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The Forgotten Film, 'The Last Two Days'

LESS THAN FIVE SECONDS after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, these movie pictures of the grassy knoll area were taken by White House photographer Thomas Atkins.

This is the first time these three stills, taken from the unused portion of Atkins' film "The Last Two Days," have ever been published.

Frame one clearly shows Mr. and Mrs. William Newman on the knoll just after they "hit the ground" as a reaction to the rifle shots.

They are protecting their two small children, and in frame three, looking at the top

of the grassy knoll, where both later swore in an affidavit, they heard the shots fired which killed the President.

In the background of frames two and three Dallas Police Officer Bobby W. Hargis can be seen turning his motorcycle in toward the grassy knoll. Seconds later, Hargis dismounted, and pistol in hand, he climbed the hill to "look for the gunman."

A man in the white automobile, also seen in these pictures, is pointing in the direction of the grassy knoll. The car, part of the Presidential motorcade, is speeding to Parkland Hospital, where Kennedy died.

