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Mrs. ~~JEAN LOUIS HILL~~, 2492 Bluffs Creek, telephone EV 1-7419, advised that she and a friend, MARY ANN MOORMAN of 2832 Ripplewood, were in the vicinity of Main and Houston Streets on November 22, 1963, for approximately one and one-half hours before the arrival of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and his party. While waiting for the motorcade to arrive at this location, Mrs. HILL and MARY ANN walked around the parkway area near the Texas School Book Depository Building in attempts to determine the best vantage spot for taking photographs of the President. Mrs. HILL said she recalls talking to a uniformed policeman of the Dallas Police Department on the sidewalk near the main entrance to the Texas School Book Depository Building. While conversing with the policeman, Mrs. HILL noticed an automobile circling the area. The windows of the vehicle were covered with cardboard and the name "Honest Joe's Pawn Shop" was painted on the side of the car. Mrs. HILL made a remark about the automobile and the policeman told her the driver had permission to drive in the area.

Just before the motorcade appeared, MARY ANN MOORMAN and Mrs. HILL were standing on the lawn in the area between Main and Elm Streets opposite the main entrance of the Texas School Book Depository Building. Mrs. MOORMAN was taking photographs of the motorcade as it came into view and when the car occupied by President KENNEDY was passing Mrs. HILL, she recalls shouting, "Hey!" She stated that President KENNEDY was looking down when she shouted, and when he turned to look at her a shot rang out and he slumped towards Mrs. KENNEDY. Mrs. HILL heard more shots ring out and saw the hair on the back of President KENNEDY's head fly up. She stated she thought Mrs. KENNEDY cried out, "Oh, my God, he's been shot!" As the President fell forward in his seat Mrs. HILL knew he had been hit by a bullet. Mrs. HILL stated she heard from four to six shots in all and believes they came from a spot just west of the Texas School Book Depository Building. She thought there was a slight time interval between the first three shots and the remaining shots.

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When the firing stopped, Mrs. HILL noticed that everyone in the vicinity seemed to be in a trance wondering what had happened. Mrs. HILL recalled it was then that she noticed a white man wearing a brown raincoat and a hat running west away from the Texas School Book Depository Building in the direction of the railroad tracks. She said she does not know why but she started across the street in an effort "to see who he was". In so doing she ran in front of the motorcycle escort following the President's car and was nearly hit by one of the policemen. Mrs. HILL said she lost the man from view when she looked down at what she first thought was a blood spot but later determined to be a red snow cone. She did not get a good look at this man, does not know who he was, and never saw him again. She thought the man was of average height and of heavy build.

Mrs. HILL then rejoined Mrs. MOORMAN where she had left her, and they started to leave the area. They were stopped by Mr. FEATHERSTONE, a Dallas newspaper man, who took them to the press room at the Dallas County Sheriff's Office.

Mrs. HILL stated that she and MARY ANN MOORMAN were at the Sheriff's Office for about two hours and were questioned repeatedly by representatives of the press and various Federal and local law enforcement officers. She said the Sheriff's Office was a scene of extreme confusion and it was impossible to remember what questions were asked of her by the Secret Service Agents and FBI Agents. She recalled that a man identifying himself as either a Secret Service Agent or FBI Agent asked her what she thought when a bullet hit near her feet raising the dust. Mrs. HILL told him she had no recollection of a bullet hitting near her feet. Mrs. HILL told the Agents she heard from four to six shots and heard one of the agents make the remark "there were three shots, three bullets, that's enough for now". She advised that at no time did any Federal Agent or other law enforcement officer attempt to tell her what she should say in regard to the number of shots fired or to force any other opinions upon her.

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Mrs. HILL advised that about a month ago she received a long distance telephone call from **MARK LANE**, a New York attorney, who questioned her regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY. Mrs. HILL stated that from reading some of LANE's statements regarding this conversation she determined that LANE had taken some of her remarks out of context, thus changing the meaning of her replies, had not used her full answers to some of the questions, and had misquoted her in this conversation. Mrs. HILL stated that LANE asked her occupation and she replied that she was a housewife. This point was pressed by LANE and Mrs. HILL told him she did some substitute teaching. LANE told her this was great because teachers made very good witnesses.

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