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Mrs. IRVING (ANITA) GEWERTZ, 6422 Walnut Hill Lane, was interviewed in the presence of her husband, IRVING DAVID GEWERTZ. Mrs. GEWERTZ said she was born February 19, 1925, at Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. GEWERTZ advised that on November 22, 1963, she and her son, MARTIN ANSON GEWERTZ, born December 3, 1948, at Dallas, Texas, as planned, went to her husband's place of employment, ROSCOE DeWITT, Architect, 2025 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, Texas, to view the Presidential motorcade. She said she and her son arrived there around 11:30 a.m. She advised they listened to the progress of the Presidential motorcade and at about ~~12:05~~ p.m. she, her husband, and son took up a position in front of ~~2025~~ Cedar Springs Road, which is on the north side of the street, to view the Presidential motorcade as it passed this position. She said her son, MARTIN, had their 8 mm Bell and Howell camera with him and attempted to take movies of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY and the motorcade as it passed their position at approximately ~~12:20~~ p.m. She said the camera was not working properly and her son was completely frustrated because he was unable to get a satisfactory film sequence of the motorcade as it passed. She said she and her husband felt very badly because of this and told their son they would go to the Trade Mart in Dallas where President KENNEDY was scheduled to speak. She advised they all got into the car and proceeded in the direction of the Trade Mart and when they arrived at Irving Boulevard and the service road of Stemmons Freeway they observed a number of pickets who were awaiting the President's arrival at the Trade Mart. She said there were eight or ten pickets carrying a variety of signs which were anti-President Kennedy and his policies and who also had tape over their mouths. She said she did not know the significance of the tape over their mouths but believed this was because of articles which had appeared in Dallas newspapers a day or so before the President's arrival. She said these articles encouraged the people to warmly welcome the President because of his visit to Dallas and not to engage in partisan politics. The tape over the mouth she said was a show by these pickets that they were being gagged and not able to voice their opinion.

She said that shortly after their arrival at this position they heard the sirens and saw the lights of the Presidential motorcade proceeding north on Stemmons Boulevard. She said the motorcade was proceeding at an unusually high rate of speed, which surprised them.

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As it passed their position, she said she noticed a Secret Service man lying over the back of the President's car who was pounding with his fist on the hull of the car in an apparent show of frustration. Shortly after this, Mrs. GEWERTZ said she heard the announcement over the car radio that President KENNEDY had been shot and taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital. Upon learning this, Mrs. GEWERTZ advised she, her husband, and son drove to Parkland Memorial Hospital on Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, to see what else would develop. She said at approximately 2:00 p.m. they observed a hearse leaving the hospital and encouraged her son to take a movie of this which he did. She later learned this hearse bore the body of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

On the following day, Mrs. GEWERTZ stated she, her husband, and son visited the site of the President's assassination at the Texas School Book Depository building and took movies of this general area. She said ~~they also went to the rooming house on N. Beckley Street where OSWALD had lived and took still photographs of this residence.~~

Within a few days Mrs. GEWERTZ said she and her husband took the film which their son had taken of the Presidential motorcade to the camera department at Senger-Harris Department Store, Main and Lamar Streets, Dallas, to process it. She said they had previously contacted BRYANT BOREN, manager of the camera department, and informed him their camera was not working properly. She said BOREN advised them he could find no difficulty with the camera and instructed them to try another roll of film before sending the camera in for repairs. She said because of the difficulty their son had with the camera and because they had previously complained about it to Mr. BOREN they were somewhat bitter since the camera was not working properly at the time of the Presidential motorcade. She said BOREN informed them that several other people had brought film in for processing and he would attempt to obtain copies of these film sequences from them so they would have some record of the Presidential motorcade. Mrs. GEWERTZ

said it was at this time she got the idea of telephoning residences and businesses along the route of the Presidential motorcade in an attempt to locate film. She stated after telephoning a number of people she located Mrs. FRANCES HAYS who had taken a film sequence of the Presidential motorcade. She stated she informed Mrs. HAYS what she was doing and Mrs. HAYS agreed to help her locate other film sequences of the motorcade.

Mrs. GEWERTZ stated in the process of contacting people who had taken film sequences of the Presidential motorcade she learned that WYMAN PARR, owner of the Glendale Camera Shop on S. Marsalis Avenue, Dallas, Texas, was also collecting film sequences of the Presidential motorcade. She said she contacted Mr. PARR and after some friction and disagreement with him, his group and her group finally got together and incorporated under the name of the Dallas Cinema Associates, Inc.

Mrs. GEWERTZ said it was her original intention to secure film sequences of the Presidential motorcade for her own use and to keep as a memorial to President KENNEDY. She said however after she had made a number of calls such interest was elicited from the people that she contacted that she decided any film sequences she might be able to put together should be made available to the general public. She said this was the reason the Dallas Cinema Associates was formed.

Mrs. GEWERTZ advised that RUDY BRENK, 4404 Ivy Street, Mesquite, Texas, the President of the Dallas Cinema Associates, edited the film sequences of the Presidential motorcade, and put it together into a movie. She said the movie is about 200 feet in length and has a running time of approximately 12 minutes. She said this movie at present is at Technicolor, Incorporated, Burbank, California, and should be ready for sale sometime in June, 1964. Mrs. GEWERTZ stated that in the process of telephoning various people along the route of the Presidential motorcade she learned that [REDACTED], 2824 Ava Lane, Dallas, Texas, telephone No. EV 1-1326, had witnessed with his wife and daughter the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY and had taken still photographs of the Presidential motorcade in the vicinity of the Texas School Book Depository building. Mrs.

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GEWERTZ stated she also learned that O. B. ~~ASHMORE~~, 4421 Hyer Street, Dallas, Texas, telephone No. Lakeside 8-5582, had taken ~~still photo-~~graphs somewhere in the vicinity of the Trade Mart, Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. GEWERTZ said she did not know and to her knowledge never had any contact with either LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY.

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