

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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~~WALTER WELLS~~ Deputy Constable, Dallas County, Texas, advised that on November 22, 1963, he was observing the motorcade of President KENNEDY at Main and Houston Streets in Dallas, Texas. He advised that as the motorcade went out of his line of vision, turning at the corner of Elm and Houston and proceeding under the underpass, he heard three shots ring out and immediately ran to the point where Elm Street turns to go under the underpass and up the grassy slope located on the opposite side of Elm Street to a fence.

He advised at this point he was of the opinion that some prankster had thrown a firecracker, and it was his goal to locate this person. He advised that as he came to the fence located at the top of the grassy slope, some bystander mentioned that the firecracker or shot had come from the other side of the fence, and he requested a bystander to bend over and he used the bystander's back as a step and vaulted over the fence.

He advised there were several other officers present, who also jumped over the fence, and they immediately searched the area behind the fence. He stated they located no one and after talking to a yardman, the yardman told him that the noise had come from the end of the fence closest to the Texas School Book Depository, and a search was immediately made of that area.

While still on the other side of the fence, someone, believed to be an officer of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, mentioned having seen or having heard about something red rolling on Elm Street, and they went and found what appeared to be a portion of bone or bone structure which were fresh blood stains. This was taken to the Dallas Police Laboratory.

He advised that about this time, he and the other officers went back to Elm Street, and someone stated that the President had been shot, and the shot had come from the Texas School Book Depository building. This was approximately 15 minutes after he heard the first three shots. He stated he assisted members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and the Dallas Police Department in searching the building, and he and EUGENE BOONE, Dallas County Deputy, were the ones who found the rifle stuck between some boxes or crates on the sixth floor of the building. He advised they did not touch the rifle, but

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immediately showed it to Captain FRITZ of the Dallas Police Department, and from what he could observe, ~~the rifle looked like a 7.65 German-made Mauser~~ rifle.

WEITZMAN stated that during the time he was running from the intersection of Main and Houston, he observed ~~a blonde woman, 20 to 25 years old, drop a lunch sack at a point about half a block west of the Texas School Book Depository building,~~ but thought nothing of it at the time. He advised, however, that it was later determined ~~this lunch sack was very similar to the lunch sack found at the sixth floor window where the assassin~~ apparently stationed himself and fired the fatal shot.

He said this information had been brought to the attention of the Dallas Police Department.

WEITZMAN stated he did not observe LEE HARVEY OSWALD or any other person possibly responsible for the shooting during the above described period of time.

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