

Notes on a broadcast, WBAI, Monday night 23 November 1964 at 10.15 pm

(name spellings are phonetic)

THE DAY THE PRESIDENT DIED      Tim Matthews      BBC

Chief Curry was worried because of the attacks on Lyndon Johnson and Adlai Stevenson. He recorded an announcement which was played on the air calling for respect to be shown the President and warning that there would be immediate action if anything untoward occurred.

Pierce Allman (apparently a newscaster) was waiting to see the motorcade. He saw a man having an epileptic fit. He strolled to the curb of Elm Street, just across from the Depository and looked at all the windows, feeling amazed that the Secret Service could check out all these buildings. He witnessed the shooting of the President and rushed to a telephone to report on what had happened (his telephone report was broadcast almost immediately), saying that as the President turned, there was applause, and as he went by the Depository there were three loud reverberating explosions. The Secret Service sprang into action, officers sprang from everywhere and ordered the people to lie flat, and the car sped away.

Jean Hill, on a tape recording, says that she heard two shots ring out.

Pierce Allman, on tape, says there was a big BOOM, reverberating, not like the sharp flat sound of a rifle shot. He thought it might be a firecracker. Then there was another BOOM. It was the second shot that got Connally. The shots came without haste or panic, BOOM BOOM BOOM and on the third shot the President instead of going forward seemed to be thrown back for an instant before going down.

Interview with ambulance driver who had brought the epileptic seizure case into Parkland Hospital and was standing there when two men rushed in, one with a brief case and the other with a machine gun, and ordered everyone out. He was terrified, thought they were maniacs. Then he saw Johnson come in, very ashen and supported at each arm by his escorts. He was followed by Connally, on a stretcher, and then another stretcher with a man whose face was covered by a coat.

Interview with Kemp Clark, who describes his rush to the emergency room and the hopeless condition of the President.

The announcement of the President's death was delayed for 35 minutes to allow Johnson to get away, as it was feared that there might be an attempt on his life too.

A description of Oswald had been broadcast by the police. He had disappeared from the Depository. Mrs. Ann McReavy saw the shooting of Tippit, which took place just in front of her house. Meanwhile, Vic Robertson (reporter) and Hill of the Dallas Police were at the Depository, where they and two Deputy Sheriffs had just discovered a sniper's nest. When the news came of the shooting of Tippit, they rushed to the scene. They joined about 25 officers who were hunting Oswald and searched a building where it was thought he might have hidden but he was not there. Then they got a call from the cashier at the Texas Theatre and everyone converged on the Theatre. Oswald was found two or three rows from the back and about six policemen jumped him after he drew a revolver (but the firing pin did not work and he could not shoot). One of the policemen broke his leg in the skirmish, another was badly scratched on the face by Oswald.

Kemp Clark and

Note: None of these witnesses except Jean Hill are included in the narrative portion of the Warren Report. Robertson and Hill (of the Dallas police) are listed among the witnesses but not mentioned as being among those present when Oswald was arrested, nor as being involved in the discovery of evidence in the Depository. Pierce Allman and Mrs. Ann McReavy are not even listed among the witnesses. Note also that in the description of the arrest in the Texas Theater there is no mention of Brewer or anyone corresponding to him.