

Agent Thought Only of Getting Him to Hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Secret Service agent riding in the front seat of President John F. Kennedy's death car never considered vaulting into the back to shield Mr. Kennedy after he heard the shots that struck the president.

Special Agent Roy H. Kellerman said his only thought was to "get this man to a hospital, because he needed medical treatment."

Kellerman—in charge of the President's fateful visit to Dallas last Nov. 22 revealed his thinking in testimony before the Warren Commission last March, made public Monday.

Kellerman also was the only witness in the car to testify that Mr. Kennedy exclaimed, "My God, I am hit."

Testifying that he heard what he thought was the pop of a firecracker, Kellerman said he turned his head to the right and "I heard a voice from the back seat and firmly believe it was the President's, 'My God, I am hit,' and I turned around and he has got his hands up there like this...."

"Why I am so positive, gentlemen, that it was his voice—there is only one man in that back seat that was from Boston, and the accents carried very clearly." **END**