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United States Attorney H. BAREFOOT SANDERS, Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised SA KYLE G. CLARK on December 5, 1963, that a reporter for the Dallas "Morning News", name unrecalled, had advised him that four of the women working in the Society Section of the Dallas "Morning News" were reportedly standing next to Mr. ZAPRUDA when the assassination shots were fired. According to this reporter, these women, names unknown, stated that the shots according to their opinion came from a direction other than from the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) Building. Mr. SANDERS also advised that the reporter calling stated he had interviewed Patrolman J. M. SMITH who advised that he definitely distinguished the aroma of gunpowder near the underpass.

Patrolman JOSEPH M. SMITH, Traffic Division, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, on December 9, 1963, advised SA'S HENRY J. OLIVER and LOUIS M. KELLEY that he was working on November 22, 1963, on traffic at Elm and Houston Streets. He stated he was near the parking lot when the shots were fired which killed President KENNEDY. The shots echoed so loudly he had no idea at the time where they had been fired from. He stated he did smell what he thought was gunpowder but stated this smell was in the parking lot by the TSBD Building and not by the underpass. He advised he never at any time went to the underpass and could not advise if there was the smell of gunpowder in the underpass. He stated he did not see the President when he was shot and stated he saw nothing which would assist in this matter. After the shots were fired, there was a great deal of confusion, and he left his post for a few minutes to go in the area where the President had been shot but did not go in the TSBD Building.

Patrolman E. V. BROWN, Traffic Division, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, on December 9, 1963, advised SA'S OLIVER and KELLEY that on November 22, 1963, he was assigned to traffic and was stationed on the overpass located below the TSBD Building. He stated he heard the shots that killed

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President KENNEDY, but he did not see the shots take effect and stated he could not furnish any information which would assist in identifying the assassin. He advised that he believed he could smell gunpowder in the air on the overpass but believed it probably was brought there by the wind. No shots could have been fired from the overpass, as he was present in this area at least an hour or two before the motorcade came along and was there on duty when the President was shot.

He advised that about 10:40 AM, he recalls a green pickup truck which was stalled on Elm Street near the overpass. This truck was a concern since they needed to get it moved prior to the Presidential Motorcade. Patrolman JOE MURPHY can give full facts regarding the truck and the occupants as he handled the matter and was successful in getting it removed prior to the Presidential Motorcade. The persons in this truck were workmen who actually had trouble with the truck and were out of the area when the motorcade came by. He did not see anyone remove anything from this truck.