

TENTATIVE OUTLINE OF THE WORK OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSIONI. Assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963 in DallasA. Trip to Texas - Prior to Assassination

1. Initial plans for trip
  - a. relevant dates
  - b. itinerary
  - c. companions
  - d. motorcade to luncheon
  - e. other
2. Events of morning of November 22
  - a. arrival at airport - time, etc.
  - b. motorcade - crowds, time, etc.

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B. Assassination (based on all available statements of witnesses, films, photographs, etc.)

1. Shots
  - a. number of shots fired
  - b. time elapsed during shots
  - c. direction of shots
  - d. location of car at time
2. Postures and apparent injuries to President Kennedy and Governor Connally
  - a. President Kennedy
  - b. Governor Connally

C. Events Immediately Following the Shooting

1. Treatment at hospital
2. Activities of Dallas law enforcement
3. Return of entourage to Washington
  - a. President Johnson's trip to airport
  - b. trip of Mrs. Kennedy with body of late President to airport
  - c. swearing-in
4. Removal of President Kennedy's body to Bethesda Naval Hospital
5. Removal of car to Washington - condition and repairs

D. Nature and Extent of Wounds Received by President Kennedy (based on examinations in Dallas and Bethesda)

1. Number of individual wounds received by President Kennedy
2. Cause of death
3. Time of death
4. Evaluation of medical treatment received in Dallas

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II. Lee Harvey Oswald as the Assassin of President Kennedy

- A. Brief Identification of Oswald (Dallas resident, employee of Texas School Book Depository, etc.)
- B. Movements on November 22, 1963 Prior to Assassination
  1. Trip to work
    - a. time
    - b. package
    - c. other significant facts, e.g. any conversations, etc.
  2. Entry into Depository
    - a. time
    - b. package
    - c. other significant facts
  3. Activities during morning
    - a. nature of his work
    - b. location of his work
    - c. other significant facts
  4. Movements immediately prior to 12:29 p.m.
- C. Movements after Assassination until Murder of Tippit
  1. Presence within building
    - a. location
    - b. time
    - c. encounter with police
    - d. other relevant facts
  2. Departure from building
    - a. time
    - b. direction of movement
    - c. other relevant facts, e.g. crossing police line, etc.
  3. Boarding of bus
    - a. time and place of boarding
    - b. duration of ride
    - c. other relevant facts, e.g. dress, appearance, conversations, etc.
  4. From bus to taxi
    - a. time and place
    - b. distance and route of cab
    - c. time to destination
    - d. other relevant facts obtained from cab driver or other witnesses or sources

- 5. Arrival at rooming house
  - a. time
  - b. actions within rooming house
  - c. departure and direction
- 6. Route until encounter with Tippit
  - a. time
  - b. distance

**D. Murder of Tippit**

- 1. Encounter of Oswald and Tippit
  - a. time
  - b. location
- 2. Evidence demonstrating Oswald's guilt
  - a. eyewitness reports
  - b. murder weapon
  - c. autopsy and ballistics reports
  - d. paraffin tests
  - e. other, e.g. statements (if any)

**E. Flight and Apprehension in Texas Theater**

- 1. Movement until entry into theater
  - a. time
  - b. actions, e.g. reloading weapon
  - c. other relevant facts, e.g. recovery of jacket
- 2. Apprehension in theater
  - a. movements of Oswald in theater
  - b. notification and arrival of police
  - c. arrest of Oswald
  - d. removal to station

**F. Oswald at Dallas Police Station**

- 1. Interrogation
  - a. time, manner and number of interrogation sessions
  - b. persons present
  - c. persons responsible
  - d. results
- 2. Other investigation by Dallas police
  - a. line-ups and eyewitness identification
  - b. seizure of Oswald's papers
  - c. other
- 3. Denials and other statements by Oswald
- 4. Removal to County Jail on November 24, 1963
- 5. Killing of Oswald by Ruby

G. Evidence Identifying Oswald as the Assassin of President Kennedy

1. Room of Texas School Book Depository identified as source of shots
  - a. eyewitness reports
  - b. trajectory of shots
  - c. evidence on scene after assassination
  - d. other
2. Oswald placed in Depository (and specific room?)
  - a. eyewitness reports
  - b. fingerprints on objects in room
  - c. facts reviewed above
3. Assassination weapon identified as Oswald's
  - a. discovery of rifle and shells
  - b. obtaining and possession of gun by Oswald
  - c. whereabouts of gun on November 21 and November 22
  - d. prints on rifle
  - e. photographs of Oswald and rifle
  - f. General Walker ballistic report.
4. Other physical evidence
  - a. clothing tests
  - b. paraffin tests
5. Prior similar acts
  - a. General Walker attack
  - b. General Eisenhower threat
6. Permissible inferences from Oswald's:
  - a. flight from Depository
  - b. statements on bus
  - c. murder of Tippit

H. Evidence Implicating Others in Assassination or Suggesting Accomplices

1. Evidence of shots other than from Depository?
2. Feasibility of shots within time span and with use of telescope
3. Evidence re other persons involved in actual shooting from Depository
4. Analysis of all movements of Oswald after assassination for attempt to meet associates
5. Refutation of allegations

III. Lee Harvey Oswald: Background and Possible Motive

A. Birth and Pre-school Days

- 1. Family structure (death of father; statements of persons who knew family; interviews of mother, brother, and members of family)
- 2. Where family lived (statements as to childhood character of Oswald from neighbors who recall family and child)
- 3. Standard of living of family (document factors which would have bearing upon development)

B. Education

- 1. Schools (reports from each school attended regarding demeanor, grades, development, attitude to fellow students, activities, problems, possible aptitude for languages, sex life, etc.)
- 2. Reports of fellow students, associates, friends, enemies at each school attended
- 3. Reports from various neighbors where Oswald lived while attending various schools
- 4. Special report from juvenile authorities in New York City concerning Oswald
  - a. report of case worker on Oswald and family
  - b. psychiatrist who examined him, treatment and results, opinion as to future development

C. Military Service

- 1. Facts regarding entry into service, assignments, stations, etc. until discharge
- 2. Reports of personnel from each station regarding demeanor, character, competence, activities, sex life, financial status, attitude, etc.
- 3. Report on all activities while in Japan
- 4. Report and document study of Russian language
  - a. where and when
  - b. books used
  - c. instruction or self-taught
  - d. any indication of degree of accomplishment

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5. Marksmanship capability
  - a. amount of training
  - b. scores - statements of instructors as to competence
  - c. indication of additional training
6. Courts martial
  - a. facts regarding first court martial; statement of presiding officer regarding Oswald; punishment, reaction, report on any statement made by Oswald
  - b. second court martial (same as above)
7. Technical skills, knowledge and training which could be of value to Russia
8. Discharge
  - a. reason for discharge and factors surrounding same
  - b. any statements made by Oswald which would indicate future plans - securing of passport prior to discharge
  - c. finances at time of discharge in 1959
9. Subsequent discharge from reserves
- D. Activity between June 1962 and September 26, 1963
  1. General facts regarding return.
  2. Interview with FBI or other authorities upon arrival
  3. Residences from 6/62 to 9/63 - report on reaction of neighbors and landlords at each residence
  4. Employment from 6/62 to 9/63 - report from all employers and fellow workers as to attitude, character, competence, reason for leaving, etc.
  5. Financial status during this period - repayment of loan from State Department
  6. Associates during this period
    - a. each associate should be considered in a separate interview and report
    - b. report on background of Supervisor Truly
  7. Paines
    - a. their general background
    - b. details of their first meeting with the Oswalds
    - c. either Paine's connection (if any) with Oswald's employment at the Depository
    - d. other e.g. visit (if any by either Paine at Depository)
  8. False identification cards in name of Hidell

9. Circumstances surrounding attempt on life of General Walker in April 1963.

- a. Ballistics
- b. note of Oswald and activities on night of Walker shooting
- c. police investigation of incident, scope, publicity, etc.

10. Rifle practice during this period

11. Political activity

- a. Marxist ideology
- b. subscription to Communist publications
- c. offer of services to the Communist cause in the U.S.A. (as disclosed by Oswald correspondence)
- d. identification with and activity for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee

E. Activity between October 3, 1963, and November 21, 1963

- 1. Return to Dallas - stayed at YMCA 10/3 and 10/4 - statements of YMCA personnel and other roomers
- 2. Rented room 10/7 - 10/11
  - a. basic facts regarding rental
  - b. reasons for leaving this room - statement of landlady
- 3. Rented room on N. Beckley Street
  - a. basic facts regarding rental
  - b. statements of owner, housekeeper, roomers, etc., develop daily routine
- 4. Weekend practice of visiting wife and children at Paines
  - a. means of transportation
  - b. possibility of rifle practice on weekends
- 5. Employment at Texas School Book Depository Building
  - a. knowledge of position
  - b. circumstances surrounding hiring, salary, nature of work
  - c. did Oswald look elsewhere for work - where - consider significance of markings on map found in room
  - d. attitude on job
  - e. association with other employees
  - f. work habits, particularly with regard to work on sixth floor and carrying lunch
  - g. relationship with Supervisor Truly
- 6. Events of evening of November 21, 1963

F. Psychiatric Analysis Based on all Known Information

IV. Oswald's Foreign Activity (Military excluded)

A. Russian Trip

1. Departure to Russia
  - a. basic facts regarding trip, e.g. cost, time, etc.
  - b. statements made to mother and/or other persons which indicate intentions following discharge and prior to embarkment
  - c. actual voyage (possible statements of persons met aboard ship)
2. Arrival in Russia
  - a. facts regarding time of arrival in Europe and activities prior to entering USSR
  - b. initial contact with embassy regarding expatriation (statements made, report of officer, action taken and copies of all reports, indication of Russian language ability)
  - c. initial contact with news media (how, when, where, whom, statements made, indication as to future plans)
  - d. attempted suicide
3. Employment while in Russia
  - a. various jobs held, salary, etc.
  - b. information regarding any type of work which could relate to Oswald's military specialty
  - c. relations with other employees
4. Other activities while in Russia
  - a. location and nature of living accommodations
  - b. associations
  - c. membership in any clubs
  - d. sources of income while in Russia other than employment
  - e. other contacts with news media
  - f. correspondence with Governor Connally
5. Marriage to Marina Nikolaevna Prusakova
  - a. original meeting
  - b. Marina's background, schooling, training
  - c. background and attitude of family
  - d. date and place of marriage
  - e. information regarding marital life while in Russia
6. Other contacts with embassy while in Russia; final preparation for departure from Russia
  - a. extension of passport
  - b. visa for wife



7. Contacts with Russian authorities - circumstances surrounding departure
- B. Mexican trip
    1. Basic facts regarding date, place of entry, means of travel, etc.
    2. Purpose of trip
    3. Activities in Mexico
    4. Cost and financing of trip
    5. Return to Dallas
  - C. Proposed Russian Trip (1963)
    1. Basic facts regarding date, place of entry, means of travel, etc.
    2. Purposes of trip
    3. Cost and financing of trip
    4. Passport application and issuance
  - D. Evaluation of State Department Handling of Oswald Matter
- V. Murder of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack L. Ruby
- A. Transfer of Oswald to County Jail
    1. Advance preparations by Dallas police
    2. Notification to news media
    3. Security precautions
    4. Murder of Oswald by Ruby
    5. Arrest, interrogation and trial of Ruby
  - B. Evaluation of Dallas police in their handling of Oswald
  - C. Movements of Jack L. Ruby from November 22 until November 24 Shooting
    1. Reaction to assassination - statements made
    2. Presence at Police Station during period
    3. Entrance into basement area on November 24

D. Background of Jack L. Ruby

1. Family and early childhood
2. Education
3. Residence in Chicago until 1947
4. Labor union associations in Chicago
5. Other associations in Chicago
6. Financial interests in Chicago
7. Move to Dallas
8. Business and financial interests in Dallas
9. Associations in Dallas
10. Medical and personal history
11. Police record

E. Evidence of Association Between Oswald and Ruby

1. Any known contacts between Oswald and Ruby, e.g. at YMCA, nightclub, etc.
2. Apparent look of recognition on Oswald's face
3. Other

F. Evidence Implicating Others in Murder of Oswald

G. Psychiatric Report on Ruby Based on Known Information

VI. Security Measures to Protect the President

A. Jurisdiction of United States Secret Service and other Federal Agencies

1. Jurisdiction and History of Secret Service
2. Responsibilities of other agencies
3. Liaison arrangements between Secret Service and other agencies

B. Statement of Procedures Followed by Secret Service in Dallas

1. Activities of Protective Research Service
  - a. scope and currency of file
  - b. measures taken regarding identified subjects
2. Other advance preparations
  - a. in Washington
  - b. in Dallas
  - c. Liaison with local law enforcement authorities and other Federal agencies
3. Procedures followed on November 22
  - a. at airport
  - b. Trade Mart
  - c. in motorcade - deployment of Secret Service personnel
4. Security measures followed after assassination
  - a. on trip to hospital
  - b. at hospital
  - c. return to Washington

C. Evaluation of Existing Procedures

1. Recommendations regarding the location of responsibility for protecting the President
2. Improvements in facilities of Protective Research Service
  - a. better liaison with other agencies?
  - b. need for improved collection and dissemination of intelligence data
3. Improvements in deployment of protective personnel
  - a. along route?
  - b. in motorcade?
  - c. in Presidential car?
4. Other