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November 22, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. MOHR
MR. CONRAD
MR. DE LOACH
MR. EVANS
MR. ROSEN
MR. SULLIVAN

President John F. Kennedy

I called the Attorney General at his home and advised him of the newflash announcing that the President and Governor Connally of Texas had been shot in Dallas, today, while touring Dallas in an open car, and that the first newflash indicated the shot was believed to be fatal. The Attorney General had not previously been advised of this.

I asked the Attorney General if there was anything we could do at Dallas. He asked that we do whatever we could, and I told him we would get in touch with the Secret Service there.

1:48 p.m.

BAC Shanklin called from Dallas. Mr. Shanklin advised that the only information the Dallas Office had was from the radio. According to the radio in Dallas, the President and the Governor were shot at the corner of Elm and Commerce Streets in a motor parade going out to the place where they were to speak. One witness said a Negro man leaned out a window and made two shots, and the police have the whole building surrounded. The President and the Governor had been taken to Parkland Hospital and the President was bleeding from the head.

I instructed BAC Shanklin to get in touch with the Secret Service and offer assistance. Mr. Shanklin stated he had already done so. I also told Mr. Shanklin to establish liaison with the local police.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Mohr, November 22, 1963
Conrad, DeLoach, Evans, Rosen, Sullivan

I inquired as to the Governor's condition and Mr. Shanklin indicated they had not reported on this. I inquired about the Vice President and Mr. Shanklin said the Vice President was in the parade but in a different car.

2:07 p.m.

SAC Shanklin called again and stated the President was in very poor condition but not dead. He said they had called in two priests.

Mr. Shanklin related that the shots came from the fourth floor. He stated the Dallas Office is maintaining liaison and has offered assistance. They do not know whether the shots were fired by a white person or a colored person. The first story was that a colored man leaned out of a window but they do not know; they are searching the whole building.

Mr. Shanklin advised that the Governor had been taken to an emergency operating room and the President was in the general emergency room. The last report was that the President was in very, very critical condition but was still alive.

Mr. Shanklin inquired if the Attorney General or anyone whom they should meet would be coming to Dallas. I advised Mr. Shanklin I would let him know if the Attorney General decided to travel to Dallas.

Mr. Shanklin advised he had just received word the President was shot with a Winchester rifle.

2:10 p.m.

I called the Attorney General to advise him that the President was in very, very critical condition. The Attorney General then told me the President had died.

I advised the Attorney General that the Governor was in very serious condition; that Mrs. Kennedy was not hurt and neither was Mrs. Connally.

I told the Attorney General that the shot came from the fourth floor of a building and the building was completely surrounded now. I further advised him the President was shot by a Winchester rifle. I stated the Dallas Office is working in every way to help the Secret Service and local police.

Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Mohr,
Conrad, DeLoach, Evans, Rosen, Sullivan

November 22, 1963

I inquired if the Attorney General intended to go to Dallas and he stated he did not know exactly what he would do. I told him, if he decided to go down, to let me know and our office would meet him.

2:17 p.m.

SAC Shanklin called and advised that the doctor had just told our Agents that President Kennedy had just died. They said this was not being put out yet.

I instructed Mr. Shanklin to go all out on this and find out who did it.

Mr. Shanklin stated they had located 3 or 4 shells in the building and the Sheriff's Office had picked up one man.

I told Mr. Shanklin to give every assistance we can there and do everything we possibly can there at the building.

Mr. Shanklin stated that a Secret Service agent had also been killed. He stated they did not mention that at first but an Agent at the Police Department advised that one died. He did not know the name of this Secret Service agent.

Mr. Shanklin mentioned that he was supposed to come in Monday and he would cancel that. I advised him I thought he should cancel this.

I told Mr. Shanklin that the Attorney General did not know what he was going to do, that he may or may not go to Dallas, but I would let Mr. Shanklin know if the Attorney General decided to go to Dallas.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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BY <i>[Signature]</i>