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November 22, 1963

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

I called Mr. James J. Rowley, Chief of the Secret Service, to offer our assistance. I advised Mr. Rowley that our Dallas Office was already in contact with the Secret Service in Dallas and that we would render every possible assistance.

I mentioned that one of the Secret Service agents reportedly had been killed, and he stated he did not know this. I told him I had asked the name of the Secret Service Agent killed but it was not known.

I told Mr. Rowley that apparently the shooting came from the fourth floor of a building and shells had been found in the building; that these were Winchester shells - apparently a Winchester rifle was used; and that the building was surrounded.

Mr. Rowley stated he was also thinking of subversive elements - Mexico and Cuba. I then mentioned the Klan element. I advised Mr. Rowley that one witness stated he saw a Negro man lean out a window but later this was not confirmed and they do not know whether it was a white or a black.

I told Mr. Rowley the Bureau would render every assistance. Mr. Rowley indicated our assistance would be welcome and thanked me.

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 Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

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Section 1

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

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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 perilous 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.

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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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