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Mr. JAMES W. FOSTER, Patrolman, Traffic Accident Squad, Dallas Police Department, advised that on November 22, 1963, he was assigned a station on the railroad overpass over Elm, Main and Commerce Streets in Dallas as a station for coverage of the motorcade taken by President KENNEDY. Patrolman FOSTER stated he arrived at this station at approximately 10:15 AM on this date and immediately took up a point on the railroad overpass overlooking the triple intersection. He stated his instructions were not to permit anyone on the overpass and that he worked the east side of the overpass and Patrolman JAMES C. WHITE of the Dallas Police Department was assigned to work the west side of this overpass.

Patrolman FOSTER stated he did not permit anyone on the overpass except about nine Union Terminal Company railroad employees that appeared to be working in the area and moved to the east edge of the overpass shortly prior to the arrival of the Presidential motorcade. Patrolman FOSTER stated he was in a position directly above the south edge of Elm Street at the time the Presidential motorcade arrived. Just as the vehicle in which President KENNEDY was riding reached a point on Elm Street just east of the overpass, Patrolman FOSTER heard a noise that sounded like a large firecracker. He stated his attention was directed to President KENNEDY and he realized something was wrong because of the movement of the President. Another report was heard by Patrolman FOSTER and at about the same time the report was heard, he observed the President's head appear to explode and immediately thereafter, he heard a third report which he knew was a shot. Patrolman FOSTER stated that because of the distance from the place where the shot appeared to come from, he felt the third shot struck President KENNEDY as he heard the sound of the second shot that was fired. He stated the shots sounded as if they came from the direction of the Texas School Book Depository Building, Houston and Elm Streets. Patrolman FOSTER stated he did not see where the shots came from or who fired them.

Immediately after President KENNEDY was struck with a second bullet, the car in which he was riding pulled to the curb, the motorcycle escorts started maneuvering and scattering, a man which he recognized to be a Secret Service agent jumped on to the rear of the President's car and pushed Mrs. KENNEDY down and then climbed into the car, and then Patrolman FOSTER heard

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some unidentified person shout "get out of here", and the President's car sped away.

Patrolman FOSTER stated he immediately surveyed the area where he was stationed overlooking the triple overpass and observed that a freight train had passed headed in a southerly direction and he could not see the west side of the overpass where Patrolman WHITE was stationed. The only other persons on the railroad overpass at this time were the railroad employees standing near Patrolman FOSTER. Patrolman FOSTER then moved from the overpass onto Elm Street in order that he might receive further instructions from his superior officers.

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