# KLIF RADIO STATION

Dallas, Texas

22 November 1963

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- Report of arrival of presidential party at Love Field and beginning of motorcade through Dallas.
- 2. Regular broadcast of news and music.

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- 1. News Bulletin: Three shots reported at President Kennedy as he rode through downtown Dallas.
- 2. Weather in Dallas 63° and going up. Time, 17½ minutes before one o'clock.
- Further report: Police Department reports several shots fired at motorcade; several persons reported taken to Parkland Hospital; no other information at this time.
- Regular program, following reports interspersed.
- 5. Joe Long, Mobile Unit 4 reports: All squads converging code 3. Do not know who, if anyone, shot. They are looking for a 30-year-old man with a 30-30 rifle.
- 6. Another report from Joe Long: Search continues for man centered at Elm and Houston near Texas School Book Depository. Parkland Hospital officials closed-mouth about who, if anyone, hurt.
- 7. Jerry Delon in the newsroom is still trying to confirm report of shooting of President Kennedy and Vice President Johnson. Report from Dallas Police Department.
- 8. Unconfirmed report that Governor Connally and President Kennedy were wounded in the downtown area as they passed in motorcade.
- 9. Repeat of last report. Gordon McClendon at Trade Mart reports luncheon guests awaiting presidential party in pandemonium. Rumors flying that the President and Governor Connally have been shot.
- 10. Repeat of last report. Quote from Secret Service agent Clint Hill, who is responsible for Mrs. Kennedy's safety: He's dead, as President was lifted from the car.
- Report that newsmen in motorcade hear three bursts of gumfire. Joe Long reports search continuing for sniper.

- 12. Report that Congressman Jim Wright said Governor Connally and the President are wounded, but alive.
- 13. Summary of preceding reports.
- 14. Colored boy has reported seeing a man leaning from a 4th floor window of the Texas School Book Depository after firing of first shot and seeing him fire two more shots.

- 1. Summary of known information.
- At approximately 12:50 p.m., Acting News Secretary Malcomb Kilduff said the President is still alive.
- Governor Connally's wife and Mrs. Kennedy are reported safe.
- 4. Priests and surgeons have been called to Parkland Hospital.
- 5. Summary of preceding events of the day.
- 6. Report from KLIF Mobile Unit downtown that there is no further information there; proceeding to Parkland Hospital.
- 7. President still alive, shooting has been reported to his parents at Hyannis Port.
- KLIF has two official news sources: Congressman Jim Wright of Fort Worth and Secret Service Agent Clint Hill.
- President is receiving blood transfusions.
- 10. Twenty-five year old man caught at Field and Elm Streets.
- 11. Report of friendly reception of President by crowd in Dallas.
- 12. Gary DeLon reports police have arrested man fitting broadcast description. New York Stock Exchange has closed, also cotton and wool exchanges. As/of 16 minutes ago the president was still alive.
- 13. Review of preceding reports. Approximate time of attempt on President's life set at 20 minutes until one p.m.
- 14. Report that one secret service agent has been killed.
- 15. Both President Kennedy and Governor Connally reported still alive at 12:55 p.m. UP report says President Kennedy has been shot, perhaps, fatally.

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- Senate has adjourned. Father Huber of Holy Trinity Church has administered last rites to President Kennedy.
- 17. KLHF accepts only official reports. Reports circulating among other news media that the President has been killed, but there is no official confirmation.
- 18. There is a strong rumor that the President is dead.
- 19. Vice President Johnson is somewhere in Parkland Hospital.
- 20. Reaction of luncheon guests waiting at Trade Mart.
- 21. A rifle has been found on 5th floor of the building from which the President was shot. It is believed that more than one person was involved possible two white men and one Negro.
- 22. Strong indications that the President is dead. He was reported still alive at last sacrament at 12:55 p.m.

- 1. Three shots fired by assailant is the consensus.
- Details of chase and events around the Sexton Building after shots were fixed.
- 3. Extent of Governor Connally's wounds not known.
- 4. The President is dead.
- Review of Dallas reception of President earlier in the day.
- 6. Repeat President is dead; Lyndon Johnson is president designee.
- 7. Historical data on previous assassinations and comparison with today's events.
- 8. Governor Connally shot just below shoulder blade in back.
- 9. Joe Long, KLIF, was pool reporter assigned to presidential visit. Discussion with him about security and precautions taken to protect the president even before his arrival. Press corps' comments about how easily an attempt on his life could be made in spite of all this.
- 10. Official time of President Kennedy's death 1:00 p.m.
- Reference to Lincoln assassination; removal of plexiglass dome from President Kennedy's automobile discussed; repeat on wounds of President and Governor.
- 12. Johnson whisked from hospital -- whereabouts secret.
- 13. Confirmation that secret service agent killed; wrap-up of day's events.
- 14. Review of day's happenings; speculation on President's state of consciousness after shooting; reference to assassination of Japanese premier in 1960.

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- 15. Quote from Dr. George Berkeley, White House medical officer.
- 16. Vice President Johnson and his wife left hospital upon being advised of President Kennedy's death.
- 17. Commally satisfactory. Report of pick-up of suspects.
- 18. Moscow radio announcement.
- 19. Senate adjourned. Review of treatment of Adlai Stevenson upon his visit to Dallas one month ago.
- 20. Governor Connally in serious condition and great pain.

  Johnson under heavy guard assassins probably still at large.
- 21. Offer of assistance from J. Edgar Hoover reported. Other speculation on return of fire during shooting.
- 22. Report of Malcomb Kilduff's news conference announcing death of President Kennedy.
- 23. Report of shooting of a Police Officer in the 500 block of West Jefferson in Oak Cliff a few minutes ago.
- 24. Abandonment of normal programming announced. Repeat of earlier reports on arrival at Love Field.

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- 1. Awaiting news of Governor Connally's condition.
- Announcement from Dr. W. T. White, Superintendent of Dallas schools, that schools are not closing early but parents may pick up children, if they so desire.
- Announcement of unrelated killing of a policeman -Gordon McClendon and Joe Long reporting.
- 4. Comments on speculation that a Supreme Court Justice may by flying to Dallas to inaugurate Johnson.
- Review of known details of assassination.
- 6. Moscow radio comment work of extreme right wing.
- 7. Quotations from Kennedy's speech earlier in the day at Fort Worth.
- 8. Quotations from Governor Connally's greeting to President Kennedy at Fort Worth.
- 9. Tie-in of death of Kennedy baby in August.
- 10. Moscow announcement reiterated.
- 11. Local announcer's remarks on confusion of reports.
- 12. Roy Nichols at Parkland Hospital report that Governor Connally shot in side and arm.
- 13. Quote from a Television reporter (not identified) that he saw a rifle being withdrawn from a window of the 5th or 6th floor of the Sexton Building.
- 14. Repeated report that a Secret Service man had been killed.
- 15. Repeated reference to unrelated shooting of Dallas policeman.
- 16. White House announcement that body will be flown to Washington today.

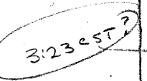
- 17. Announcement of Princess Radziwell's plans to fly to Washington and reactions observed in Europe.to President's death.
- 18. Rifle found on stairway of an office building believed to be assassin's weapon 7.65 Mauzer German made army rifle with a telescopic sight. One shell found in the chamber with 3 spent shells lying nearby.
- 19. Emergency announcement requesting public to refrain from telephoning Parkland Hospital.
- 20. Roy Nichols at Parkland Hospital reports Dr. Kent Clark's announcement that President Kennedy sustained a head wound and a neck wound and details of attempts to save his life.
- 21. Announcement that Dallas policeman was shot as he chased suspected assassin.

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- President Kennedy's body has been removed from hospital.
- Johnson returning to Washington.
- Roy Nichols at Parkland Hospital --- Rumor is that Johnson will take cath of office at Love Field.
- 4. Kennedy's body to arrive at Washington at 5;30 this afternoon.
- Dispatch on new president, history, views, political implications.
- 6. Suspect in custody believed to be man who killed police officer in Oak Cliff. J. D. Tippett was officer killed, when he and Officer M. N. McDonald ran into rear of theater where suspect was apprehended.
- 7. Governor's office in Austin issued this bulletin:
  Governor Connally undergoing chest surgery and will
  probably have orthopedic surgery. His blood pressure
  and pulse are still okay at 2:15 p.m. Lt Gov Smith will
  not take over as Texas governor unless Governor Connally
  requests him to do so.
- 8. President Kennedy's assassination called a despicable act by former President Eisenhower.
- Repeat of events just preceding assassination Joe Long of KLIF was press representative of Dallas radio and television stations assigned to cover presidential visit.
- 10. Lyndon Johnson is president of the United States at 2:39 p.m. Dallas time. Announcement that oath of office has been administered aboard Air Force I.
- 11. Suspect has not yet been identified to newsmen. Policemen thought more than one person involved.

- 12. Possibility man who killed the President is man who killed Tippett discussed. Suspect quoted as saying I got me a president and a cop--if I can just get two more.
- 13. An eyewitness report from Charles Brennen who was at curbside when the shooting of the president occurred. He said the president was smiling and waving, the shots rang out, then that awful look. There were at least three bursts of gunfire.

- Late report from Love Field departure of presidential plane.
- Repeats of earlier reports.
- 3. Gary Delon at Police Headquarters: Police Captain Pat Ganaway said it looks good on both of them (that is the suspect being questioned killed both President Kennedy and Police Officer Tippett.) Suspect's wife is a Russian -- being checked out.
- 4. Background resume' on Dallas, Adlai Stevenson's visit and reception cited.
- 5. Report that an employee in Sexton Building, a 25-yearold suspect is being questioned. Police Captain Ganaway said suspect has visited Russia and is married to a Russian - not confirmed.
- 6. Details of trip to airport by Mrs. Kennedy with body of the president.
- Statement issued by Eric Johnson, president of Dallas Citizens Council, who was an official in velcoming party.
- 8. Resume' on Kennedy children.
- 9. Federal Judge Sarah T. Hughes administered oath of office to President Johnson.
- Resume' of public reactions to assassination.
- Governor Connally's condition will be reported in 15 minutes.



- 1. Reiteration of background of assassination.
- Lee H. Oswald, chairman of Fair Play for Cuba Committee, is suspect being questioned at police headquarters.
- 3. Summary of Governor Connally's condition and related events.
- 4. A local paper did a recent article on suspect who said he was renouncing his citizenship. He is known to local police as an employee of Texas Book Depository.

- Summary of Kennedy family's receipt of news of the President's assassination.
- 2. Governor Connally's condition reported by Roy Nichols.
- 3. Report of reactions in Washington. Also, that of former presidents, Truman and Risenhower.
- 4. Repeat of previous reports.
- 5. President Johnson due in Washington in 55 minutes at 5:08 p.m.
- Mexican government has announced through its Laredo office that the Mexican border has been sealed for 72 hours.
- 7. Lee Osuald with six-man escort has been led from Police Captain Fritz' office.
- 8. Boston silent New York churches have begun to fill with mourners.
- 9. Douglas-Hume speech due tonight.
- 10. Quotation of statement by Mayor Willie Brandt, West Berlin.
- 11. President Johnson scheduled to meet with bi-partisan leaders tonight.
- 12. No confession from Oswald--interrogation continues.
- 13. Details of arrival plans in Washington for presidential plane.
- 14. Wrap-up of news to this time.
- 15. Gary Delon at interrogation room to report results of Oswald questioning momentarily.

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- Report on Governor Commally's condition with review of day's happenings.
- Report from Police Sgt Jerry Hill of attempts and final apprehension of Oswald.
- 3. Dallas mayor's proclamation read.
- 4. Details on Oswald background.
- 5. Amountements of cancellations of previously scheduled events.
- 6. Oswald background relterated.
- 7. Chronological breakdown of today's events.
- 8. Report Captain Fritz said Oswald same as admitted slayings but has not signed a confession.
- Charles Brennen, 1619 Kings Highway.

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- 1. Arrival of presidential plane at Andrews Air Force Base.
- Quotes from President Johnson's remarks at Andrews AFB.
- 3. Repeat of Charles Brennen account of assassination.
- 4. Resume' of Governor Connally's condition.
- 5. Recorded interview with Oswald's housekeeper, Mrs. Earline Roberts, 1020 North Beckley, Oak Cliff.
- 6. Quote from Mrs. Kennedy speaking just prior to shooting to Mr. Kennedy: You can't say Dallas wasn't friendly to you.
- 7. Report of President Johnson's imminent arrival at the White House. Resume' of plans for his conferences and funeral arrangements for Mr. Kennedy.

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- 1. Plans for funeral detailed.
- 2. Recap of day cappenings.
- 3. Presi to Johnson has begun meetings with White House advisors and bipartisan leaders.
- 4. Repeat of details.
- 5. Comme is by members of the ress.
- see ation on number of bullets that struck President enr y and Governor Connally. Fantastic marksmanship.
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etails of return to Washington of presidential plane - residential plane -

Susplict Oswald is already charged with killing of Dallas police officer and is prime suspect in assassination. Interrogation continues.

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- 1. . All precautions being taken to prevent escape of assassin.
- Continued coverage of assassination and assumption of duties by President Johnson.
- 3. Repeat of Oswald background and charges. Description of weapons used.
- 4. Roy Michols report of departure from hospital and airplane taking off from Love Field.
- 5. Repeat of funeral arrangements.
- 6. Gordon McClendon reports President Johnson is at White House preparing to meet with McGeorge Bundy.
- 7. Reper of details of day.
- 8. Congressmen Clark Thompson of Galveston statement of apprehension he relayed in White House about Dallas visit.
- 9. Don keys, San Francisco, reports reaction in San Francisco
- 10. ary Delon report from interrogation room rifle show. To newsmen Italian made.
- Dinner plans in Dallas and Austin raviewed.
- 12. More packground on Oswald.
- 13. Details of arrival of hearse at Bethesda Hospital.
- 14. Oswald taken to line-up for viewing by witness asked by reporter if he is man who did it, Oswald replies, "Rell, no."
- 15. Further details on funeral for president.
- Repeat of inauguration details.

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- 1. Continuation of description of inauguration.
- 2. Repeat of Oswald background.
- Review of day's events.
- 4. More about Oswald. Democratic Chairman of Temple, Byron Skelton write Robert Kennedy suggesting it was dangerous for President to visit Dallas on Nov. 4th.
- 5. President and policeman only two dead.
- 6. Oswald said "I didn't kill anyone", to newsmen as he returned from police line-up.
- Denial of rumors that President Johnson sustained heart attack.
- 8. Repeat of previous reports.
- 9. Car had gone slower down Main Street ready to pick up speed. Skill required.
- 10. Lee Oswald was given passage home paid by U.S.
- 11. Gary DeLon comments.
- 12. Review of Oswald interrogation details.
- 13. U.P. correspondent Alan Moseby quotes Oswald as saying it was just like getting out of prison to go to Russia.
- 14. Richard Nixon day before said in his opinion Kennedy in trouble in Texas at Baker Hotel in Dallas.
- 15. Details of Oswald's return from Russia.
- 16. Carl Ringia in New Orleans, Cuban Student Directory
  Oswald was there two months ago, Chairman of Fair Play
  for Cuba Committee. Arrested for distributing pro-communist
  literature on New Orleans streets.

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- 1. House Committee on Un-American activities says Oswald appears to be same individual.
- 2. Passport issued Oswald for visit to Europe.
- 3. Dignitaries' comments: Truman, Douglas-Hume, Sir Winston Churchill.
- 4. Repeat of preparations for days activities before assassination.
- 5. Review of assassination details and events that followed.
- 6. Recurring rumors that other arrests have been made. At least one young lady has been taken into custody for questioning about two stalled trucks containing weapons. If FBI and Secret Service are taking over details will be very scarce. Praise of Dallas police.
- 7. Governor Commally's condition reiterated.
- 8. Resume of Oswald background.
- Captain Will Fritz informed reporters that charges have been filed against Lee Oswald for Killing J.D. Tippett. None filed in presidential slaying - has been placed in Depository at time of killing.
- 10. A woman being questioned about seeing men emerge from truck with weapons near underpass.
- 11. Gary Delon Russian wife of Oswald being questioned she says rifle belongs to her husband.
- 12. Late bulletin on Connally condition satisfactory.
- 13. Unexplained interrogation of Dallas resident Jane Mercer.

JULIA MESCERE

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- 14. Premier Kruschev returning to Moscow Moscow radio report of Kennedy's death.
- 15. Connally's condition described.

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- 1. Defense Secretary has joined Mrs. Kennedy and Robert Kennedy at Bethesda Naval Hospital.
- 2. Oswald shouted "This is the end. I got me a president and a policeman, now if I can just get two more." Later denied this. Wife identified the supposed murder weapon.
- 3. Encouraging reports on Governor Commally. Slight turn as shot fired probably saved his life.
- 4. Repeat of report on Johnson inauguration.
- Announcement of cancellations of social activities previously scheduled.
- 6. Been on air some 7½ hours.
- 7. Comment on Kennedy children. Mrs. Kennedy's witness of inauguration.
- 8. Repeat on Oswald's wife's identification of rifle. Background on Oswald.
- 9. Repeat on security precautions.
- Bulletin Last rites for President Kennedy will be at Washington Monday.
- 11. Rundown on Oswald Admits employed in Seaton Building.
  Won't account for time during shooting. Wife lives at
  Irving. Oswald rented room Oct. 14 about 12 blocks from
  Texas Theatre.
- 12. Governor Connally's condition.
- 13. Oswald's wife becoming key factor in questioning.
- 14. Oswald owned no car how did he get to Oak Cliff?

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- 15. Additional funeral arrangements.
- 16. Review of luncheon crowd waiting for President.

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- 1. Lincoln Assassination, Carfield historical background.
- Governor Connally not informed of Kennedy death recap of day's events - more history.
- Dobbs Republican candidate for Senate from Austin area statement.
- 4. Judge Dave Johnston Oswald arraigned in Tippett murder bail neither set nor refused. Quote of Oswald's remarks before court.
- 5. Quote of student's eye-witness account.
- 6. Review of day's incidents.
- 7. Officer J. M. Chaney interview right rear guard on car in motorcade. President shot in face on second shot. Shot came over my right shoulder. That first shot was motorcycle backfire Rushed forward to advise Chief in lead car.
- 8. Quote from Dallas Morning News Editorial.
- 9. Tippett survivors announced.
- 10. Houston Police had received four phone calls threatening Kennedy. Information turned over to McGill.
- II. Speculation that Johnson could conceivably serve two full terms as elected President in addition to balance of Kennedy term.
  - Police attempting to establish ownership of weapon as key to case against Oswald.
  - 13. Description of third floor scene at Police Headquarters.
  - 14. Oswald stiffening and talking about getting an attorney.

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- 1. Marianna Nicholayev, Oswald's wife, has not given much information except that weapon is Oswald's.
- Resume of day's events.
- 3. Activity in Washington.
- 4. Kennedy background.
- 5. Resume of evidence implicating Oswald.
- Report from Gary DeLon at Police Headquarters details sketchy - interrogation may continue through the night.
- 7. President Johnson's activities upon return to Washington. Will confer with Secretary of State Dean Rusk who is returning from trip started to Japan, in morning.
- 8. Funeral arrangements.
- Patrolman B. W. Hargis, outrider in motorcade, said, "I looked, I saw it, I knew he was dead."
- 10. State Legislature of Texas has conducted memorial service.
- 11. Rifle being flown to Washington for analysis.
- 12. Johnson has completed conferences and has left for home.

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- 1. Motorcade wasn't supposed to take place.
- 2. Discussion of security measures taken to protect President.
- 3. Repeat of Major's statement.
- 4. Announcement of cancellations of football games.
- 5. Fort Worth stores asked to close.
- 6. Mexican border has reopened after being closed four hours.
- 7. Torch light parade and talk by Willie Brandt.
- 8. FRI must feel they have apprehended all possible suspects or the border would not have been reopened.
- 9. Pope's eulogy, Douglas-Hume.
- 10. Tippett's survivors.
- 11. Governor Connally.
- 12. Since interrogation is at stand-still, will play light music and give news between. At 6:00 a.m., will begin continuous broadcast again.
- 13. Has been established suspect was in Seaton Building at time of assassination. They are doing paraffin tests on his hands. May continue non-stop coverage will wait for Gary DeLon's report.

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- Wife's inability to speak English may be a factor in long interrogation of Oswald.
- Recap on Johnson's career.
- 3. What will effect on Soviet-American relations be?
- 4. Reiteration of details on Oswald.
- 5. KLIF has been on scene for Nine straight hours.
- 6. Lord's Prayer 10:15 p.m. 63°.
- 7. Music uninterrupted to end.

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- 1. Tragedy of deaths in Kennedy family.
- 2. Further funeral arrangements.
- 3. Entire news department on duty at KLIF.
- 4. Review of inauguration.
- Unanswered questions time and transportation elements.
   Surmise Shooting of J. D. Tippett driving east on 10th, stopped a person walking West, talked through car window.
- 6. President Johnson's activities.
- 7. Report that Security Officer killed was concerning Tippett.
- 8. Resume of events.
- 9. Nationally known democratic chairman of Temple, Byron Skelton, said he wrote attorney general November 4th, also Walter Jenkins, vice-presidential assistant, urging President not to visit Dallas.
- 10. Gary DeLon at Police headquarters Seven hours and 23 minutes ago, President assassinated. Oswald still being questioned, also his wife. Oswald charged with Tippett murder.
- 11. Dave Millstein -

12:30 p.m. Assassination

12:45 p.m. Oswald at rooming house, 1000 Blk N. Beckley

1:18 p.m. Policeman shot three blocks away

2:00 p.m. Captured at Texas Theatre, 5 blcks or 6 from shooting.

Crossed Houston Street Viaduct up Zanes to Beckley, then to his rooming house. Down 10th where encountered policeman and shooting took place, then just barely a half block on, turned down Patton Street toward Jefferson

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- 1. Music
- 2. Highlights of day's news.
- 3. 440 in Dallas 10:45 p.m.
- 4. 8 Minutes until 11:00 p.m.
- 5. Request for J. D. Tippett Memorial Fund contributions.
- 6. News recap 11:00 p.m. Raymond Back, Chamber of Commerce president, asked stores to close tomorrow.
- 7. Uninterrupted music to end.

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- Eight minutes past 11:00 p.m. Continue with light music.
- 11:15 p.m. Predicted cold front. J.D. Tippett Memorial Fund. KLIF 2104 - Jackson, Dallas - Police indicate they will file charges when and if they can tie murder weapon to Oswald.
- 3. Tippett Memorial Fund.
- 4. 11:30 p.m. News recap 42°.
- 5. 20 minutes to 12:00 Recap on Commally.

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- 1. Appropriate Music
- 2. 11:46 Tippett Memorial Fund recap.
- 3. Kennedy family requests anyone wishing to send flowers to donate to charity instead.
- 4. 9 minutes to midnight 42 degrees in Dallas.
- 5. Bulletin Charge may have been filed against Lee Harvey Oswald in murder of President Kennedy.

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just one block away. Then double-backed to the West, down Jefferson across Zanes and two blocks to Texas Theatre. This route he could have used.

- 12. Kennedy children taken from White House.
- 13. 2:45 p.m. Presidential plane left Love Field.