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Add on to relevant backdrop:

There is evidence that there was a fuller account of what came clattering across on SAM 86972 radio and was reported by Teddy White and Pierre Salinger (JFK's Press Secretary) both had access to the transcript of the original (and unedited) AF-1 tapes carrying LBJ, Jackie Kennedy and some members of the Kennedy team from Love Field in Dallas to Andrews Air Force Base.

Salinger incorporated some of this material in a MS he left with Harvard University and that MS is now missing.

(interest here: Who was LBJ speaking with in the flight home.)

Speculate: Certainly had to be FBI Director Hoover. Setting up the JFK autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital: Kennedy would have a military autopsy. FBI Agents O'Neill and Sibert were directed to go to Bethesda and observe the autopsy before AF-1 ever landed.

I'd just speculate that LBJ told Hoover to over in and take over the case even through there was no jurisdiction. (In 1963 it was not a federal crime to attempt to take the life of the Man in the White House).

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Shift to Dallas:

Oswald's name is first mentioned as the shooter in the JFK assassination at 12:45 CST. (15 minutes after the shooting in Dealey Plaza.)

The official (WC/FBI explanation) of why Oswald's name as the shooter came up so fast:

It evolves around the account that Roy S. Truly, Superintendent at the TSBD reported right after the shooting reported to the senior officer of the TSBD that the only TSBD worker who left the building right after the shooting was Oswald. Truly's responsibility was with a staff of a dozen (included Oswald) who handled filling school book orders. But the full complement of workers at the TSBD was in the area of at least 72 workers.

There was no way that Truly could have known whether anyone else left the building after the attempt on Kennedy's life. The Dallas Police did not seal off the building for some time after the shooting.

There was no legitimate evidence of a Depository roll call.

But the documented reality is that at least 18 employees left the TSBD without even checking in with the police because there was no police cordon around the building in the immediate minutes after the assault on the presidential motorcade. (See FBI record 62-109060-2720 EBF, FBIHQ, JFK Assassination File) lays out facts that police did not seal off the building.

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The case against Oswald as the only suspect in the Elm Street shooting took another large stride forward with reported shooting of Dallas Police office J.D. Tippit.

The report of the Tippit shooting came at 1:18 CST. The Dallas police logs described the shooter: as white male, about 30 years old, 5' 10", 165 pounds, carrying a 30-30 rifle (some type of Winchester rifle).

(Source: WC documents 290 & 291)

Oswald was 24 years old, 5' 9 inches, 133 lbs (at time of his death when Dr. Rose did his autopsy on Sunday 11/24). Another report: killer had fuzzy hair and was wearing a white jacket.

Now it gets interesting:

Report on the shooting of Tippit comes across police band radio at 1:18 CST.

The contingent of Dallas police who respond to this report go to the Texas Theatre where it was believed the cop killer was hiding. Emphasis here is that the contingent of cops who showed up at the Texas Theatre in response was based solely on the alert about the suspect in the Tippit shooting and had nothing to do with the shooting of President Kennedy.

*** Key here: Cite Record: JFK/Dallas PD Collection, Records of the City of Dallas, Municipal Archives, 11/22/'63, Dallas Police Records, Witness Statements.

Title of the Form: Arrest Report on Investigative Prisoner

Cops alerted to go to Theatre to arrest suspect in Tippit shooting

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The report notes that Lee Harvey Oswald “shot and killed President John F. Kennedy and Police officer J.D. Tippit. He also shot and wounded Governor John Connally.”

What is critical here is the time of this report. The form showed it was written at 1:40 P.M. CST. Just 1 hour and 10 minutes after JFK’s assassination. (So here we have the case all locked up: Oswald single lone assassin. . . .no conspiracy. On with the formality of a trial and sentencing.

The political myth of the daring do by the Dallas Police in subduing Tippit’s killer in the Texas Theatre:

The Warren Commission Hearings feature the accounts of the Dallas cops who allegedly wrested a pistol from Oswald’s hands as they struggled to subdue him in the Texas Theatre. All the accounts were depositions submitted by the officers; D.M. McDonald, Ray Hawkins; Bob Carroll; John Calvin Brewer; and Gerald Hill.

If you were so disposed to read their depositions in the Warren Commission Report the one thing they all had in common was they testified that in one capacity or another they handled the Oswald pistol.

Key doc: “Gun taken from LHO at time of arrest of Dallas Police 11/22/’63 No latent prints of Police found on gun.” (C-15K-8.38 S &W)

FBI folder 100-10461, Main Dallas Oswald File, Worksheets on Inventory.” (Option: Gerald Hill see Henry Hurt 155-156) & Meagher if needed).

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