

Mrs. RUTH M. SMITH, 5315 Tremont, Dallas, Texas, who is employed as a field worker in the Public Welfare Department, furnished the following information:

On the morning of November 22, 1963, she was on the second floor balcony of the old red courthouse located on Main Street, Dallas, Texas. She noted that the Texas School Book Depository is not visible from this balcony as the corner of the courthouse obstructs the view.

She had been there approximately thirty minutes when the motorcade of President KENNEDY passed turning right on Houston Street shortly thereafter. The President's car passed out of her vision when it turned right on Houston Street but came back into sight after turning onto Elm Street.

After the motorcade had passed, she was watching a newsman on Main Street in front of the balcony when she heard what she felt was a shot. She stated there was a pause then two more shots fairly close together. At this time people seemed to panic and were dashing in all directions. She looked back toward President KENNEDY's car after the first shot and thinks he raised his hands to his face. The car seemed to slow or perhaps stop after the first shot and then just after the third shot a Secret Service man from the second car ran up to the rear of the President's car and threw himself into the rear seat. The car immediately sped away.

Mrs. SMITH stated there were a number of people on the balcony, but the only one she could recall specifically was MARVIN C. GAGE who is employed in the Public Welfare Department. She said most of the people on the balcony did not realize President KENNEDY had been shot thinking that the shots were fireworks or that the Secret Service had shot someone in the crowd.

Mrs. SMITH stated she had never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD and did not know either OSWALD or JACK RUBY and knew of no association between them.

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