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Approximately in front of the building from which I understand the shots came, I gave a signal over the White House Communication Agency portable radio which I had with me, to alert the Agents at the Trade Mart that we were about five minutes from their location. I was riding in an unmarked police car, which is termed the lead car, with Chief Jesse Curry, Dallas Police, Sheriff Bill Decker, Dallas County, and SAIC Sorrels, Dallas office. This car was the car directly in front of the President's car. We were controlling the motorcade from this position depending upon the speed of the President's car. I had been looking at crowd conditions along the route, with respect to the position and speed of the President's car, and the police and follow-up car Agent's efforts to keep the crowd out of our path. I looked up and saw the railroad overpass, which we were about to go under and checked to see if people were standing directly over our path, as we had arranged to have officers on these type bridges. I noticed a few individuals and tried to make motioning efforts to the officer I could see standing on the bridge to have the individuals moved to the side, so that they would not be directly over the car.

It was about the time our car was arriving at this bridge when I heard the first shot. I believe I heard two more sharp reports and looking back saw people scurrying away from the route, as though they were taking cover.

Almost immediately the President's car leaped ahead. We also rapidly accelerated. I heard a report over a radio (either the police

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or our own network) that we should proceed to a hospital.

Chief Curry gave instructions over his radio for officers to converge on the area where the incident occurred. I gave a radio signal that we would not stop at the Trade Mart. I also requested Chief Curry to contact the hospital for doctors, and stretchers. The motorcycles cleared a path to the Parkland Hospital. We arrived at the hospital, put the President and Governor Connolly on stretchers and rushed into the emergency room area, where they were immediately given medical attention.

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