

# Testimony Given by the President

Following is President Johnson's testimony as given in a statement submitted July 10: NY-11/2-116

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL  
The Honorable Earl Warren,  
The Chief Justice of the United States,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Chief Justice: I have attempted, in the enclosed statement, to set forth my recollection of the tragic events of Nov. 22, 1963. I am conscious of the limitations of my narrative. I had no opportunity, in the difficult and critical days following the assassination of President Kennedy, to record my impressions. Recollection at this late date is necessarily incomplete.

However, I fully realize the great importance of your task, and I have endeavored, as best I can, to set forth the events and my impressions as they re-

main in my mind at this time. Although I fear that they will be of little specific use to you, I hope that they may be of some interest.

I hope that you and the members of your commission, as well as the devoted members of the staff who have worked so long and diligently on the undertaking, will accept my thanks and good wishes.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

## THE STATEMENT

Friday morning, Nov. 22, began with a reception in the Longhorn Room of the Hotel Texas, Fort Worth. President and Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Johnson and I had spent the night in that hotel. Then President Kennedy and I went to a parking lot across from the hotel where a speaker's stand had been set up and we addressed a crowd that was gathered here. We then returned to the hotel and had breakfast.

After that, at about 10:30 A.M., we motored to the Fort Worth airfield. Mrs. Johnson and I then went aboard Air Force II for the trip to Dallas. We arrived at Love Field in

Dallas, I remember, just shortly after 11:30 A.M.

Agents Youngblood and Johns and two other agents were with us.

We disembarked from the plane promptly after it came to a stop at Love Field. We were met by a committee of local officials and citizens. After greeting them, Mrs. Johnson and I, together with the special agents, walked over to the area where President and Mrs. Kennedy would disembark. We were followed by the reception committee.

President Kennedy's plane arrived about five or 10 minutes after Air Force II. The President and Mrs. Kennedy disembarked and they greeted us and the people in the reception committee.

Then the President and Mrs. Kennedy walked along the fence, shaking hands with people in the crowd that had assembled. Mrs. Johnson and I followed along the fence, greeting people and shaking hands. This took five or 10 minutes, as I recall.

Mrs. Johnson, Senator Ralph Yarborough and I then entered the car which had been provided for us in the motorcade. It was a Lincoln Continental convertible. I think that our car was the fourth in the motorcade. We were the second car behind

the President's automobile.

The driver of the car in which Mrs. Johnson and I were riding was Hurchel Jacks, who is a member of the Texas State Highway Patrol. Agent Youngblood was sitting next to him in the front seat.

I was sitting behind Agent Youngblood; Mrs. Johnson was next to me; and Senator Yarborough was on the left of the rear seat—that is, just behind the driver.

At first, as we left Love

Field, we were following the