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Slayer's Waiting A Puzzle

One of the thousands of puzzles about the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas is why the assassin waited so long to fire after the President's limousine came into view.

Viewing the parade route from the vantage point used by the assassin, both newsmen and police officers wondered why the sniper had passed up a shot at the President when his car was directly below the seven-story building where he lay in wait.

Instead of firing at the time when the President would have been closest to him, the assassin waited until his limousine was an estimated 100 yards past the building and almost to the triple underpass, according to the accounts of eye witnesses.

Dallas Police Lt. J. C. Day of the crime lab estimated the distance from the sixth-floor corner window the slayer used to the spot where one of the bullets was recovered at 100 yards. He added that it could be more. Another Dallas policeman estimated the distance at 125 yards.

Regardless of what the exact distance might be, the shot would have been a difficult one for anyone but an expert marksman, officers said.



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