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KENNEDY, JOHN FITZGERALD  
ASSASSINATION  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
INVESTIGATION BY  
J. E. BILL DECKER, SHERIFF  
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS  
[ ? ]

*Bill Decker connected with  
the investigation of assassination  
of President John F. Kennedy.*



**BILL DECKER**  
SHERIFF  
CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75202

September the 25, 1964

The Honorable Waggoner Carr,  
Attorney General of Texas,  
Austin, Texas

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Re: Report of the Investigation  
by the Dallas County Sheriff's  
Department of the Assassination  
of President John Fitzgerald  
Kennedy November the 22, 1964  
at 12:31 P M

Dear Waggoner:

Reference is made to your letter to me some time  
back requesting me to report to you any additional  
information gained by this department upon  
assassination.

I am enclosing copy of the Sheriff's Department  
entire file. It was my belief that you had a copy  
but upon contacting District Attorney Henry W. Hensley  
I found that you did not. Sorry that this has  
not previously been put in your hands.

With warm personal regards.

BD:T

Sincerely,

*Bill Decker*  
BILL DECKER, SHERIFF

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Serial No.

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Offense

Officer Buddy Walthers, Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County Sheriff's Office

DETAILS OF OFFENSE, PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION, ETC.  
(Investigating Officer must sign)

11/22/63 [Signature] No

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Deputy Harry Weatherford and Deputy J. L. Oxford to go to a house at 2515 West 5th Street in Irving, Texas and meet some officers from Capt. Bill Fritz' office. We arrived at location and met Detectives Rose and Alvaik from the Homicide division of the Dallas Police Department. Upon getting to this residence, we were met by a Mrs. Michael Payne and upon showing our credentials and advising her who we were, she stated, "I'm sorry about the President being shot. We've been expecting it. Come on in". She informed us that the lady standing beside her was Mrs. Oswald. Mrs. Payne went on to explain that Mrs. Oswald spoke only Russian, however, he would help interpret as she spoke both English and Russian. Upon asking if suspect Oswald lived at this location, she advised that his wife and children lived there, but that Lee Oswald and his wife had been separated and he did not live there. Mrs. Payne gave us permission to search the house or do anything we wanted to and she also, through interpretation, gave us Mrs. Oswald's permission to do the same. Mrs. Payne then gave us a telephone number and stated that was the phone number of Lee Oswald, however, she advised she did not know an address where he was staying. At this time, I called Sheriff Decker and advised him of this and he cross-checked this telephone number and gave us an address of 1226 North Beckley. He advised he would dispatch other officers to cover this address. About this time, Mr. Michael Payne came to this location. Mr. Payne works at Bell Helicopter Plant. When told of the incident, Mr. Payne did not seem at all surprised, and merely stated that he had just taken off and had come home, when he had heard that the President had been shot. It was then learned that Mr. Payne had also been separated from Mrs. Payne and that he has been living in Grand Prairie. Mr. Payne gave no explanation for coming to this house in Irving, Texas.

Upon searching this house we found stacks of hand bills concerning "Cuba for Freedom" advertising, seeking publicity and support for Cuba. Also found was a set of metal file cabinets containing records that appeared to be names and activities of Cuban sympathizers. All of this evidence was confiscated and turned over to Captain Fritz of the Dallas Police Department and Secret Service Officers at the City Hall.

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Date Nov 23, 1963 19

I was standing in front of the Sheriff's Office at 505 Main Street, Dallas, Texas, watching President Kennedy pass in the motorcade. I was watching the rest of the motorcade a few seconds after President Kenney passed where I was standing when I heard a rifle shot and a few seconds later a second and then a third shot. At the retort of the first shot, I started running around the corner and Officer Buddy Walthers and I ran across Houston Street and ran up the terrace on Elm Street and into the railroad yards. We made a round through the railroad yards and I returned to Elm Street by the Turnpike sign at which time Officer Walthers told me that a bullet had struck the curb on the south side of Elm Street. I crossed to Elm with Deputy C. L. Lummie Lewis to search for a spot where a shell might have hit. About this time I heard a shrill whistle and I turned around and saw a white male running down the hill from the direction of the Texas School Book Depository Building and I saw what I think was a light colored Rambler Station wagon with luggage rack on top pull over to the curb and this subject who had come running down the hill get into this car. The man driving this station wagon was a dark complected white male. I tried to get across Elm street to stop the car and talk with subjects, but the traffic was so heavy I could not make it. I reported this incident at once to a secret service officer, whose name I do not know, then I left this area and went at once to the building and assisted in the search of the building.

Later that afternoon, I heard that the City had a suspect in custody and I called and reported the information about the suspect running down the hill and getting into a car to Captain Fritz and was requested to come at once to City Hall. I went to the City Hall and identified the subject they had in custody as being the same person I saw running down this hill and get into the station wagon and leave the scene.

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A blanket was found at location that had a string tied around one end of it and still bore an imprint of a rifle. It was then determined that suspect, LEE OSWALD had spent the previous night at this house. It was also determined from Mrs. Oswald that the day before, a rifle was in this blanket. Further interrogation of Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Oswald was carried on at the office of Captain Will Fritz, Dallas Police Department, at which I was not present.

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