

Stutcher Bullet

Price Exhibits (Volume XXI) — References to emergency elevator

Exhibit 7 Steve Landregan, Assistant Administrator and in charge of press relations, in his undated unsigned report (referring to the "events of the last 72 hours" (i.e., 11/25/63?) indicates that after the casket arrived, but before the controversy about removal of the body,

"I recall two Otis elevator men who were standing by the emergency room elevator asking if it was necessary to continue holding the elevator and I told them I felt it could be put back into normal service at this point."

Casket
was
removed
at 2:30 pm
21E 262
(Price)

Exhibit 10 Carrol Reddick, apparently a secretary, indicates that shortly after the wounded men were taken to the emergency area, and after Evelyn Lincoln came to the administration office and asked to be taken to emergency, Mr. Price

"asked that I get a key for the back elevator so that it could not be used by anyone other than those working on the President and the Governor."

It is not clear whether this happened before or after the Governor was taken two flights up to the operating theater on the second floor.

Exhibit 11 Mrs. Wright, supervisor of nurses, at about 1.35 or 1.40 or later she took a priest

"to the Emergency elevator where an Otis elevator man was operating it, and requested that we be taken to the second floor. He asked if we could wait a minute as he was holding the elevator to take some blood to the Governor." ie, see 6H 131 (Tomlinson), which indicates that he found the bullet sometime after Mrs. Wright and the priest wanted to be taken up.

Exhibit 11 (continued) Mrs. Wright reported that sometime after the Governor's family had gone to have dinner (i.e., 5:45 or 6 pm)

"Mr. Wright had somewhere down the line asked me if I could ascertain the path of the bullet--or bullets--determine the path, and find out where the instrument of injury actually was...Dr. Tom Shires...was in attendance. I asked him to describe the path of the bullet--or bullets--and to tell me what in the way of bullets had been found...He described the path of the bullet--from shoulder through arm to thigh--and said that the only fragment removed was by Dr. Gregory in the wrist."

Mrs. Wright then determined that the fragment had been given to a DP or a Ranger from the Highway Patrol, spoke to Dr. Duke, reported to Mr. Wright, checked on the comfort of the Governor's family, inspected their accommodations and "It was now about 10.45 p.m."

Exhibit 29 O.P. Wright, Personnel Director, says in his report that at what would appear to be 12.50 or 12.55 he

"placed two men on the elevator leading from the emergency room upstairs to secure this place of ingress and egress."

Exhibit 32 Bob Holcomb, assistant administrator, reports that after the priest(s) were sent for, and after the LBJs left the Minor Medicine area (to go elsewhere in the hospital)

"Miss Audrey Bell came and asked me to have an attendant placed on the Emergency Room elevator, and to take the elevator off of automatic. I called Engineering by telephone and asked that an engineer bring a key and remain on the elevator until it was released. Later an Otis Elevator Maintenance man came to me and asked if he could put the elevator back on automatic. Mr Wright was with me, I believe, and I asked him to stay with the elevator until Engineering had cleared him."

"Within some 30 minutes or so, Mr. Price came to me and said that they were ready to remove the President's body and for us to get the hall as clear as possible..."

Exhibit 33

C J Price, administrator in charge of the hospital, reports that after it became known that a casket was needed (about 1 p.m.) and after a brief encounter with the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the hospital (Mr. Maher), a Secret Service agent approached him asking about an exit route for the LBJs and,

"We went to the Emergency Room elevator, one of the maintenance men was manually operating it, and I told him to take us to the basement. About that time, one of the residents breathlessly ran in with 2 units of blood and ~~he~~ said he had to get to the second floor immediately, it was an extreme emergency, so I instructed the elevator operator to go to 2nd, and then to take us down to the basement."

(After that several incidents and then the casket arrived)