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This picture was taken at Love Field on the President's arrival.

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Connally Also Hit By Sniper

By GEORGE CARTER

President Kennedy died of assassin's bullets in Dallas Friday afternoon.

The President and Gov. John Connally were ambushed as they drove in the President's open convertible in a downtown motorcade.

Two priests announced shortly before 1:30 that the President was dead.

Bullets apparently came from a high-powered rifle in a building at Houston and Elm.

A man was arrested and taken to the sheriff's office.

The President immediately clutched his chest and slumped into the arms of his wife. Gov. Connally, apparently shot in the chest, fell to the floor under his wife's feet.

Secret service agents immediately dispatched the motorcade at high speed to Parkland Hospital.

Gov. Connally was reported in critical condition.

Witnesses standing on a balcony of the courthouse gave this account of what they saw:

The motorcade had just turned into Houston Street from Main Street when a shot rang out. Pigeons flew up from the street. Then, two more shots rang out and Mr. Kennedy fell to the floor of the car.

The shots seemed to come from the extension of Elm Street from just beyond the Texas Text-book Depository building at the corner of Elm and Houston streets.

Police swarmed into the area toward the railroad tracks and the witnesses could not tell whether he was captured.

The cavalcade stopped there and there was bedlam.

Deputy Police Chief Ray Lunday, leading the procession through Dallas, said he thought the shots were fired as the President's car neared the Triple Underpass.

Police issued a pickup order for an unknown

white male, about 30, slender, 5-10, 165 pounds, armed with a .30 caliber rifle.

Six or seven persons were believed hit by sniper's volley.

Police swarmed the building as the stunned crowd of persons watching the downtown parade watched.

The President was rushed to Parkland Hospital.

Sgt. G. D. Hensley, police dispatcher, directed all available police units to the downtown area near the western edge of downtown Dallas.

The Presidential convoy cut off its route and sped at high speed immediately toward Parkland Hospital where doctors were ordered to stand by.

The motorcade, originally set to turn off Industrial by the Trade Mart, sped straight down Industrial toward Harry Hines.

The police radio blared that the President had been hit.

Sheriff Decker came on the air around 12:25 p.m.

"I don't know what's happened. Take every available man from the jail and the office and go to the railroad yards off Elm near the triple underpass.

The crowds waiting inside the Trade Mart were not immediately told of the shooting.

A sobbing carpet salesman told police minutes after the shooting the President appeared to be hit twice.

"The first time he slumped and the second one really blasted him." These were the words of Charles Drehm, 38, of 1619 Kings Highway.

"After the first shot the President's wife rose slightly to hold the President and they both went down in the second shot. He was definitely hit badly," Mr. Drehm said.

Mr. Drehm said the President was half standing, waving to the crowd, when he heard the first of two shots. He said after the President was knocked down, apparently by the second shot, the

President's car roared underneath the triple underpass.

President Kennedy and Gov. Connally were critically wounded by sniper's bullets near the downtown triple underpass shortly afternoon Friday.

Bullets apparently came from a building at Houston and Elm.

But reporters following the President in a motorcade said a man and woman were seen scrambling on a walk over the underpass.

The President and Connally were rushed to Parkland Hospital.

Minutes later they were reported still alive by Rep. Albert Thomas of Houston, who stood outside the emergency surgery door.

Police reports indicated President Kennedy was shot in the head. Connally was apparently shot in the chest.

Mrs. Kennedy apparently was safe. Mrs. Connally also was safe, it appeared. Both women were stunned.

Witnesses said six or seven shots were fired. The bursts were clearly heard.

Police swarmed the area immediately.

Reporters about five car lengths behind the chief executive heard what sounded like three bursts of gunfire.

Secret Service agents in a follow-up car quickly unlimbered their automatic rifles.

The bubble top of the President's car was down.

They drew their pistols, but the damage was done.

The President was slumped over in the back seat of the car, face down. Connally lay on the floor of the rear seat.

It was impossible to tell at once where Kennedy was hit, but bullet wounds in Connally's chest were plainly visible, indicating the gunfire might possibly have come from an automatic weapon.

Dallas motorcycle officers escorting the President quickly leaped from their bikes and raced up a grassy hill.

The President, his limp body cradled in the arms of his wife, was rushed to Parkland Hospital. The Governor also was taken to Parkland.

Clint Hill, a Secret Service agent assigned to Mrs. Kennedy, said "he's dead," as the President was lifted from the rear of a White House tarring

car, the famous "Bubbletop" from Washington. He was rushed to an emergency room in the hospital.

Other White House officials were in doubt as the corridors of the hospital erupted in pandemonium.

The Secret Service said the President remained in the emergency room at Parkland and the Governor was moved to the general operating room.

One Secret Service man was overheard telling another that there was no need to move the President because emergency facilities were entirely adequate in the emergency room.

Two Roman Catholic priests were summoned to the emergency room where the President lay. One was identified as a Father Huber.

Malcolm Kilduff, acting White House press secretary, said that the two priests had been "asked for."

Pandemonium broke loose around the scene.

The Secret Service waved the motorcade on at top speed to the hospital.

Even at high speed it took nearly five minutes to get the car to the ambulance entrance of the hospital.

Reporters saw Kennedy lying flat on his face on the seat of his car.

A reporter said a man and a woman were scrambling on the upper level of a walkway overlooking the underpass.

Lawrence O'Brien, presidential aide, said he had no information on whether the President still was alive.

Mrs. Kennedy was weeping and trying to hold up her husband's head when reporters reached the car.

Fire equipment was rushed to the building from which the shots were believed to have been fired. Firemen roped off the area as Secret Service men and city police swarmed through the building.

A tight security lid apparently was clamped on at Parkland Hospital.

Police Chief Jesse Curry advised Sgt. Hensley that no condition would be released immediately on the President's condition.

At the Triple Underpass, large numbers of the crowd were milling around half sobbing, half hysterically shouting, "The President's shot!"

Women and children and men stopped one another and police to ask plaintively, "Is the President alive? God, how horrible." Although most of the law officers present felt the bullets came from

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the Texas Schoolbook Depository Building, which towers above the underpass at Houston and Main Streets, a large number of the crowd could not say for sure where the shots came from or how many shots were fired.

"I definitely heard three shots," said Bo Mabrey.

Police immediately began rounding up large numbers of bystanders who may have seen something related to the infamous shooting.

The witness Drehm was shaking uncontrollably as he further described the shooting.

"The first shot must not have been too solid, because he just slumped. Then on the second shot he seemed to fall back."

Drehm seemed to think the shots came from in front of or beside the President. He explained the President did not slump forward as if he would have after being shot from the rear. The book depository building stands in the rear of the President's location at the time of the shooting.

Apparently the President's car was on the down slope midway between Houston Street and the triple underpass.

Drehm said he was within 10 feet of the President at the time of the shooting.

"It was definitely a rifle," he said.

Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Connally disappeared into the emergency section of Parkland Hospital, to wait news of their husbands.

Outside the emergency room, in a buff-walled hallway, anxious members of the White House staff gathered, including Maj. Gen. Chester V. Clifton, military aide to the President, and Brig. Gen. Godfrey McHugh, Air Force aide.

Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln, Kennedy's secretary, Pamela Turnure, press secretary to Mrs. Kennedy, and other members of the staff were shown to a special waiting room not far from the emergency room area.

Mrs. Jean Hill, 9402 Bluff Creek, and Mrs. Mary Moorman, 2832 Ripplewood, who were among witnesses at the Triple Underpass, said the motorcade stopped suddenly and then swiftly sped on with the sirens blowing.

"I thought I saw someone in the motorcade in street dress shoot back at a person running up the hill.

"The motorcade kept on going at the usual rate of speed for a second and then sped up.

"Some of the motorcycle policemen sped up and some stopped. I didn't see anyone get in the car with the President.

"I didn't see anyone else in the car. I kept looking at the President. I couldn't see any blood."

Mrs. Moorman, who snapped a picture just at

the time the President was shot, and said:

"I took the picture exactly at the moment the shot rang out. My Polaroid shows Kennedy slumped over in the car and it shows Jackie leaning towards him.

"I heard Mrs. Kennedy say, 'My God, he's been shot.'

"I heard another shot or two ring out and I turned to my friend and we got on the ground.

"A man and his wife and a child were out in the middle of the green triangle and this man pushed his child to the ground."

Patrolman W. E. Barker saw workers in the Texas School Book Depository pecking on a window from the third floor and pointing to a man wearing horn-rimmed glasses, a plaid coat and rain coat.

The officer immediately arrested the man for questioning and placed him in a roomful of witnesses in Sheriff Bill Decker's office across the street from the depository.

With the young man protesting, the crowd all along the way jeered at him as he was escorted across the street. One woman said to the man: "I hope you die."

Another screamed hysterically, "Is that him? Is that him?"

An unidentified photographer shot a picture of the arrested man and then said bitterly, "I hope you burn."

Officers on the case would not explain what connection the man might have with the shooting nor would they identify him.

The sheriff's office was becoming headquarters for one of the largest organized manhunts in history as federal officers, and state, local and county law enforcement officers combed the area interviewing every possible suspect or witness.

Minutes following the shooting, police and law enforcement officials were swarming all over the Texas Schoolbook Depository after erecting barricades. Fire trucks with hooks and ladders converged on the seven-story building, which commands the eastern end of the Triple Underpass.

A young couple, who said they saw the man with the gun, were taken into Dallas County Sheriff Bill Decker's office.

Sheriff Decker said he and Dallas Police Chief Jesse Curry were riding in the lead car in the parade about one and a half lengths in front of the President's car.

The sheriff said he heard two shots and "may

have seen one of the bullets hit the concrete and bounce." He said he did not see the other bullet.

"It all happened so fast, I'm just not sure what happened," Sheriff Decker said.

Witnesses with any information were being ushered to the sheriff's office, where Secret Service and federal agents headquartered their investigation.

Outside, the crowd of approximately 4,000 stunned "shooting witnesses" wore about the same look of disbelief and awaited developments.

Sen. Ralph Yarborough, sobbing, related that both the President and Mr. Connally were carried into the hospital on stretchers. The First Lady and Mrs. Connally are nearby. The women apparently were not injured.

The senator said that both women walked into the hospital.

To the Texas senator, it sounded like an explosion.

"There was this bang. It wasn't 'bang-bang-bang.' It was like someone was taking aim."

The senator, Vice President Lyndon Johnson and Lady Bird Johnson were in the third car.

"After the second shot a Secret Service man told the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson to get down. The President's car ran off at a terrible rate of speed. This is horrible."

As the senator spoke, cars stacked up in a massive jam on roads around Parkland Hospital. Grim and stunned, patients, nurses and interns stood with the press to listen for the latest announcement about the President. Many were crying.

Sen. Yarborough said it seemed to him that the shots came from the right rear of the motorcade. He said there were three definite reports, the last one came after a pause.

"The Secret Service brought a submachinegun. I don't think it was fired."

"I saw a Secret Service man on the car with the President beat the back of the car with his fist in anguish and despair," said the senator.