

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: December 13, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA
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Connally's account of the shooting
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This is to furnish the results of interviews with Governor and Mrs. John Connally by a Special Agent of the San Antonio Office at St. David's Hospital in Austin, Texas, on 12-11-63.

Governor Connally stated that the first thing of an unusual nature which he noted at the time of the assassination was what sounded like a gunshot which he believed came from his right and to the rear of the automobile in which he was riding. (Governor and Mrs. Connally were riding in the same automobile and immediately to the front of President and Mrs. Kennedy. Governor Connally and President Kennedy were on the right side and their wives on their left). He stated that as he instinctively turned to his right to look back he sensed that President Kennedy had been hit. Governor Connally stated that as he turned back to his left he, Governor Connally, was struck by a bullet in his right shoulder just below the shoulder blade and armpit. He stated the bullet came out of his chest on the right side, passed through the right arm about the wrist and lodged in his left leg just above the knee. Governor Connally stated he believed he remarked, "Oh my God, they're going to kill us all." Governor Connally said he then recalled hearing a third shot and he had the feeling it had hit President Kennedy. He stated at about this time he became aware of the fact that the occupants of the car were splattered with what he thought was brain tissue from President Kennedy.

Governor Connally stated that the driver of the automobile, who was a Secret Service man, immediately wheeled the car out of the caravan and rapidly proceeded to the hospital.

With reference to the lapse of time between the shots, Governor Connally stated it was "unbelievably quick." He stated he saw no gun nor did he see a flash from a gun but as he looked around he "seemed to feel" that the shots came from a building behind them. Governor Connally stated that in retrospect he at first felt that the assassin had intended to hit him, but now feels that the shots were fired at President Kennedy in rapid succession and that he, Governor Connally, was hit by accident on the second shot. Governor Connally stated that he has no recollection of ever hearing of Lee Harvey Oswald

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or Jack Ruby prior to the assassination, nor could he recall any action on his part as Secretary of the Navy relative to a discharge for Oswald from the U. S. Marine Corps.

Mrs. Connally recalled that the three shots came from "somewhere to the rear of the car" but she could not place the direction any more accurately. Following the first shot she stated she looked at President Kennedy and saw him slump forward as he raised his hand to his throat. She stated that almost immediately thereafter her husband, Governor Connally, recoiled in the opposite direction from her and she heard him remark, "My God, they're going to kill us all." Mrs. Connally stated she had the feeling that buckshot was falling around them but she realized it was probably brain matter from President Kennedy's head. She stated she had then heard Mrs. Kennedy remark, "They killed Jack, his brains are in my hand."

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