking in while everyone else had been coming out.

Ronald B. Fischer

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63

James J. Mulcahy
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT. Not Under Arrest. Form No. 88

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 1963
personally appeared William Eugene Newman, Address 718 W. Clarendon, Dallas,
Texas
Age 22, Phone No. WH 8-6082

Deposes and says: Today at about 12:45 pm I was standing in a group of people on Elm Street near the west end of the concrete standard when the President's car turned left off Houston Street onto Elm Street. We were standing at the edge of the curb looking at the car as it was coming toward us and all of a sudden there was a noise, apparently gunshot. The President jumped up in his seat, and it looked like what I thought was a firecracker had went off and I thought he had realized it. It was just like an explosion and he was standing up. By this time he was directly in front of us and I was looking directly at him when he was hit in the side of the head. Then he fell back and Governor Connally was holding his middle section. Then we fell down on the grass as it seeped that we were in direct path of fire. It looked like Mrs. Kennedy jumped on top of the President. He kinda fell back and it looked like she was holding him. Then the car sped away and everybody in that area had run upon top of that little mound. I thought the shoe had come from the garden directly behind me, that was on an elevation from where I was as I was right on the curb. I do not recall looking toward the Texas School Book Depository. I looked back in the vicinity of the garden.

William E. Newman Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63
G. C. Gentry
G. C. GENTRY
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 1963
personally appeared Larry Florer, Address 3609 Patomic
Dallas, Texas
Age 23, Phone No. EMERALD LA 1-7150

Deposits and says- This afternoon about 10 minutes after the parade passed Poydras and Main Streets I went to a little Bar-B-Que place on Pacific. I do not know the name of this place and I went in and had a grilled cheese sandwich with a friend of mine, Richard Bartholow, who works at the National Bank of Commerce. They had a radio going on in the cafe, two gentlemen that were seated at the table next to us had the radio on. And something came on the radio about the President being shot at, so I walked out with this other boy and he went on the bank and I walked down to the railroad tracks at Pacific and Houston Street. I was walking parallel to some of the tracks and there were quite a few other people walking in the same direction I was going. I stopped on east side of Houston street across the street from the Texas School Book Depository. I stood there for a few minutes and then a lady that was standing next to me, I asked her where there was a telephone, and she said that the only pay phone that she knew of was in the County Records building. She said that there were a lot of phones on the third floor of this building that I was standing in front of. She said that she worked on the third floor and there was probably a phone up there that I could use. So I rode up the elevator with this lady and got off on the third floor with this lady and we walked to the information desk and this lady went on back to her department, to her spot. So then I, there was a lady at the information desk and I asked her if I could borrow her telephone and she said that all the lines were busy, or something to that effect. So I stood there for a minute and a fellow walked up to me. He asked me what I wanted and he told me that I couldn't use the phone. So I walked back down the elevator and rode it back down to the lobby. As soon as I got to the lobby I walked back outside and the fellow that I had talked to about using the phone was pointing out the window, pointing toward me and said that I was the man that was on the third floor. At this time two officers walked up and said for me to come with them. These officers brought me to the County Sheriff's Office. At no time did I see anyone leaving the building, the Texas School Book Depository, while I was across the street from it.

Larry Florer

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63
C. C. Gentry
C. C. GENTRY
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT. Not Under Arrest. Form No. 86

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22 day of November A. D. 19 63

personally appeared Royce Glenn Ark Skelton, Address 2509 Reagan
La 1 2745 Bus. address 215 Union Terminal Ri 1 1396
Age 23, Phone No. 434

Deposes and says-

I was standing on top of the train trestle where it crosses Elm Street with Austin Miller. We saw the motorcade come around the corner and I heard something which I thought was fireworks. I saw something hit the pavement at the left rear of the car, then the car got in the right hand lane and I heard two more shots. I heard a woman sa "Oh no" or something and grab a man inside the car. I then heard another shot and saw the bullet hit the pavement. The concrete was knocked to the South away from the car. ~~fixx~~ It hit the pavement in the left or middle lane. I then went down to my car radio to see if I could find out what happened. After I came back up, a policeman asked me if I had seen anything and brought me to the Sheriff's Office.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22 day of November A. D. 19 63

Carroll P. ...
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 63

personally appeared Mr. J.C. Price, Address 2602 Astor, Dallas

Age 62, Phone No. WH 1 1940 Bus. Terminal Annex, Gen. Service RI 8 5611

Ext 3105

Deposes and says:-

This day at about 1235 PM I was on the roof of the Terminal Annex Bldg on the NE Corner when the presidential Motorcade came down Main to Houston, North on Houston and then West on Elm. The cars had proceeded West on Elm and was just a short distance from the Triple underpass, when I saw Gove Connolly slump over. I did not see the president as his car had gotten out of my view under the underpass. There was a volley of shots, I think five and then much later, maybe as much as five minutes later another one. I saw one man run towards the passenger cars on the railroad siding after the volley of shots. This man had a white dress shirt, no tie and khaki colored trousers. His hair appeared to be long and dark and his agility running could be about 25 yrs of age. He had something in his hand. I couldn't be sure but it may have been a head piece. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

J.C. Price

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22 day of Nov A.D. 63
Clare Price Turner
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63
personally appeared Charles Hester, Address 2616 Keyhole, Irving
Age 28, Phone No. None

Deposes and says: My wife, Beatrice and I were sitting on the grass on the slope on Elm Street where the park is located. When President Kennedy's car got almost down to the underpass, I heard two shots ring out. They sounded like they came from immediately behind us and over our heads. We did see the shooting. I immediately turned and looked at the Texas Book Depository building and did not see anyone. The shots sounded like they definitely came from in or around the building. I grabbed my wife because I didn't know where the next shot was coming from and dragged her up next to the concrete im[?] and threw her down on the ground and got on the ground with her. Then there was utter confusion. The Police rushed toward the railroad tracks and I finally found an officer to go to the Texas Book Depository Building. The officer I contacted was Officer Wiseman of the Dallas Sheriff's Department.

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Charles Hester

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63

Aileen Davis
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 1963

personally appeared Howard Leslie Brennan, Address 6814 Woodland
Dallas, Texas

Age 44, Phone No. EV 1-2713

Deposits and says- I am presently employed by the Wallace and Beard Construction Company as a Steam fitter and have been so employed for about the past 7 weeks. I am working ~~on a project~~ in the Katy Railroad yards at the West end of Pacific Street near the railroad tracks. We had knocked off for lunch and I had dinner at the cafeteria at Record and Main Street and had come back to see the President of the United States. I was sitting on a ledge or wall near the intersection of Houston Street and Elm Street near the red light pole. I was facing in a northerly direction looking not only at Elm street but I could see the large red brick building across the street from where I was sitting. I take this building across the street to be about 7 stories anyway in the east end of the building and the second row of windows from the top I saw a man in this window. I had seen him before the President's car arrived. He was just sitting up there looking down apparently waiting for the same thing I was to see the President. I did not notice anything unusual about this man. He was a white man in his early 30's, slender, nice looking, slender and would weigh about 165 to 175 pounds. He had on light colored clothing but definitely not a suit. I proceeded to watch the President's car as it turned left at the corner where I was and about 50 yards from the intersection of Elm and Houston and to a point I would say the President's back was in line with the last window I have previously described I heard what I thought was a back fire. It run in my mind that it might be someone throwing firecrackers out the window of the red brick building and I looked up at the building. I then saw this man I have described in the window and he was taking aim with a high powered rifle. I could see all of the barrel of the gun. I do not know if it had a scope on it or not. I was looking at the man in this window at the time of the last explosion. Then this man let the gun down to his side and stepped down out of sight. He did not seem to be in any hurry. I could see this man from about his belt up. There was nothing unusual about him at all in appearance. I believe that I could identify this man if I ever saw him again.

Howard Leslie Brennan

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63

Ch. J. Jones
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 1963
personally appeared Ernest Joseph Hudson, Address 107 South Bishop
Dallas, Texas
Age 56, Phone No. WH 2-2008

Deposes and says: I am presently employed by the City of Dallas, Texas in the Park Department. I have been so employed for the past 6 years. My position is to take care of the property located on the West side of Houston Street between Houston Street and the Tripple Underpass. I also take care of the fountain in front of the Union Terminal. This day I was sitting on the front steps of the slopping area and about half way down the steps. There was another man sitting there with me. He was sitting on my left and we were both facing the street with our backs to the railroad yards and the brick building. At the same time the President's car was directly in front of us, I heard a shot and I saw the President fall over in the seat. I do not know who this other man was that was sitting beside me. In our conversation he talked about having a hard time finding a place to park. He also talked about working somewhere over on Industrial Blvd. This man said lay down and we did. I definately heard 3 shots. The shots that I heard definately came from behind and above me. When I laid down on the ground, I laid on my right side and my view was still toward the street where the President's car had passed. I did look around but I did not see anything unusual, either anyone running and I did not see any firearms at all. This shot sounded to me like a high powered rifle.

Ernest J. Hudson

*Witness: F. V. [unclear]
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 1963

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Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63

personally appeared Amos Lee Ruins, Address 411 Avenue F
Dallas, Texas

Age 15, Phone No. WH 3-9701

Deposes and says- I am presently going to school at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School and am in the 9th grade. I got out of school this morning to see the President of the United States when he came to Dallas. I was standing on the corner of Elm and Houston street. From where I was standing I could look across the street and see a large red brick building. I saw the President turn the corner in front of me and I waived at him and he waived back. I watched the car on down the street and about the time the car got near the black and white sign I heard a shot. I started looking around and then I looked up in the red brick building. I saw a man in a window with a gun and I saw him shoot twice. He then stepped back behind some boxes. I could tell the gun was a rifle and it sounded like an automatic rifle the way he was shooting. I just saw a little bit of the barrel, and some of the trigger housing. This was a white man, he did not have on a hat. I just saw this man for a few seconds. As far as I know, I had never seen this man before.

Amos Lee Ruins

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of November A. D. 19 63

Chy J. J. J.
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22 day of November A.D. 1963

personally appeared Jim Braden, Address 621 S. Barington Dr.
Apt. 6 Los Angeles, Calif.
Age 49, Phone No. 4725301 Home Office 215 S. La Cienega Blvd.
Beverly Hills, California
Deposes and says:

I am here on business (oil business) and was walking down Elm Street trying to get a cab and there wasn't any. I heard people talking saying "My God the President has been shot." Police cars were passing me coming down toward the triple underpass and I walked up among many other people and this building was surrounded by police officers with guns and we were all watching them. I moved on up to the building across the street from the building that was surrounded and I ask one of the girls if there was a telephone that I could use and she said "Yes, there is one on the third floor of the building where I work". I walked through a passage to the elevator they were all getting on (freight elevator) and I got off on the third floor with all the other people and there was a lady using the pay telephone and I ask her if I could use it when she hung up and she said it was out of order and I tried to use it but with no success. I ask her how I can get out of this building and she said that there is an exit right there and then she said wait a minute here is the elevator now. I got on the elevator and returned to the ground floor and the colored man who ran the elevator said you are a stranger in this building and I was not suppose to let you up and he ran outside to an officer and said to the officer that he had just taken me up and down in the elevator and the officer said for me to identify myself and I presented him with a credit card and he said well we have to check out everything and took me to his superior and said for me to wait and we will check it out. I was then taken to the Sheriff's office and interrogated.

Jim Braden

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of Nov A.D. 1963

William Cox
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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11-22-63

COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT MURDER

Report Serial No. LA-20-63

Classification of Crime

400 Block of Elm Street
Dallas, Texas

Name of injured party John B. Connally

Where Committed

Res. Address Austin, Texas

Reported by

Phone

Address

Date Committed November 22, 1963

Time Reported November 22, 1963

Time Committed

Reported to

Person Attacked

Investigating Officers

John B. Connally W/M

Persons Arrested Arrest No.

Property Attacked

Lee Harvey Oswald W/M 24 Arrest No.

How Attacked G.25 Italian rifle

Arrest No. Date 11-24-63

Means of Attack

By

Object of Attack

Suspect

Trademark

Hair Color Eye Color

Vehicle Used

Height Weight Age

Nationality Build

Occupation Marks

Dress

The complainant, THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, was riding in a motorcade with JOHN KENNEDY, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES and their wives. 3 shots rang out coming from the Texas School Book Depository building, located at the corner of Elm and Houston Streets.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY STOLEN	ESTIMATED VALUE	RECOVERED	
			Quantity	Date

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the above recovered articles delivered to me by
Date _____ (Signed) _____

TO INVESTIGATION OFFICER: Complete this report by writing in missing data; if available. Write on reverse side details of your investigation and names and addresses of witnesses.

—Case Filed— Inactive (not cleared) Date NOVEMBER 22, 1963
Yes No This offense is Unfounded
Cleared by arrest Arresting Officer. *A*

**COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant

Serial No.

REF: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Offense

FROM: HARRY WEATHERFORD, Deputy Sheriff

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date, November 23 1963

On Friday, November 22, 1963, at about 12:30 PM, I was standing in front of the Sheriff's Office watching the Presidential Motorcade. The President's car had passed my location a couple of minutes when I heard a loud report which I thought was a railroad torpedo, as it sounded as if it came from the railroad yard. Thinking, this was a heck of a time for one to go off, then I heard a 2nd report which had more of an echo report and thought to myself, that this was a rifle and I started towards the corner when I heard the 3rd report. By this time I was running towards the railroad yards where the sound seemed to come from. I got with Deputy Allan Sweatt and was searching the tracks and cars, etc, then someone said the shots came from above. I then went to the Elm Street loading gates of the Texas School Book Depository where I met Deputies Ralph Walters, Luke Mooney, Eugene Boone and Sam Webster. We all went into the building and proceeded to the first floor by way of the stairs. I jumped out the first window onto the roof of the adjoining covered loading dock. I then searched the roof for any expended shell cases, as at this time we were trying to find just where the shots came from and if they were fired from the west side of the building they possibly could have fallen onto this roof. Finding no shells, I then climbed into the window and started searching the first floor, with an unknown DPD detective. Then learning other officers were searching this first floor, I went to the top floor to start down with each floor. Looking over the 7th floor to no avail, I came down to the 6th floor and while searching this floor, Deputy Luke Mooney said, "here are some shells". I went over to where he was and saw 3 expended rifle shells, a sack on the floor and a partially eaten piece of chicken on top of one of the cartons which was used as sort of a barricade, advising Mooney to preserve the scene for the Crime Lab. I then proceeded to look for the rifle as it was possible it was still on this floor. After several minutes passed, I was about 10 feet from Deputy Boone when he found the rifle with a light he was using. This also was preserved for the Crime Lab.

I recommend this case be declared Unfounded
 Inactive (not cleared)
 Cleared by Arrest

Case declared Inactive (not cleared)
 Unfounded

Signed _____
Investigating OfficerSigned _____
Commanding Officer

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COUNTY OF DALLAS
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Officer

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I then left the building and went to the Sheriff's Office to contact Sheriff Decker and report our findings. While we were standing in the hall talking, Sheriff Decker gave us a piece of paper with an address of 2515 W. 5th Street, Irving. He said to get Deputies F. R. Buddy Walthers and U.L. Oxford and go see what we could find at this location as this man that shot the officer in Oak Cliff by the name of Oswald supposedly live at this location and further that we were to meet some of Capt. Fritz's officers at this address. Upon arrival at the address, we saw a DPD plain clothes car about 1/2 block from the address. In this car was Detectives Rose and Adameik and another officer whom I did not know. We went to the door and knocked and a Mrs. Payne came to the door. I showed her my ID and told her we were from the Sheriff's Office and she invited us in. She also asked if it pertained to the shooting and we told her yes. She introduced us to Mrs Marina Oswald and advised us that she could talk only a very few words in English, that she was Russian, and that she would interpret anything we wanted to know. We told Mrs. Payne we wanted to search her home and she told us to go ahead, that she understood.

I stayed with Mrs. Oswald and Mrs. Payne while the rest of the men searched the house. They found some literature on Cuban Freedom affairs and some small files and a blanket which looked to have been wrapped around a rifle.

While standing near the phone bar, I saw a black telephone address book which I picked up and thumbed through, finding in the "O's" the name of Lee Oswald, Texas School Book Depository and the telephone number. Then another phone number, which I believe was written in pencil. I asked what this number was, pointing to this pencil number, and Mrs. Payne said that is the phone where Lee was living. I gave this number to Deputy Buddy Walthers and told him to call the Sheriff and advise him of our findings. That this was all fitting in together with the Assassination of President Kennedy.

We then loaded all of our findings into our car and brought them and

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Signed _____ Investigating Officer

Signed _____ Commanding Officer

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Mr. Michael Payne, taking him and findings to the Dallas Police Station to the Homicide Division. Mr. Payne walked up to the house in Irving about 15 minutes after we first arrived. He told us that he was separated from his wife and was working for Bell Helicopter in Hurst. When he heard on the radio about the shooting, etc, he said he thought he had better come there.

After delivering the evidence and subject to Capt. Fritz, we then returned to the Sheriff's Office.

HARRY WEATHERFORD

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Cleared by Arrest

Case declared

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Signed _____

Investigating Officer

Signed _____

Commanding Officer

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Offense

ASSASSINATION

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date Nov 23 63

Mr. Decker:

I was standing on Main Street in front of the Criminal Courts Building the morning of November 22, 1963, and observed the Presidential procession pass by. Just after it had turned the corner and a very short time later I heard what was shots, 3 in number. I ran around the corner and directly across the street across the Dealy Plaza to the Elm street side of the triple underpass. As we were running across the street, we could see the presidential car pulling away under the underpass and we continued on to the immediate area. Some stopped to talk to people standing there as there were a number of women who were hysterical. We could not get any information except that the President had been shot. Several of the other officers in the group ran on into the freight yards. After we failed to get any coherent information from people there, we began searching the area and possible 5 or 6 minutes after the time we reached the area, we went from there to the Texas School Book Depository and 7 of us went inside. We were the first ones into the building from the front door and several of us searched the first floor and moved on up into the building. I took the back stairs and went first to the 5th floor. I did not see anything on this floor and continued on up to the 6th floor and by that time officers Mooney and Grandstaff were on the 6th floor. They told me that Officers Webster and Victory had gone to the 7th floor and I went on up there. As I started up there, Webster came to the head of the stairs and said they needed lights. I left the building and came to the Sheriff's Office to get the needed lights. On the way to the office, I picked up Deputy L. C. Smith and then met Deputy Eugene Boone whom I had previously sent to the jail with a young boy to get film out of a camera. We then together went to the jail and got some lights and returned to the Texas School Book Depository building. We took 4 lights to the 7th floor and we stopped on the 6th floor where Officers Mooney and Grandstaff were searching the floor. The other boys took the remaining lights to the 7th floor. They had, by this time, ascertained that there was no one on this floor, so we started a thorough search of the 6th floor

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Investigating Officer

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Commanding Officer

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and almost immediately, Deputy Luke Mooney called out that he had found some shells in the southeast corner of the floor. I was approximately 8 feet from Mooney when he discovered the shells. I crawled up on a stack of pasteboard boxes full of books and looked at the sport. Mooney then leaned out the window and called down to Sheriff Decker who was standing on the sidewalk in front of the building, requesting the Sheriff to come upstairs, that he had found the shells. At this time there were numerous City officers gathering on the streets. About 3 minutes after Deputy Mooney had called out, Chief Lumpkin and several officers from the police department came to the 6th floor and told us not to touch anything. Approximately 5 minutes later, Capt. Will Fritz and several of his officers came onto this floor. There were about 8 to 10 officers on this floor by this time and we had already started a systematic search of the floor, looking for the weapon. About 2 minutes after Capt. Fritz had arrived on the floor, Deputy Eugene Boone called out that he had found the rifle shoved down between 2 rows of pasteboard boxes of books. Capt. Fritz took over the search at this time and one of the other Deputies who had been in the building came and told us that Sheriff Decker had given orders to let the City take over the investigation and for the Deputies to return to the Sheriff's Office, which we did. We then brought the lights back and put them up and by this time the Sheriff's Office was so full of people and witnesses that no one could move around. I stayed at my desk awaiting further instructions. At approximately 7:00 PM Sheriff Decker told us that we should go home and that we were to stay on call and if we were needed, he would contact us.

Ralph Walters

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 Unfounded

Signed _____
Investigating Officer

Signed _____
Commanding Officer

[Handwritten signature]

**COUNTY OF DALLAS
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Presidential Assassination

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date November 22 1963

Mr. Decker:

Att approx. 1pm date I was in front of the Sheriffs Office at 505 Main St Dallas Texas when I heard three shots coming from the vicinity of where the Presidents car was, I raced across the street (Main & Houston). The Presidential car and other cars were turning onto Stemmons Fwy. Some of the bystanders said the shots came from the overpass. I ran across the street (Elm) and up the imbankment over the retaining wall and into the freight yard and was unable to locate anything. I located one (1) witness H. W. Betzner w/m 5922 Velasco Dr. phone TA-1-9761. He had taken some photos just prior to the shots(35mm film) Betzner was taken by me to the Sheriffs office for a statement. I took the camera and film to ID and had the film developed. Betzner had three (3) pictures just seconds prior to the rifle shots. The camera and negatives were returned to Betzner. The three (3) pictures were retained by me. Officer Homer Reynolds DPD obtained a statement from Betzner. The glossy prints of the pictures were turned over to Officer Reynolds to be placed with Betznerns statement.

After I had left the film in ID, I got a battery powered light and went over to the Texas School Book Depository to help with the search of building. I proceeded to the sixth (6th) floor of the building to search for the rifle. I started on the east end of the building and worked my way to the west end of the building. In the northwest corner of the building approx. three (3) feet from the east wall of the stairwell behind a row of cases of books I was the rifle, that appeared to be a 7.65mm Mauser

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Signed _____ Commanding Officer

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with a telescopic site. The rifle had want appeared to be a brownish,
black stock and blue steel, metal parts. Capt. Fritz DFB was called to this
location and along with an ID man DFB took charge of the rifle. Officer
Whitman of Robie Loves office was with me when I found the rifle its
was 1:22pm by my watch. I then returned to the station.

E. J. Boone
E. J. Boone #240 DSO

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Serial No.

Information

Office

From Mr. Lee Bowers (Union Terminal Co. DA-1-1909/ RI 8 4698)

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROCESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date 11-22-63

I talked to the above subject who was on duty for the Union Terminal Co., in a tower which is located about 200 yards west of the Texas Book Depository Building. He said that he heard what sounded like three shots from a rifle. He said that about ten minutes before that he saw a car driving around behind the building. It was a 1961 chev. impala, white, occupied by one white male. He said it had a Goldwater sticker on the back window. He said about five ~~xxxii~~ minutes later he saw another car in the same area. It was also occupied by one white male. It was a 1957 ford, ~~xxx~~ black, gold stripe down the side. It had an out of state license, white with black ~~ix~~ numerals, 6 digits. The occupant had what looked to be a telephone in his hand. He said that he didn't know if either of these cars stopped or parked in the area.

Elkins

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Offense

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date 11-22-63

I was standing on the corner of Main and Houston, when the presidential motorcade came by. A few seconds later I heard three shots and the crowd began to move en masse toward Elm Street. When I reached Elm Street there was much confusion. I asked a woman if they had hit the President, and she told me that he was dead, that he had been shot thru the head. I asked her where the shots came from, and she pointed toward the concrete arcade on the east side of Elm St., just west of Houston St. There were many officers going toward the railroad yard by this time and I joined them in search of the assassin. A small negro boy came up to a Dallas Uniform officer and told him that he saw a man shoot out of the window of the school Book Depository. I immediately went to the depository where I was met by A. D. McCurley, Bill Wiseman of the SO and Joe Lorraine of the Texas School Book Depository went to the top of the building and started checking the floors going down from the top in search of the assassin. When we got down to the third floor we talked to office workers who told us that they were looking out of the third floor window when the shots were fired from the street near the concrete arcade. We then went back upstairs to the fifth floor and by this time many officers were in the building and Officer Luke Mooney found the hulls of rifle cartridges at the corner window of Elm and Houston. We then started looking on the rafters and in between the boxes of books for the rifle. Capt. Will Fritz of DPD arrived on the scene and the shells were given to him. Shortly after this, Officer Boone of the SO found the rifle near the entrance to the stairway. It was apparent that the assassin had run from the window after the shots were fired, had hidden the rifle, then ran down the stairway.

I then went up on the sixth floor where I helped search out the attic for the assassin.

Jack W. Faulkner

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Signed _____ Investigating Officer

Signed _____ Commanding Officer

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Information

Offense

(From: J.G. O'Neil / Res. 709 E. Madison St. W.H. 8538)

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date 11-23-63

I talked to the above subject by phone and he stated that he thinks that the subject who is in custody on the murder of the president rode the same bus with him to Oak Cliff about 10 minutes after the parade was over. He saw the picture on T.V. of Lee Oswald. He rode the Bishop bus which he caught near H.L. Greens. He said the man got on somewhere near Poydras St. and said "The president has been shot and the governor has been killed". He then sat down and didn't say anything else. He said the subject was wearing a dark felt hat and a dark coat. He said the subject got off before the bus got to Bishop St. but he doesn't know exactly where.

I told the complainant that we would call him if we needed him any further.

Hilkins

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Case declared Inactive (not cleared) Unfounded

Signed _____ Investigating Officer

Signed _____ Commanding Officer

**COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

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Serial No.

CHARGE

RE: IKR HARVEY OSWALD W/M- IN CITY JAIL

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROCESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.:
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date NOVEMBER 21, 1963

MR. DECKER,

I HAD RECEIVED SEVERAL LONG DISTANCE CALLS FROM PEOPLE ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES - THE SAME PERSON CALLED THREE TIMES FROM NEW JERSEY. I MIGHT ADD THAT HE SOUNDED TO BE QUITE DRUNK, AND STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN TO TEXAS DURING WORLD WAR TWO AND HE STATED THAT HE THOUGHT A LOT OF THE PEOPLE HERE AND HE WANTED TO LET US KNOW THAT HE FELT VERY SORRY FOR ALL OF US. ONE LADY CALLED FROM CALIFORNIA AND SHE LET ME KNOW WHAT SHE THOUGHT OF THE WHOLE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED HERE. ONE MAN CALLED FROM PENNSYLVANIA AND STATED THAT HE HAD HEARD WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE WE WERE AND THAT HE WAS A LEADER OF 14,000 NEGROES AND THAT THEY WERE ALL COMING TO TEXAS AND GET THIS BUNCH OF BARBARIANS STRAIGHTENED OUT. HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WERE VERY NICE AND JUST WANTED US TO KNOW THAT THEY FELT SORRY FOR US AND WANTED TO KNOW IF THE OFFICERS WERE SURE THAT THEY HAD THE RIGHT MAN.

WHEN YOU CALLED THE OFFICE AT 2:00 AM., I HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY THREATS ON THE LIFE OF OSWALD BUT AT THAT TIME YOU MENTIONED THE FACT THAT YOU THOUGHT THAT OSWALD SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CITY JAIL WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK AND YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT WHAT TIME THAT IT WAS DAY LIGHT, AND I TOLD YOU THAT IT WAS DAY LIGHT AT APPROX. 6:30 AM. OR 6:45 AM. AND YOU ASKED ME TO CALL YOU AT 6:00 AM. AND YOU WOULD SEE ABOUT GETTING OSWALD TRANSFERRED WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK.

AT APPROX. 2:15 AM. I RECEIVED A CALL FROM A PERSON THAT TALKED LIKE A W/M AND HE STATED THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF A GROUP OF ONE HUNDRED AND THAT HE WANTED THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO KNOW THAT THEY HAD VOTED ONE HUNDRED PER CENT TO KILL OSWALD WHILE HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE COUNTY JAIL

I recommend this case be declared

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Unfounded

(CONT'D)

Signed

Investigating Officer

Signed

Commanding Officer

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AND THAT HE WANTED THIS DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THE INFORMATION SO THAT NONE OF THE DEPUTIES WOULD GET HURT. THE VOICE WAS DEEP AND COURSE AND SOUNDED VERY SINCERE AND TALKED WITH EASE. THE PERSON DID NOT SEEM EXCITED LIKE SOME OF THE CALLS THAT WE HAD RECEIVED RUNNING DOWN THIS DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE OF TEXAS AND HE SEEMED VERY CALM ABOUT THE WHOLE MATTER. VIRGIL AND ALSO LISTENED TO PART OF THE CONVERSATION. A SHORT TIME LATER, MR. NEWSOME, FROM THE FBI OFFICE CALLED AND WANTED TO KNOW IF WE HAD RECEIVED ANY CALLS ON THE LIFE OF OSWALD AND I PASSED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND HE ASKED ME TO CALL THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND GIVE THEM THE SAME INFORMATION. I CALLED THE CITY HALL AND TALKED TO SOMEBODY IN CAPTAIN PRITZ'S OFFICE, I DID NOT GET HIS NAME, THE OFFICER MADE SOME SLIGHT REMARK AND SAID THAT THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY SUCH CALLS AS YET.

I RECEIVED ONE OTHER CALL REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF OSWALD AND WHEN I ANSWERED THE TELEPHONE, A MALE VOICE ASKED IF THIS IS THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND I SAID THAT IT WAS, HE SAID JUST A MINUTE AND THEN ANOTHER MALE VOICE STATED THAT OSWALD WOULD NEVER MAKE THE TRIP TO THE COUNTY JAIL. I COULD NOT DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS THE SAME VOICE THAT HAD CALLED EARLIER.

AS YOU KNOW, WHEN I CALLED YOU AT 6:00 AM., YOU WANTED TO KNOW WHO WAS THERE AT THE OFFICE AND I TOLD YOU THAT KENNEDY, VIRGIL, WATKINS AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS AND YOU ASKED ME TO CALL BOCKENSHIL AND HAVE HIM CALL YOU AT HOME AND THEN YOU ASKED ME IF I THOUGHT THAT KENNEDY AND I COULD TRANSFER OSWALD FROM THE CITY JAIL WITHOUT CAUSING MUCH OF A SCENE BY HAND CUFFING OSWALD TO ME AND BY KEEPING OSWALD IN THE FLOOR BOARD OF THE CAR SO THAT HE COULD NOT BE SEEN. I TOLD YOU

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Signed _____ Investigating Officer Signed _____ Commanding Officer

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THAT WE WOULD GIVE IT A TRY AND YOU ADVISED TO HOLD UP UNTIL YOU TALKED TO FRITZ
A SHORT TIME LATER, AN OFFICER CALLED FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, I BELIEVE HE
WAS CAPTAIN TOLBERT, AND HE WANTED TO TALK TO YOU AND I TOLD HIM THAT YOU COULD
BE REACHED AT HOME AND I GAVE HIM YOUR NUMBER, A SHORT TIME LATER YOU CALLED
BACK AND TOLD ME THAT YOU HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH FRITZ BUT TO HOLD UP AND ALSO
TO HOLD THE LATE NIGHT SQUADS AT THE OFFICE FOR A WHILE, A SHORT TIME LATER
CAPTAIN PRAZLER CALLED, FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN
TRYING TO CONTACT CHIEF CURRY BUT COULD NOT GET AN ANSWER ON THE TELEPHONE AND
I BELIEVE THAT HE STATED THAT HE WAS GOING TO SEND A SQUAD BY THE CHIEF'S HOME.
I ASKED CAPTAIN PRAZLER TO CALL YOU AT HOME AND GIVE THAT INFORMATION TO YOU.
ALL OF THE LATE NIGHT SHIFT STAYED AT THE STATION AND WAS HERE WHEN YOU CALLED
BACK AT ABOUT 7:50 AM, AND YOU STATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT GO FOR MAKING THE
TRANSFER AT THIS TIME (FROM THE CITY JAIL TO THE COUNTY JAIL) AND TOLD US TO GO
ON HOME AND GET SOME SLEEP.

McCOY

I recommend this case be declared

Unfounded
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Cleared by Arrest

Case declared Inactive (not cleared)
Unfounded

Signed _____

Investigating Officer

Signed _____

Commanding Officer

COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant

Serial No.

Assassination Of President Kennedy

Offense

(Report of activities of Deputy Sheriff Harold E. Elkins)

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date 11-26-63

On the day of this offense I was standing in front of the sheriff's office at 505 Main St., which is a block south and just around the corner from the building from which the shots were fired. Just a few seconds after the president's car had passed my location I heard a shot ring out, a couple of seconds elapsed and then two more shots ring out. I immediately ran to the area from which it sounded like the shots had been fired. This is an area between the railroads and the Texas School Book Depository which is east of the railroads. There were several other officers in this area and we secured it from the public. After searching this area for about ten minutes and not finding any evidence, I went to a tower that overlooks the railroad yards and also has a vantage point over the area around the school book building. I talked to an employee there and he gave me the descriptions of two automobiles that he had seen in the area just a few minutes earlier. When I went back outside I learned from the other officers that it had been established that the shots were fired from the school book building. I went to the building and found that several officers were inside and others were gathering outside. I then went back to the street and mixed with the crowds trying to get people who were witnesses to the tragedy. After I had brought several people to the office I went to TV Station WFAA and got two witnesses who had been taken there by some reporter. A while later a City of Dallas policeman came to our office with three prisoners who he had arrested on the railroad yards. I took these three to the city jail and turned them over to Capt. Fritz. I then came back to the sheriff's office where I remained the rest of the day talking to witnesses and taking statements.

Squad 33
Elkins

I recommend this case be declared

Unfounded
Inactive (not cleared)
Cleared by Arrest

Case declared

Inactive (not cleared)
Unfounded

Signed

Investigating Officer

Signed

Commanding Officer

COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant

To: MR. DECKER:
November 27, 1963

Serial No.

Offense

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date Nov. 27th 1963

I, and Officer Orville Smith were standing on the curb in front of Criminal Courts Bldg., appx. 40 ft. East of Houston St., when the car bearing Pres. Kennedy passed. Appx. 1 min. after the car turned right onto Houston, we heard 3 shots.

Officer Smith said to me "That sounded like a Deer Rifle."

We saw people running toward the parkway and ran in that direction.

Officers and People were running to the parkway on north side of Elm.

I went to the rail yards and parking area west of the book store and helped search this area.

I talked to a city officer who said "I was stationed in rail yards and had this entire area in view. No body came this way."

I then went to the Book Building and saw that several Sheriffs Dep. were going in along with a large number of city officers.

I did not go into the Bldg.

I took 1 man to S. O. to talk to officer Lummy Lewis.

I did not learn the mans name and do not know what he told officer Lewis.

I did not take any further part in inv.

I recommend this case be declared
Unfounded
Inactive (not cleared)
Cleared by Arrest

Case declared Inactive (not cleared)
Unfounded

Signed W.W. Mahan
Investigating Officer

Signed _____
Commanding Officer

COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Name of Complainant

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Serial No.

1-3-63

Offense

Murder

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.
(Investigating Officer must sign)

Date 11-27-63

Mr. Decker:

On November the 22nd, 1963 I had come on duty at 9am working the information window at the Dallas County Jail.

About 12:15pm the window was closed where I work and I walked outside and onto Houston Street to view the President's motorcade as it passed. A few seconds after the President's car passed me and had turned the corner off Houston onto Elm Street, I heard what I first thought was a backfire. I heard a total of 3 and after the last two (2), I immediately recognized them as being gun fire. I ran across the street and went behind the railroad tracks and I did not talk to anyone over there and I helped them get the crowd back. I then waited for a while at the front entrance of the School Book Depository Building and then returned to the Dallas County Jail. I did not see anything but after I did come to the front of the building, I heard a man holler from the next to the top floor saying that he had found three hulls. I do not know who this man was, but he did have a suit on and I believe it was brown.

I. C. Todd

I recommend this case be declared
Unfounded
Inactive (not cleared)
Cleared by Arrest

Case declared Inactive (not cleared)
Unfounded

Signed

Investigating Officer

Signed

Commanding Officer