

Excerpts from Stevenson Exhibit, Volume XXI

Joint report to Jesse Curry dated 11/30/63 by Assistant Chief Batchelor and Deputy Chiefs Lumpkin and Stevenson

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At 9:00 a.m., Captains W. C. Fannin, O.A. Jones, J.C. Nichols and W.P. Gannaway reported to Stevenson at the Trade Mart...Mr. Lawson asked Stevenson if we had men who were familiar with explosives ...to search the head table at approximately 11:00 a.m. and seal it off. Stevenson advised him...that Captain Fritz, an experienced officer, would be assigned in the vicinity of the head table, that Gannaway ...would also be assigned on the first floor, and that we would search the head table. This was done as requested under the direction of Captain Fritz...in the presence of Secret Service Agents.

Lt. Jack Revill, head of the Dallas Police Intelligence Section, and two (2) of his men were assigned in the front lobby of the Trade Mart...to observe each individual who entered the building, and if there was any possibility anyone entering should be someone they believed to be in their subversive files, they would survey and check them further...

Batchelor arrived at the Trade Mart at about 9:30 a.m. At this time the rain had stopped...A patrolman was assigned to Souter's car to listen to the radio on Channel II. Batchelor...put his radio on Channel I. He turned the volume up so that the officer assigned to Souter's car could hear both channels...

Around 11:30 a.m....two (2) men showed up carrying placards which were anti-Kennedy in nature. They were on the property of the Trade Mart. Mr. William Cooper, Manager...objected to them being on his property and Batchelor went with Mr. Cooper and contacted these men...They left the property and went across the street on Industrial Boulevard. Later, when it had been announced on the radio that the President had been shot, these men and three others got into an argument with spectators across the street. They were all arrested and taken to jail. These men were:

William Lee Cummings, age 17, 2502 Waldon Dr.;

Gary Dwayne Joiner, 2502 Waldrum, age 17;

Bobby Savelle Joiner, 1725 Armstead, Grand Frairie, age 34;

Gene Audra Guinn, 636 Lacwood, age 31;

Roy Eugene Joiner, 2413 Christopher, Grand Frairie, age 17.

These men were arrested by Officers T.T. Wardlaw and M. H. Brumley and charged with Investigation Conspiracy to Commit a Felony: To Wit Murder, which charge was changed to Trespassing.

Personnel assigned to the parade reported at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room...This operation was under the command of Deputy Chief R.H. Lunday, aided by Inspector J. H. Sawyer and Captain P. W. Lawrence. The detail was...168 men composed of 109...supervisors and patrolmen, 15 detectives, 18 motorcycle officers for the presidential escort and 26...Reservists...

About 9:30 a.m....Lumpkin, joined by Homicide Detectives F. M. Turner and B. L. Senkel and Lt. Colonel George Whitmeyer, U. S. Army, Dallas Sub-section Commander, proceeded to Love Field over the route, as pilot car, to be taken by the President on the return trip. At this time...Senkel and Turner and Colonel Whitmeyer were told that our mission would be to travel the motorcade route from Love Field to the Trade Mart...and that we would be alert for...accidents, fires and obstructions...

We would observe buildings and other points as security measures...

Upon arrival at Gate 28 at Love Field...

We contacted Mr. Forrest Sorrells and Mr. Lawson and were introduced to Mr. Jack Putervaugh, a member of the White House Staff, whom Mr. Lawson has requested to ride in the pilot car...A few minutes later, the presidential plane landed...The presidential party alighted and...Lumpkin instructed Turner to ride in the right front seat...Senkel to ride in the left rear...Putervaugh was seated in the right rear...and...Whitmeyer in the center in the rear seat to observe...We proceeded to keep a distance of about 1/4 mile or about 3 minutes ahead of the motorcade. . .

The crowd was increasing considerably along Main Street, but at this time we were standing well back on the curb. We saw nothing that would indicate any disturbance.

Deputy Chief G. L. Lumpkin turned Main Street to Houston Street, stopped momentarily at the corner of Houston and Elm Street and notified the man working traffic at that corner that the motorcade was about 2 or 3 minutes behind us...

At 12:31 p.m., Chief J. E. Curry transmitted on Channel II, "Go to the hospital, Parkland Hospital, have them stand by." "Get a man on top of the overpass and see what happened up there." Radio traffic was heavy at this point...

We then translated that it was thought the President had been shot... Curry instructed Lumpkin to meet him at Parkland Hospital...

Upon arrival at the hospital...the President was being taken from the car...Lumpkin suggested to Chief Curry that he take the Homicide Detectives back to Elm and Houston Streets from where it was thought that the shots were fired...from the...Depository, a seven-storey building...

Upon arrival at the...Depository, we found that Inspector J. H. Sawyer was in front of the building and, with assistance from other officers, was in the process of detaining everyone who had any knowledge whatsoever of the shooting...We decided that we would get all persons in that category away from the crowd by sending them to the Sheriff's Office...for further interrogation...Detective F. M. Turner was sent...to represent the Homicide and Robbery Bureau...in interrogating these witnesses...Senkel was released back to Captain Fritz to assist in the investigation.

Sawyer had placed guards on the building to prevent anyone from going in or coming out. Sawyer organized a detail to check all persons in automobiles on the parking lot surrounding the...Depository Building, taking their names, telephone numbers, addresses, and place of employment, and later on in the afternoon those vehicles that were not taken out were checked for license number. Several members of the United States Alcohol Tax Unit assisted in the search.

At that time Lumpkin entered the building and instructed that it be completely sealed off, that no one be allowed to leave or enter. Lieutenant Erich Kaminski was placed on the inner door...and Lieutenant Jack Revill... with Detective H. H. Davis, Jr. and Detective Tommy Tompkins and several other detectives, were instructed to clear the building of employees by office, and floor by floor.

As each office and floor was cleared, the employees were stopped by Kaminski and Mr. Truly...at the front door where their names, addresses and telephone numbers were written down, and they were identified by Mr. Truly as to their employment. As these employees were taken from their place of work, the area

was searched by Revill's group and locked up, if the area could be locked.

Uniformed men were posted on the stairways and elevators to allow no one

...to pass. A few minutes after arrival at the building, Mr. Truly...

went to Lumpkin and stated that he had some information that one of his employees that had been there until a few minutes earlier was now missing.

Lumpkin took Mr. Truly to the sixth floor where he introduced him to Fritz

...Mr. Truly related his story to Fritz...

A member of Revill's searching party...found the rifle that was thought to have been used...

Lieutenant Carl Day and Detective R. L. Studebaker arrived shortly and began processing the building for evidence. It was not known at this time whether or not the person firing the shots was hiding in the building or had escaped...

Lumpkin instructed...Dyson to organize a search crew and begin on the roof...a complete and systematic search....Lumpkin instructed Revill ...search in the basement...to the roof. Both search groups went over each other's area twice. It was ascertained that no suspect was hiding in the building.

Pierce Allman, Channel 8 photographer, had gotten into the building prior to our sealing it off and was allowed to stay. He...was very cooperative with the officers conducting the search. All other persons, including the press, were kept outside the building until the complete systematic search was made for the suspect and until a search had been made for physical evidence.

At about 2:45 p.m., these searches were completed...Lumpkin had the news and press men assembled in one group on the outside of the building. They were accompanied by two police officers to the sixth floor, kept outside of a line where the Crime Scene Search was dusting for fingerprints, and allowed to take pictures...

At approximately 12:35 p.m...Stevenson, who was at the Trade Mart, was advised by Captain J. M. Scuter and Dave Grant, Secret Service Agent, that the President had been hit...

Before Batchelor and Stevenson left the Trade Mart, they were advised that Police Officer J. D. Tippit, in attempting to question a suspect in the 400 block of East Tenth Street a short time after the President had been shot, had been slain, and that a suspect had been arrested...Batchelor and Stevenson returned to Police Headquarters, arriving at about 4:30 p.m. . .

Batchelor noted a number of unauthorized people in the hallway, mostly city employees...He instructed the Sergeant...to remove persons who had no business on the floor...to secure the elevator entrances and stairway entrance and to allow only authorized personnel to enter the floor. Two (2) uniformed officers were also assigned at the doorway of the Homicide Bureau to hold back members of the press for the entrance and exit of witnesses...

At approximately 7:00 p.m., charges were filed against Lee H. Oswald for the murder of...Tippit...with...the District Attorney's Office (Mr. Bill Alexander)...Johnston arraigned Oswald on the charge...

Shortly before midnight, Stevenson was advised by Homicide officers that sufficient evidence had been gathered...that Oswald was also responsible for the slaying of President Kennedy...and charges were being preferred...David Johnston arraigned Oswald at 1:35 a.m., November 23, 1963, in the Identification Bureau...Oswald was remanded without bond...

Facilities...were made available to the Secret Service and F.B.I. Agents. They remained on duty in Batchelor's office, leaving at approximately 3:40 a.m. Stevenson remained on duty at headquarters throughout the night...

At approximately 12:01 a.m....pertinent physical evidence...was turned over to Mr. Vince Drain...to be delivered in person to the F. B. I. Laboratory in Washington, D. C. for processing...

Batchelor remained on duty until 3:00 a.m.