

On August 20, 1964, LEE E. BOWERS, JR., 10508 Maple Grove, Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised Special Agent PAUL E. WULFF that he had just been contacted by telephone by a woman giving her name as "Mrs. MARK MARTIN", of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. MARTIN questioned BOWERS regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY and stated she was just an individual who was in Dallas for the purpose of trying to "piece the whole thing together".

Mr. BOWERS stated that based upon the questions asked by Mrs. MARTIN, it was quite evident to him that she was in possession of the information which he had previously furnished to the Dallas Police Department, as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mrs. MARTIN also asked BOWERS if he thought OSWALD committed the assassination and if there were any police on top of the triple underpass. She also asked him how fast the Texas School Book Depository had been sealed off by police.

It is noted that the "Mrs. MARK MARTIN" who telephonically contacted Mr. BOWERS is possibly identical with Mrs. MARK E. MARTIN, also known as SHIRLEY MARTIN, of Hominy, Oklahoma, who is reportedly conducting her own investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

Date September 1, 1964

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Mr. LEE E. BOWERS, JR., 10508 Maple Grove, Dallas, Texas, home telephone number Davis 1-1909, was interviewed at his present place of employment, the Green Clinic and Hospital, 1302 Englewood Street, Dallas; office telephone number Whitehall 2-1361.

Mr. BOWERS advised that on November 22, 1963, the day of the assassination of President KENNEDY, he was employed as a tower man at the North Tower Street Union Terminal Company, a railroad, which is located adjacent to the Texas School Book Depository building and the triple underpass, which President Kennedy's automobile was about to pass under at the time of the shooting.

Mr. BOWERS stated that at approximately 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 1964, he received a local telephone call at work from a woman who identified herself as "Mrs. MARK MARTIN", of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. MARTIN described herself to Mr. BOWERS as a private individual conducting her own investigation into the events in Dallas on the day of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

Mrs. MARTIN expressed to Mr. BOWERS her desire to have a personal interview with him in his office about what he had witnessed and testified to as having seen at the triple underpass and in the vicinity of the Texas School Book Depository building at the time of the assassination.

Mr. BOWERS advised that he told Mrs. MARTIN that he had nothing to offer to her, and he saw no reason for her to interview him regarding this matter.

According to Mr. BOWERS, Mrs. MARTIN stated she desired to talk to him for a minute or two. He stated their telephone conversation lasted approximately seven or eight minutes.

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Mr. BOWERS stated Mrs. MARTIN then commenced to ask him direct questions, which indicated to him that she had full knowledge and had possibly read the report of his previous interviews with the Dallas Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He noted that while he had also been interviewed by a representative of the President's Commission, her questions did not indicate to him that she had seen the President Commission's report on his interview, as a few things he had discussed with the Commission's representative were not touched on by Mrs. MARTIN.

While Mr. BOWERS does not recall the exact wording of Mrs. MARTIN's questions, he recalled she inquired as to whether or not he was going to author a book, to which question he replied "No". Her primary interests seemed to concern what had transpired at the triple underpass and the area of the "grassy knoll", next to the underpass, at the time of the shooting. She wanted to know who was on the underpass and what these individuals did at the time of the shooting. Mr. BOWERS stated he told her he had no comments to make on the matter as he had testified as to what he had seen. She persisted with her questioning and wanted to know if there were any policemen on top of the underpass. He told her there were two uniformed police officers on the underpass, one at each end. She then wanted to know if they left their post, and BOWERS answered that within three minutes after the shooting, there were some 100 policemen in the area of the underpass.

BOWERS stated that the reason he even talked with Mrs. MARTIN as long as he did was because he was interested in finding out just who she was and how much she knew about his previous interviews with law enforcement agencies.

Mrs. MARTIN asked BOWERS about his interview with the President's Commission, and he told her he had no comment to make in this regard.



Mrs. MARTIN questioned him about the three automobiles he had seen parked near the Texas School Book Depository, and she described these three cars to Mr. BOWERS in detail.

Mr. BOWERS stated that Mrs. MARTIN wanted him to evaluate the information he had previously given to the law enforcement agencies, and he stated he would not evaluate his testimony as he had reported just what he had seen. He told her to call the Federal Bureau of Investigation if she wanted an evaluation of his information.

Mr. BOWERS advised Mrs. MARTIN wanted to know if the shots he heard had come from the inside or the outside of the Texas School Book Depository building, and he answered her that in view of all the many noises in the area, he could not say where the shots came from.

Mr. BOWERS then told Mrs. MARTIN he was very busy, she thanked him and the telephone conversation ended.

Mr. BOWERS stated Mrs. MARTIN's questions were directed along the following lines:

- (1) His previous testimony
- (2) Events at the triple underpass at the time of the assassination
- (3) Occurrences in the area of the Texas School Book Depository building at the time of the assassination
- (4) Where the shots had come from
- (5) Evaluation of what he had witnessed on November 22, 1963

Mr. BOWERS stated that Mrs. MARTIN had undoubtedly obtained his office telephone number through a local call to his residence, which telephone number is listed in the Dallas telephone book. He had questioned his father and son as to whom Mrs. MARTIN had spoken to on August 20, 1964, and each had told him that he had not spoken to any such woman that day; however, his father recalled a telephone inquiry about two weeks previously from a woman asking for his office telephone number.

It is noted that Mr. LEE E. BOWERS, JR., was previously interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 22, 1963, regarding what he had witnessed that day at the time of the assassination of President KENNEDY.

At that time Mr. BOWERS advised that he was watching the Presidential Motorcade from his tower at about 12:28 p.m. when he heard three shots. He saw no one run from the west or south side of the Texas School Book Depository building, and, prior to the shooting, did not see any suspicious person enter the building; however, he stated he had observed three cars parked in the parking lot located west of the Texas School Book Depository building. Mr. BOWERS described these three cars in detail. Following the shooting, BOWERS observed none of these cars were in the parking lot.