

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad *JWC*

FROM : R. H. Jevons *RHJ*

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

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
 - 1 - Office, 7133
 - 1 - Mr. Griffith
- DATE: (Attn: Mr. Shaneyfelt) February 24, 1969
- 1 - Mr. Frazier

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SA Robert A. Frazier, Firearms and Toolmarks Unit, testified at the trial of Clay L. Shaw in State Court, New Orleans, Louisiana. SA Frazier was subpoenaed by District Attorney Jim Garrison but after a conference between SA Frazier and Assistant District Attorneys Frazier was released from this subpoena. He was immediately subpoenaed by the defense and so testified.

SA Frazier began his testimony at 4:00 p.m., on Friday, February 21, 1969, and continued his testimony from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 1969. The last four hours of the testimony consisted of cross-examination by the State. SA Frazier testified regarding those matters about which he had previously testified before the Warren Commission, including his identification of Oswald's rifle as having fired three cartridge cases and the bullet and bullet fragments recovered in this case. Considerable time was spent on direct testimony concerning Frazier's examination of the Presidential limousine, particularly the presence of blood and tissue which was generally deposited over the exterior of the automobile from the hood to the rear deck lid. The presence of the lead smear on the inside of the windshield at the point where the windshield was broken by a blow from a projectile striking the inside surface of the windshield was particularly emphasized by the defense as was the fact that no other bullet impact areas were present in the limousine. Frazier testified concerning his part of the re-enactment as staged by the Commission in Dallas, describing the points along the path of the limousine at which the assassin would have a

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- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attn: Mr. Goble)
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clear view of the occupants of the car and established that the President and Governor Connally were at various points in direct line with the sixth floor window of the Texas School Book Depository Building.

Considerable time was spent on cross-examination concerning the speed-accuracy tests performed by SA Frazier and numerous other details as recorded in SA Frazier's testimony before the Warren Commission.

It was apparent that the District Attorney was attempting to establish the possibility of a shot having been fired from the front of the limousine; however, SA Frazier testified there was no physical evidence of that and that all of the physical evidence indicated the shots were fired from the rear of the car.

After SA Frazier's testimony, he was excused by the Court and returned to Washington on the evening of February 22, 1969.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information only.

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