

April 23, 1963 (Tuesday)

Vice-President Johnson arrives in Dallas before noon and leaves that night, after the banquet at the Marriott Motor Hotel, for Washington, D. C.

Dallas Times-Herald, 4-24-63, p. 37-A, p. 43-A

LBJ sees Kennedy Dallas visit... Hopes President Kennedy's schedule will permit him to attend a breakfast in Fort Worth, a luncheon in Dallas, an afternoon tea in San Antonio and a dinner in Houston on a one-day visit to Texas in near future.

Dallas Times-Herald, 4-24-63, page 1.

(First issue of Dallas Times-Herald on stands at 10:00 a.m.)

April 24, 1963 (Wednesday)

Mrs. Michael Paine goes to Oswalds' apartment at 214 W. Neely at 10:00 a.m. The Oswalds have their bags packed and they tell her they are going to New Orleans.

Volume 23, pp. 522, 525, 681

June 5, 1963 (Wednesday)

President Kennedy meets at the Cortez Hotel in El Paso with LBJ, Cliff Carter, Governor Connally and Secretary of Navy Fred Korth. A Texas trip, including a stop at Dallas, is discussed.

Volume 7, p. 475; Vol. 17, p. 574

September 26, 1963 (Thursday)

Oswald takes a bus in Houston for Laredo at 2:35 a.m.

Volume 11, p. 214

FBI Agent Kooch (or Koach) calls Mr. Garner, Oswald's New Orleans landlord.

Volume 22, p. 190

Dallas Morning News reported that the President was planning to make a trip to Texas and would come to Dallas on November 21st or 22nd.

CD 3, p. 11

October 1963 - Secret Service consulted with retired Army Colonel regarding "special" bubbletop for President's car.

CD 3, p. 23

October 30, 1963 (Wednesday)

Local FBI office gave local Secret Service office the name of a right-wing individual in the Dallas area. An investigation was made.

CD 3, p. 8; Volume 7, p. 339

November 4, 1963 (Monday)

Secret Service White House Detail informed of President's planned trip to Dallas.

CD 3, p. 3

SAIC Gerald A. Behn informed by Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to President, that President definitely planning to make trip to Texas.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 1

Roy H. Kellerman (Asst. Special Agent in Charge) designated to be in charge of Texas trip.

CD 3, p. 3

Winston G. Lawson, SA, assigned as advance agent in charge of preparations for proposed Dallas visit.

CD 3, p. 3

Asst. SAIC Boring of White House Detail informed SA Winston G. Lawson that he was being assigned to go to Dallas.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 1; Vol. 17, p. 618 says by telephone

SAIC Behn calls Dallas SS Agent Forrest Sorrels regarding the site for the President's luncheon in Dallas. Sorrels calls Behn back after looking over three buildings with SA Robert A. Stewart.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 2; Volume 7, p. 334

November 7, 1963 (Thursday)

Mrs. Michael Paine says that Oswald is not at her Irving home.

Volume 11, p. 155

FBI 'subversive desk' agent tells SS Patterson after Nov. 22nd that Oswald contacts two known subversive agents 15 days before the assassination.

Volume 23, p. 390

November 8, 1963 (Friday)

Final confirmation of the visit plans received by Secret Service White House Detail.

CD 3, p. 3

ASAIC Roy Kellerman gives Lawson a tentative schedule of the President's visit to Texas and the Dallas portion of the trip and advises him that Jack Puterbaugh, a representative of the Democratic National Committee will accompany him.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 2

November 8, 1963 (Friday) (continued)

Lawson telephoned Dallas Secret Service to inform them that he, Jack Puterbaugh, and Chief Warrant Officer Arthur Bales, Jr., of White House Communications Agency, would arrive in Dallas on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Love Field at approximately 7:30 p.m.  
CD 3, Appendix A, p. 3

Protective Research Section of the Secret Service in Washington informed by SA Lawson of Nov. 21-23 Texas trip and asked to make check for known dangerous persons.

CD 3, p. 4; CD 3, Appendix A, p. 3; Report, p. 49

Lawson informed there were no known dangerous persons in Dallas area.

CD 3, p. 6

Dallas Times-Herald reported President would definitely come to Dallas.

CD 3, p. 11

November 12, 1963 (Tuesday)

SA Lawson went to Dallas and remained there until the President's visit.

CD 3, p. 7

SS Agent Lawson, White House advance man for Dallas visit, and White House official Jack Puterbaugh arrive in Dallas.

Volume 7, p. 335

Lawson, Puterbaugh and Bales arrived at Love Field at 6:30 p.m. Met by SA Patterson of Dallas office and taken to their hotel.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 3

November 13, 1963 (Wednesday)

Dallas police receive first official notice from Secret Service of the Presidential trip to Dallas.

Volume 20, p. 453

8:30 a.m. to approximately 9:45 a.m., Deputy Chief N. T. Fisher attends planning meeting at Love Field. Attending were: Major Nedbal, Sgt. McGreedy of Air Force, George P. Coker, Director of Aviation, and Howard McGready, Assistant Director of Aviation.

Volume 21, p. 562

Puterbaugh and Lawson went to Dallas Secret Service office and met with Sorrels.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 3

November 13, 1963 (Wednesday) (continued)

Lawson, Puterbaugh and Sorrels went to office of A. W. Cullum, President of Chamber of Commerce, then went to look at Trade Mart and Woman's Bldg., State Fair Grounds. Went to office of Felix McKnight, Editor of the Dallas Times-Herald. Sorrels and Lawson went to Love Field to meet Aviation Director Coker and Assistant Aviation Director McGready to examine proposed area for spotting planes.

CD 3, Appendix A, pp. 4-5; Vol. 21, p. 546

November 14, 1963 (Thursday)

Lawson, Sorrels and Puterbaugh went to office of Eugene Locke, Democratic State Chairman, then they went again to Love Field and met with Bales and Coker and McGready of the Airport.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 5

SA Lawson and SAIC Sorrels mapped a tentative 10-mile route through Dallas and, on 11-14-63, drove the entire route at the anticipated speeds.

CD 3, p. 9; CD 3, Appendix A, p. 6 (According to Vol. 18, p. 715, Jack Puterbaugh was along.)

Lawson is informed by Jack Puterbaugh that luncheon will be held at Trade Mart.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 6; Vol. 18, p. 715

Decision to use Trade Mart made known to SAIC Behn by Kenneth O'Donnell. Behn notified SA Lawson in Dallas on Nov. 14, 1963.

Vol. 22, p. 613 (Same as SS-123)

SS Agent Lawson meets Chief of Police Curry at City Hall. Curry is told that the final parade route has not been determined.

Vol. 21, p. 563 (There is nothing in CD 3 about this meeting, nor in Sorrels report at Vol. 21, p. 546)

Mid-November 1963 - Retired Colonel gave Secret Service two names of commercial concerns who might construct "special" bubbletop.

CD 3, p. 23

November 15, 1963 (Friday)

Lawson and Sorrels went to Trade Mart and conferred with Manager Cooper.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 6

Lawson and Sorrels also went to Dallas Police Headquarters and met with Chief of Police Jesse Curry, Assistant Chief Charles Batchelor, Deputy Chief N. T. Fisher and others.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 6 (Vol. 18, p. 716 says this meeting was about 11:00 a.m. SS-168 says 11:00 a.m. and Deputy Chief R. H. Lunday attended)

November 15, 1963 (Friday) (continued)

Lawson, Sorrels and Puterbaugh met with Mr. Cullum and John Stemmons, co-owner of Dallas Market Center, for luncheon at Baker Hotel.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 7; Vol. 21, p. 546

About noon, Puterbaugh informed Agent Lawson that the Trade Mart site had been released to the Press. Volume 18, p. 716 (In SS-48, Lawson says confirmation received on Nov. 19)

Lunch at the Trade Mart reported in Dallas Times-Herald on 11-15-63.

CD 3, p. 11 (In SS-48, Lawson says confirmation received on Nov. 19)

President Kennedy decides to ride in a Dallas motorcade and the Trade Mart is announced as the luncheon site.

Vol. 17, p. 620; Dallas Morning News, Nov. 16, 1963, I-1; Dallas Morning News, Nov. 23, 1963, I-14

3:00 p.m. meeting at Baker Hotel (until approximately 4:00 p.m.) attended by host committee and others, including: Robert Cullum - Pres. of Dallas Chamber of Com.  
Felix McKnight - Executive Editor of Dallas Times-Herald  
Eric Jonsson - President Dallas Citizens Committee  
Sam Bloom - Sam Bloom Agency, Public Relations Asst. Chief Batchelor  
John Stemmons - Co-owner Dallas Market Center  
SAIC Sorrels  
Agent Lawson

Volume 18, p. 546

(possible motorcade routes were discussed according to Volume 18, page 716)  
(according to CD 3, Appendix A, p. 7 and Vol. 17, p. 620, Puterbaugh also attended)  
(Vol. 21, p. 563, says Lawson and another member of the Washington Secret Service staff was present.)

November 16, 1963 (Saturday)

Lawson, Sorrels went to Trade Mart and met with Manager Cooper re luncheon plans.

Volume 21, p. 547

(also met Cullum, McKnight and Honeycutt, TV engineer, at Trade Mart re cameras and communications. CD 3, Appendix A, p. 8)

November 17, 1963 (Sunday)

Morning - Lawson and Puterbaugh met with Mrs. Betty Harris, representing some of the local political groups.  
CD 3, Appendix A, p. 10

November 18, 1963 (Monday)

Lawson met SA Jerry D. Kivett regarding the Vice President's visit to Dallas Nov. 19, 1963, and also Nov. 22, 1963.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 10

Lawson, Sorrels and Kivett then met Wayne Hawks (White House aide) of the White House Staff and Manager Cooper at the Trade Mart. Mr. Hawks departed later in the day for Fort Worth.

CD 3, Appendix A, pp. 10-11; Volume 21, p. 547;  
Volume 18, p. 717

The Dallas Morning News announces the Presidential motorcade.

Volume 25, p. 320; Dallas Morning News, Nov. 18, 1963

Dallas Police and Secret Service drive over the motorcade route in 38 minutes at 10:00 a.m., driving between 10 and 30 mph. (Sorrels, Lawson, Batchelor and Lundy)

Volume 21, pp. 547, 564; CD 3, p. 10  
(Vol. 18, p. 717 says early afternoon)

The FBI gets a report of Oswald's Nov. 9, 1963, letter to the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

Volume 26, p. 98

Late afternoon - Lawson attended meeting at Dallas Club which was already in session when he arrived. Attending were: Sam Bloom, Jack Puterbaugh, Eugene Locke, Betty Harris, Scott Sayers, Cliff Cassidy, Robert S. Strauss, Attorney representing the Governor's Office.

Volume 18, p. 717; CD 3, Appendix A, p. 12

Lawson left this meeting early to meet SA Grant at the airport.

Volume 18, p. 717; CD 3, Appendix A, p. 13

Final route selected for motorcade.

Volume 18, p. 717; CD 3, p. 11

Evening - Motorcade route released locally in Dallas.

CD 3, p. 11

Secret Service does not know who released the route to the press, nor by what authority.

Volume 18, p. 718 (See SS-170)

November 19, 1963 (Tuesday)

Lawson, Sorrels and David B. Grant met at the Trade Mart with Mr. Cooper and some of his staff, Assistant Chief Batchelor and Deputy Chief M. W. Stevenson and Deputy Chief Ray Burris (Should this be Burress?) of the Dallas Fire Department.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 13; Vol. 17, p. 622;  
Volume 21, p. 547

Later in evening - Lawson prepared his Preliminary Survey Report (Exhibit 18).

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 14; Volume 17, p. 622  
(Exhibit 18 is printed in Vol. 17, pp. 593-600)

Dallas Morning News printed selected route of the motorcade.

Dallas Times-Herald printed selected route of the motorcade.

CD 3, p. 11; Volume 18, p. 717

Dallas Morning News publishes motorcade details.

Volume 4, p. 341; Volume 18, p. 717;  
Detroit Free Press, Dec. 7, 1963:A-3

Dallas police meet with Secret Service at Trade Mart.

Volume 21, p. 547

November 20, 1963 (Wednesday)

Copies of Fort Worth Star Telegram showing JFK's route in Fort Worth and the Dallas Morning News story of Kennedy's itinerary are found in Jack Ruby's car on Nov. 24, 1963.

Volume 22, p. 512

A proposed meeting with Dallas police at Love Field to discuss crowd control is cancelled by Secret Service when the Air Force representative, Major Nedbal, had a personal emergency.

Volume 17, pp. 622-623; Volume 21, pp. 547, 567;  
CD 3, Appendix A, p. 14

Lawson, Sorrels and Grant then went to Trade Mart and then later to Love Field to meet Nedbal and Megredy.

Volume 21, p. 547; CD 3, Appendix A, p. 15;  
Volume 17, p. 623

Lawson, Puterbaugh and Betty Harris had dinner together.

Volume 17, p. 623; CD 3, Appendix A, pp. 15-16

November 21, 1963 (Thursday)

Morning - Lawson and Sorrels attend meeting at Bloom Advertising Agency, 512 South Akard. SA Grant met them there, then the three went to Love Field.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 16; Vol. 17, p. 623;  
Vol. 21, p. 547

Noon - Jack Ruby goes to the DA's office in the Records Building (Vol. 25, p. 322 says 3:00 p.m.). Asst. DA Bill Alexander thinks Jack makes inquiry about hot checks. Jack tells an Asst. DA "You don't know me, but you will."

Vol. 5, p. 223; Vol. 24, p. 160; Vol. 25, pp. 145,321

1:31 p.m. President Kennedy lands in San Antonio.  
National Observer, Nov. 25, 1963, p. 1

From Love Field, Lawson, Sorrels and Grant then went to the Trade Mart.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 18; Vol. 17, p. 624

(Sorrels fails to mention Trade Mart in Vol. 21, p. 5.

From Trade Mart, Lawson, Sorrels and Grant go to Continental Bus Company.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 18; Vol. 17, p. 624;

Vol. 21, p.547 (Sorrels says from Love Field in Vol. 21, p. 547)

From Bus Company, Lawson, Sorrels and Grant go to meeting with Chief Curry at Police Headquarters.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 18; Vol. 17, p. 624;

Vol. 21, p. 547

While in this meeting, Sam Bloom called Lawson regarding a "smut" piece concerning Kennedy which is being distributed. (Exhibit 4)

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 19; Vol. 17, p. 625

(Exhibit 4 is printed in Vol. 17, p. 627)

Dallas police and Secret Service meet at Love Field at 10:00 a.m. The police have a meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the City Hall.

Vol. 21, pp. 568-569

Dallas Police Chief Curry proposes placing homicide Captain Will Fritz in a car behind the Vice President's car, but SS Lawson does not agree.

Vol. 21, p. 570

The Dallas police assigned to the Presidential motorcade are to use Channel 2 on the police radio, leaving Channel 1 for the regular police functions.

Vol. 24, p. 326



November 21, 1963 (Thursday) (continued)

Evening - Sorrels and Lawson went to Love Field to meet special Air Force plane bringing the President's car and SS follow-up car and Agents Hickey and Kinney. Cars were stored in basement of airport terminal.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 20; Volume 17, p. 625;  
Vol. 21, p. 547

Sorrels and Lawson took Agents Hickey and Kinney to the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel.

Vol. 17, p. 625

Lawson had dinner with Agents Hickey, Kinney, Bales and Puterbaugh after which, at approximately 10:00 p.m., they went to the Trade Mart.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 21 (does not mention dinner);  
Vol. 17, pp. 625-626

After leaving Trade Mart, Puterbaugh had an appointment at Bloom's office. Lawson wanted to pick up some motorcade signs at Bloom's.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 21; Vol. 17, p. 626

Bales, Hickey and Kinney wait for Lawson and Puterbaugh at Mr. Blooms, then they all five returned to the hotel. Bales and Lawson went to their rooms at approximately 11:30 p.m.

Volume 17, p. 626

November 22, 1963 (Friday)

Morning - Lawson talked over final arrangements with Puterbaugh and Bales.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 21

Kellerman called Lawson from Fort Worth regarding bubble top.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 21

Lawson and Grant went to the Trade Mart early on morning of November 22nd.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 21

Lawson and Grant talked to Agent Stewart who was posted at head table at Trade Mart. Agent Grant remained in charge to complete final preparations for the luncheon.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 22

Lawson then went to Love Field. Checked with Major Nedbal on position of airplanes.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 22

Agent Hill telephoned from Ft. Worth concerning the weather. The President's car was placed in position after first being checked for security hazards by Agents Hickey and Kinney.

CD 3, Appendix A, p. 22

RE: PILOT CAR

Scheduled Motorcade List (Attachment 3 to Winston G. Lawson's Final Survey Report of November 30, 1963, Volume 17, p.61; does not list Lt. Col. George L. Whitmeyer.)

T. L. BAKER'S REPORT - Volume 24, p. 285

"Detectives Senkel and Turner arrived at Love Field at 11:40 a.m. with Chief Lumpkin and Major Weidmeyer, U. S. Army. After the President's party's planes had landed, they drove to the gate of Love Field at Cedar Springs and Mockingbird Lane. A Secret Service man had joined them at Love Field, and there were five people in their car."

B. L. SENKEL'S STATEMENT - Volume 24, p. 323

"9:50 a.m. 11/22/63 Detective Turner and I met Deputy Chief Lumpkin and another man that was with him. I believe his name was Weidmeyer. The four of us drove to Love Field, arriving there around 10:30 a.m..... Deputy Chief Lumpkin told us there would be a Secret Service agent riding with us from Love Field. We left Love Field ahead of the motorcade. Lumpkin driving, Detective Turner in front right seat, I (Senkel) in left rear seat, the Army officer in center and the Secret Service agent in right rear seat."

F. M. TURNER'S REPORT - Volume 24, p. 326

"...We got with Chief Lumpkin in the basement of the City Hall at approximately 9:45 a.m. Chief Lumpkin had a U. S. Army Major with him that would ride in the car with us. All four of us drove to Love Field in Chief Lumpkin's car.... A Secret Service man met us at Love Field. He rode in Chief Lumpkin's car with us out in front of the motorcade."

TURNER'S TESTIMONY - Volume 7, p. 218

Mr. Belin. Did you have anything to do with the motorcade?

Mr. Turner. I did; yes, sir.

Mr. Belin. What was your position?

Mr. Turner. I was riding in the pilot car of the motorcade, possibly three minutes in front of the motorcade.

Mr. Belin. Who else was with your car?

Mr. Turner. Chief Lumpkin from our department.

Mr. Belin. Is he an assistant chief of police?

Mr. Turner. Deputy Chief of Police.

Mr. Belin. Anyone else?

Mr. Turner. My partner, Detective B. L. Senkel, and an Army major whose name I do not remember.

Mr. Belin. You went to Love Field to meet the President?

Mr. Turner. In the car also was a Secret Service man, whose name I do not remember. Yes, sir; I did go to Love Field to meet the President.

I CAN FIND NO STATEMENT OR REPORT BY LUMPKIN.

In Curry's Testimony, Volume 4, p. 153:

Mr. Rankin. (asking about Oswald) Did you give any instructions about the security or how he should be protected during this time?

Mr. Curry. No; I personally didn't. Deputy Chief Lumpkin, who has charge of the service division which is the jail security, he told me that he had ordered two guards be placed on him right outside his cell and kept there 24 hours a day as long as we had him.

Mr. Rankin. Do you know what was done about that?

Mr. Curry. It was carried out. He told me that this was carried out.

Volume 4, p. 162:

Mr. Rankin. And was that before or after a description of Lee Oswald was put on the radio?

Mr. Curry. I couldn't say whether it was before or after.

Mr. Rankin. What else happened?

Mr. Curry. I think he perhaps was the one who gave that description, I am not sure. A deputy chief of service who was in the pilot car ahead of us, was at Love Field, and he had some more Secret Service men with him, I believe.

Mr. Rankin. Who is that?

Mr. Curry. George Lumpkin. George L. Lumpkin. He asked me at the hospital if I didn't want him to go back to the Texas School Book Depository and assist in the search of the building and I told him yes, and he did go back, and took over on the search of the building then.

Volume 4, p. 164:

Representative Ford. If there are written reports could we have them?

Mr. Curry. I think---

Mr. Rankin. Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Representative Ford. Back on the record. Are you familiar with any written report, Chief, on what transpired during the search of the building?

Mr. Curry. Only what Deputy Chief Lumpkin in his report here in a chronological report that we made, and you have this, as best we could..." etc.

(If you have Lumpkin's report, please let me have a copy)