

Dupe

SDP Dept

Radio Traffic

11/27
Osward at
Sole
Suspect

3

December 3, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Transcript of Radio Log
Shooting of President Kennedy
November 22, 1963

Sir:

The following was recorded on channel two, from 10:41 to 5PM. This report includes information prior to the arrival of the President's plane, progress of the motorcade, the shooting, and the escort to Parkland Hospital. Also included are events concerning the shooting of officer Tippit.

10:25 AM	30-531	Crowd estimate: 500. Weather: clearing
11 AM		21 and 32 dispatched to old terminal building to meet 20 for assignment. Crowd estimate 1200.
11:20 AM	531-30	When you receive information from the tower on that plane, notify 531.
11:26 AM	5-39	They changed landing directions on us, did you notice. ✓
	30-4	Yes, sir.
	4-30	We will have to set up on Mockingbird.
11:28 AM	30-531	Air Force One is airborne.
11:30 AM	9-2	Talking about man power on Main.
	30-531	Air Force One turning on final approach.
	20-21,32	Cut your traffic, 21 and 32 10-4
	2-9	Talking about man power on Main
	531-2	Air Force One on final approach now
	30-531	One plane down, second coming in, Air Force One right behind.
11:34 AM	2-9	Talking about man power.
	531-30	Is Air Force One down yet?
	30-531	No, just coming in.
	5-531	One is on the ground.
	531-21,32	All clear.
11:35 AM	30-531	Air Force One not on the ground yet.
	531-21,32	Remain on your assignments.
	5-531	He is crossing down town Dallas now.
11:37 AM	30-531	Air Force One is on the ground.
	531-21,32	Return to service.
11:39 AM	531-30	Weather and crowd estimate
	30-531	Good and approximately 2,000
	20-531	Quite a crowd at Lennon and Mockingbird near the Coca Cola plant.
	250-125	Talking about re-assignment of officer to Lennon and Bertschel.

468

62-109060-2074
EIB

34

11:45AM 531 Station Brock
5-1 Just checking communications, I'm at the front gate now.
1-5 Load and clear.
280-9 Ervey St. is completely blocked with pedestrians. Completely
out of control. ✓
9-280 I've got two reserves I'm bringing down now.
280-9 I have three or four three wheelers and I can't get the
people off Ervey, it's completely closed.
9-280 10-4 I'm on my way.
15-2-531 Progress report.
531-15-2 Stand by a few minutes.
531-5 Are they moving yet?
5-531 No.
531-15-2 Have not started yet.
1-5 Moving out very slow.
11:50AM 5-1 Lot of traffic up there around Mockingbird, might send a
motorcycle get them over to one side.
1 Escort motor send two men to Mockingbird and Cedar Springs
to help clear traffic.
5-1 About what's the location now.
1-5 Just make the turn out of the field on to Cedar Springs
traveling 15MPH at this time
531-15-2 Are you reading all right?
15-2-531 No.
531-15-2 Leaving the field on Cedar Springs at 15MPH.
5-1 Might need a motor at Manor Way and Lenon. (quite a few
people on Lenon on both sides of the street, curb, and
median strip.
5-1 Location now
1-5 Airborne and Mockingbird
531-9 Airborne and Mockingbird traveling 15MPH.
12:00 1-531 Approaching Inwood Rd. on Lenon Avenue traveling about
12 to 15MPH.
531-15-2 Given information on location.
12:01PM 15-2-531 These request information if ambulances are standing by. ✓
531-15-2 601 is standing by at Love Field, as soon as he completes
that assignment, he is going to your location, also a
transfer ambulance will be at that location. ✓
1 To motorcycles leading, drop back closer, hold up so be
about fifty feet ahead of us, about fifty feet ahead of us.
OK, go ahead.
531-15-2 601 is enroute to your location.
5-1 Location
1-5 Approaching Cotton Belt underpass near Nona Alta.
12:05PM 531-15-2 Given location Cotton Belt and Lenon Alta.
1 Escort three or four miles faster. Pull those cars off
the street. Cut traffic at Oak Lawn.
5-1 Pretty good crowd of people on Turtle Creek, down to two
lanes of traffic.
1-5 10-4 Got a good motorcycle escort, got the traffic off
of it.
531-1 Are you nearing Oak Lawn?
1-531 We are a block away at Knight Street.
531-15-2 Lenon nearing Oak Lawn.
1 Escort drop down cut traffic at Turtle Creek.

1-531 Crossing Oak Lawn.
 531-1 10-4
 15-2-531 Advise three the ambulances have arrived and are
 awaiting by. ✓
 12:11PM 2-531 Turning on Turtle Creek from Lemmon 12MPH.
 5-150 Location
 190-5 Just crossing Cedar Springs.
 531-1 Location
 1-531 M&T underpass at Turtle Creek.
 12:14PM 15-2-531 10-4
 1 Escort three or four miles per hour faster. Lets try it.
 12:15PM Station Break
 531-9 On Cedar Springs off Turtle Creek.
 1-531 Cedar Springs and Fairmount
 12:16PM 139-531 For information, cars are lined on both sides of Stearns ✓
 on the shoulders from Comroco to Oak Lawn.
 5-1 A good pedestrian crowd Ross and Harwood
 2-1 Everything in good shape out here at Market Hall. Traffic
 moving well, not any crowd on the side of the street, good
 crowd along the sides of the barricades.
 531-1 Given information about Stearns. ✓
 1-531 Now at Harwood and McKinney.
 15-1 Advise keep crowd over about Harwood to Ross, they are
 getting out in the street here.
 1-5 We've got them.
 12:20PM Ross and Harwood.
 5-1 Crowd on Main Street in real good shape. Got them all
 back on the curb.
 1-5 Good shape, about to cross Live Oak.
 12:22PM 1 Escort drop back, go real slow speed now approaching Main.
 531-15-2 You reading?
 15-2-531 10-4
 1 Hold up escort. OK, move along.
 1-531 Check to see if we've got everything in top check with the
 rear car.
 531-1 Who is in the rear car?
 158-531 Advise everything is OK.
 1-531 Where is 158?
 158 Just crossing Ervay Street.
 531-1 Location now.
 1-531 Field
 12:26PM 1-531 Crossing Lamar Street now
 531-1 Is there im a pretty crowd ^{Good} there.
 1-531 In ~~there~~ Big crowd, yes.
 12:28PM 5-531 Notify Captain Scuter the location of the convoy now.
 531-15-2 On Main probably just past Lamar.
 1-531 Just crossing Market Street.
 4-125 Talking about the traffic at Love Field.
 1-531 Hearing triple under pass
 12:30PM Station Break
 1 Go to the hospital, officers, Parkland Hospital, have them
 stand by. Get men on top of the under pass, see what
 happened up there, go up to the over pass. Have Parkland
 stand by.

36

Dallas-1 I'm sure it's going to take some time to get your men in there. Put everyone of my men there.

531-1 Report One. I didn't quite understand all of it.
1-531 Notify station five to move all men available out of my department back into the railroad yards and try to determine what happened and hold everything secure until Homicide and other investigators can get in there.

12:31PM 531-1 10-4
2-531-1 Any information whatsoever
1-531 It looks like the President has been hit, have Parkland stand by.
Parkland has been notified.
12:32PM 531-1 We have K-9 units in that vicinity, don't we?
4-531 Straight to Parkland.
1 What disposition do you want me to make with those men I have with me.
5-1 Just go on to Parkland Hospital with me.
1-5 Get out of the way, something about trucks, hold everything.
1 get on the way (Mack's Record not too clear)

531-15-2 There is a motorcycle officer on Stemmons with his mike stuck open on channel one, could you send somebody up there and tell him to shut it off.

12:34PM 190-531 You want me to still hold traffic on Stemmons until we find out something?
1 Keep everything out of the Emergency Entrance.
136-531 A passer-by states the shots came from the Texas School Book Depository Building
1 Get everything out of the way.
531-136 Get all the information.
12:35 142-531 I talked to a guy at the scene who says the shots were fired from the Texas School Book Depository Building with the Hertz Rent A Sign on top.
531-142 Get his name, address, phone number and all information you can.

12:35PM 15-2-531 Advise all emergency traffic to use some other route besides Industrial and have 283 cut traffic at Hines and Industrial. Broadcast same.

12:36PM 531 260-531 Witness says shots came from fifth floor Texas Book Depository store at Houston and Elm. I have him with me now and we are sealing off the building.
220-531 Where do you want traffic cut in the area.
531-220 Keep all traffic off Industrial and the emergency entrance at Parkland.

12:37PM 125-531 No have the emergency entrance secure.
142-531 Get men to cover the building Texas School Book Depository, believe the shots came from there, facing it on Elm St. looking at the building it will be the second window from the end in the upper right hand corner.
531-142 How many do you have there?
142-531 One guy possibly hit by a ricochete off the concrete and another scene seen the President slump.

12:38 137-531 A witness says he saw 'em pull the weapon from the window off the second floor on the south east corner of the Depository building.

12:38PM 531-537 Do you have the building covered off
137-531 I'm about three fourths of a block away.
531-137 Report there.
157-531 I'll leave the witness here.
2-531 Can you give us any information as to what happened for
these people out here.
531-2 Evidently there has been a shooting with the President
involved. I do not know the seriousness of it. One is
at Parkland along with Dallas One. We have information
the shots came from the fifth or fourth floor of the
book Depository Store on the corner of Elm and Field
officers are now surrounding and searching the building.
Where did it happen? At Field and Main?
12:40PM 2-531 No, sir, the tripple under pass between the tripple under
531-2 pass and Stowmons. Possibly six or seven more people may
have been shot.
12:40PM 295-531 Believe the President's head was practly blown off. ✓
303-531 What hospital did the President go to?
531-303 Parkland Hospital. Where are you?
303-531 300 is enroute.
531-303 Is 300 in route to the store Elm and Houston?
303-531 300 enroute to the Hospital.
295-531 Disregard what I said.
531-295 Do you know the extent of the injury?
295-531 It's not for me to say. I can't say, disregard that remark. ✓
531-295 Where did you get your information.
295-531 I was at the car.
260-531 Send me a squad for a prisoner at Elm and Houston.
531-260 Do you have the suspect?
260-531 No.
15-2-531 Did they advise they have the suspect.
531-15-2 No. They do not have the suspect.
9-531 We need more men power down here at the Texas Book Depository
there should be a bunch on Main if somebody can pick them up
and bring them down here.
250-531 I'll start down Elm and pick up as many as I can.
190-531 I've got myself and five motorcycle officers holding traffic
on Stowmons, do you want me to release traffic or hold it?
531-190 Release traffic and report code three to Elm and Houston.
12:43PM 15-531 Are you having the contain the block surrounding the building.
531-15 Yes, we are sealing the building until it can be searched.
15-531 Extend it out to include two or three block area.
9-531 The wanted person in this is a slender white male about thirty ✓
five feet ten, one sixty five, carrying what looked to be a
30-30 or some type of Winchester.
531-9 It was a rifle?
9-531 Yes, a rifle.
531-9 Any clothing description?
9-531 Current witness can't remember that.
531 Attention all equals, description was broadcast and no further
information at this time.
12:45 15-531 Could mine determine whether the man was still supposed to be
in the building or had he left.
531-15 He didn't know for sure and the witness he had didn't have a
description. We have the building saturated by now and we
should know something before long.

9-531 From this building it is unknown if he is still there or not
Unknown if he was there in the first place.

531-9 All the information we have received indicates it did come
from the fifth or fourth of that building.

5-531 Which building?
Texas School Book Depository Elm and Houston.

531-5 We had an optoelectric camera just before this, send a squad
260-531 to Parkland and get all the information they can from that
person.

12:46PM 125-531 Do you have any information that the Governor was also hit?
531-125 Not yet. I'll check in just a minute.

15-2-531 Is One on the air?
531-15-2 No is at Parkland.

157-531 Did you notify DPS on the suspect?
531-157 I haven't had time yet but will.

15-2-531 Two dives attempt to contact station 401 at Parkland
see if one can (reason is not clear)

2-531 Find out from Parkland the situation and see if the
President will be able to appear out here, got all these
people out here, need to know whether to feed them or what
to announce out here.

531-2 Yes, two, as soon as we can obtain that information.

211-531 Numerous people are asking us what happened, can you give
us any information at all?

531-211 There was a shooting involving the President and his party
The extent of it is not known.

12:51PM 211-531 Was he shot or do you know?
531-211 Understand he was involved in it, yes.

125-531 The Governor was also shot.

531-125 Can you obtain information from one if the president is
going to appear at the Trade Mart.

125-531 I'll check now.

1-531 Very doubtful.

2-531 Can you tell us whether or not the President will appear,
what his condition is so that we can decide what to do
with these people at this luncheon.

531-2 One advises his appearance is very doubtful.

2-531 Do you know what his condition is?
531-2 No.

190-531 Send rope to Elm and Houston, we're getting a tremendous
crowd down here.

12:54PM 531-190 What else do you need?
190-531 Lots of rope.

531-190 I'm going to send fire department rescue equipment with
rope to that location.
Station Brook.

1FM 31-531 Need a squad to go to the Community Flood Bank pick up
some blood and bring it to Parkland code three.

531-31 Have they been notified?
31-531 10-4 People at Parkland have notified them.

15-2-531 Two requests information as to the extent of injury to the
President and also if the Governor was hit.

531-2 The Governor was hit but the extent of injury is not known.

10:1PM - 1:12PM Most conversations were routine.

1:12PM 9-531 We have found empty rifle shells on the fifth floor and from all indication the man had been there for some time.

1:16PM 531 Attention all squads, for information, we have a report an officer has been involved in a shooting in the 400 block of East Tenth.

531-280 Notify Cno we have an officer involved in a shooting at Tenth and Patton, we don't know the extent of it yet.

1:21PM 10-531 Orders from Cno got twenty more uniform officers to the entrance of Parkland immediately.

531-15-2
531 Some twenty men to Parkland solo two.

1:28PM 531 Contacted some officer at Parkland. Notify Cno the officer involved in the shooting who we believe to be officer J. D. Tippit was LOA at Methodist.

1:30PM-1:45PM Most conversations were routine.

1:45PM 531 Gave a laundry tag number to Homicide which came from the jacket the suspect dropped at the scene of the shooting involving officer Tippit.

1:54PM 531 Was advised the suspect had been apprehended in the Texas Theatre.

1:58PM 550-531 We're bringing the prisoner straight to the City Hall.

1:58PM-5:00PM Most conversations were routine.

Respectfully,

Sgt. G. D. Manslee
Radio Dispatcher

GDA/bg

468
40