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*Dr. Buckley's statement*

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8:45 a.m.

Report of my participation in the activities surrounding the assassination of

PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

I awoke at 6:30 a.m. on November 22, 1963. At 7:00 a.m. I looked through the window in the hotel in Fort Worth, Texas which overlooked the parking lot in which provisions had been made for President Kennedy to address the public at 8:30 a.m. At that time there was a considerable gathering. It had been raining and most of the people were in raincoats and carried umbrellas. Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. O'Brien came into my room and also viewed the area from my window.

At 8:30 a.m. the day was overcast, but the rain had stopped. President Kennedy proceeded to the platform and addressed the very enthusiastic crowd. He then returned to the hotel and had breakfast during which he also made an address which was televised. Following this, he left by motorcade for the airport. The crowds along the road were very enthusiastic.

On arrival in Dallas, Texas there was a long motorcade. Mrs. Lincoln, the President's Secretary, and I were in what Mr. Behn called the VIP car, which followed

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The cars containing the local and national representatives. The motorcade proceeded; the crowds on the roadway were overwhelming, large and enthusiastic past the main buildings. As we neared the viaduct, the crowds thinned out somewhat at the square and we made a right turn. As we were about to make this turn, something happened forward but we were not exactly aware what had happened, however, we did realize that something was wrong. Our motorcade then proceeded at a much more rapid rate and went to the Trade Mart. On arriving at the Mart, Chief Hendrix and I passed through the dining area and secured the aid of the Secret Service who had no knowledge of the exact whereabouts of the motorcade. Agent Burger commandeered a car and a police escort led us at a rapid rate to the hospital arriving there between three and five minutes following the arrival of the President.

I went directly to the Emergency Room on the ground floor of the hospital and Mrs. Kennedy was seated directly beside the door of the small room in which the President was being observed. I immediately entered the room, went to the head of the table and viewed the President. It was evident that death was imminent and that he was in a hopeless condition. Fluids had been started and he was being given extra cardiac

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body was carried by the Secret Service and assisted by the members of the Air Force "1" crew. The body was removed from the plane by an elevated truck at the level of the exit from the plane. Mrs. Kennedy, the Attorney General, members of the Secret Service and I were on the platform which was lowered to the ground level. The casket was removed by the same group and placed in the waiting ambulance. I was the last to alight from the platform.

Mrs. Kennedy, the Attorney General and Clint Hill rode with the body in the rear compartment of the ambulance. The driver, Paul Landis and I rode in the driver's compartment to the hospital. Mrs. Kennedy upon arrival at the hospital went to the 17th floor with the members of the party. The body was taken to the mortuary where I met it and observed its transfer to the table. The examination was performed by Commander Humes and members of his staff. Also present were Admiral Kenny, Admiral Galloway, and Captain Canada. General McHugh had remained in the vicinity of the President constantly throughout this time.

I made numerous trips to the 17th floor for reassurance to those in that area and to supply them with some idea of the contemplated departure time. On one of these occasions, Mrs. Kennedy spoke to me in the bedroom