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Inspector Kelley

Preliminary Special Dallas Report #2 - Covers the events immediately following the assassination, the flight of the assassin, the murder of Officer J. D. Tippit and the capture and arrest of Oswald.

The time of the firing of the fatal shots has been established as approximately 12:32 P.M.

PROBABLE TIME SEQUENCE

After firing the shots Oswald walked from the window across the sixth floor area, hid the weapon, walked to the stairs, down the stairs to the lunch room on the second floor, spent approximately 30 seconds in the lunch room and continued down the stairs and out the front door. TIME 2:25 average walking, 2:52 with elevator waiting.

Front door to Murphy and Elm Street where he boarded bus, via Main Street 7 blocks. TIME 4:30 minutes.

Bus ride to Elm and Poydras, 2 blocks. TIME 4:00 minutes average.

Elm and Poydras to Jackson and Lamar (walking) cab stand, blocks. TIME 3:00 minutes.

Cab stand at Jackson and Lamar to 500 Beckley, estimated 35 mph. 2.6 miles. TIME 7:00 minutes.

500 block Beckley walked to 1026 N. Beckley 0.4 mile. TIME 6:00 minutes.

Landlady states Oswald walked hurriedly into house, into his room and out, then stood for a very short time at bus stop. TIME 0.30 seconds estimated.

From bus stop at 1026 Beckley to 400 block E. 10th Street, walking, .8 mile. TIME 12 minutes."

Shooting of Police Officer Tippit, then walked to Texas Theater at 231 W. Jefferson .6 mile. TIME 10 minutes.

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Total elapsed time from assassination of President Kennedy to entering of Texas Theater 49:25 minutes.

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Immediately after the shooting, the Dallas Police converged on the Texas School Book Depository and ascertained that Lee Harvey Oswald had not returned to work at the depository after having been seen departing from the building by other employees shortly after the shooting. Between 12:43 P.M. and 12:45 P.M. a description of the person wanted in the shooting was broadcast by the Dallas police. The wanted notice described the suspect as slender, white, male, about 30, 5' 10", 165 lbs., reportedly armed with a 30 caliber rifle.

At about 1:17 P.M. Dallas police received a call from a citizen using a police radio from cruiser 10 stating that an officer had been shot in the 400 block of E. 10th Street.

At 1:18 P.M. the Dallas police had broadcast a report that an officer had been involved in a shooting in the 400 block of E. 10th. Street. Officer's responding to this call discovered that Officer J. D. Tippit of the Dallas Police Department had been shot by a man answering the description of the suspected assassin broadcast earlier. Witnesses stated that Oswald had been walking along west on the south side of 10th Street when Officer Tippit, driving east on 10th Street, pulled alongside and spoke to him. Oswald leaned on the open window of the stopped police car and said something to the officer. The officer them left the cruiser, using the left door, and started walking toward Oswald by walking around the front of the police ear. Oswald had backed away from the cruiser and was standing near the sidewalk. As the officer rounded the left front fender of the police car, Oswald fired three shots. Shot once in the head, twice in the chest, Officer Tippit fall to the ground, mortally wounded, and never regained consciousness. Oswald turned, ran, and was observed by witnesses continuing west between Jefferson and 10th Streets (statements of the witnesses of the shooting are attached).

Shortly afterward, the police received a telephone call from the cashier of the Texas Theater at the insistence of another witness (Johnny Brewer) that a man had entered the theater under suspicious circumstances and without paying for his admission.

At 1:28 P.M. police broadcast that Officer Tippit was DOA at Methodist Hospital, and that the description of the suspect in the Tippit shooting and the description of the suspect in the President's assassination were similar. Radio traffic discloses that the suspect had been traced to the Texas Theater, 231 West Jefferson. Police surrounded the theater, placed on the house lights and identified the suspect sitting

will some ser near a woman and two children. Oswald drew a revolver saying "I guess this is it" and attempted to shoot at the policemen but was prevented by one of the officers and after a struggle was subdued and arrested.

Lee Harvey Oswald was identified as the slayer of Officer Tippit and placed in custody of the Homicide Bureau of the Dallas Police Department at about 2:00 P.M. At the time of his arrest he had \$13.87 in his possession. He was charged with the murder of Officer Tippit at 7:03 P.M., November 22.

At 1:38 A.M. on November 23, 1963 he was charged with the murder of the President before David Johnston, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1, Dallas County. The arraignment was held in the Bureau of Identification at the Dallas Police Department. Present at the arraignment were Capt. J. W. Fritz of the Homicide Bureau. Officers J. E. Currey and J. C. Day of the Dallas Police Department and Maurice Harrell, Assistant District Attorney of Dallas County, and Inspector Thomas J. Kelley of the Secret Service. The charge read to Oswald was in Cause F154, Dallas County, and charged Oswald with-"murder with malice" of John F. Kennedy. At the conclusion of the reading of the charge, Oswald stated "that's ridiculous". He was held without bail and returned to his cell.

A theory that Oswald might have been going to Jefferson Branch Library after leaving his rooming house is doubted because he was first seen walking west on 10th Street when he encountered Officer Tippit. His destination after he left his rooming house is still a

ATTACHMENTS

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Statements of: Cecil McWaters, bus driver William Whaley, cab driver Photographs of scene of Tippit's slaying Statements of witness of Tippit slaying Statements of police at Texas Theater

REFERENCES

M/R of SA Warner dated 12/1/63 M/R of SA Stewart dated 11/27/63 M/R of SA E. W. Moore dated 12/5/63

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