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The following investigation was conducted by SA'S  
HUGENE F. PETRAKIS and A. RAYMOND SWITZER at Dallas, Texas:

**CHARLES E. BATCHELOR**, Assistant Chief of Police,  
Dallas Police Department, advised on May 27, 1964, that his  
department is divided primarily into three divisions; Uniformed  
Traffic Division, Uniformed Squad Patrol Division, and Investi-  
gative Division, composed of plain-clothes detective personnel.  
He advised that, of this group, only the Traffic Division and  
Squad Patrol Division are uniformed and have occasion to operate  
numbered and marked police patrol cars.

BATCHELOR advised that on Friday, November 22, 1963,  
the entire Traffic Division was assigned the traffic control of  
the intended route of the Presidential motorcade from the Love  
Field area to the Trade Mart on Stemmons Expressway, and that a  
portion of the squad patrol was assigned to assist the Traffic  
Division in the protection of the President. He advised the re-  
mainder of the squad patrol was assigned regular patrol duties  
throughout the city, as is their usual assignment. He advised  
the only squad cars in service that day and not specifically  
assigned to the Presidential motorcade were the uniformed offi-  
cers of the squad patrol.

BATCHELOR advised that on November 22, 1963, Platoon  
No. 2, under the command of Captain **CHARLES E. TALBERT**, was on  
duty on the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift, and that units of this  
platoon were the only marked units which would have occasion  
to be in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas. BATCHELOR explained that  
the city area within the Dallas City Limits is divided into  
seventy-six distinct districts to allow for population expansion;  
however, as many as two to three districts are frequently patrolled  
by one squad car.

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BATCHELOR advised that the address 1026 North Beckley in the Oak Cliff Section of Dallas falls within District No. 91 and that the Daily Detail Sheet for Platoon No. 2 on November 22, 1963, revealed the following cars and officers had been assigned on the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift in District No. 91 and all adjacent surrounding districts:

Officer W. D. HENTZEL, assigned Districts 91 and 92, Car No. 94;

H. M. ASHCRAFT, assigned Districts 93 and 94, Car No. 24;

O. E. LUDWIG, assigned Districts 108 and 109, Car No. 242;

Officer DAVID L. PATE, assigned Districts 24 and 25, Car No. 32.

BATCHELOR advised further that each group of squad cars is under the supervision of a Sergeant, who coordinates assignments of his units throughout the city. BATCHELOR advised that these officers might be more cognizant of the location of their cars at any particular time and that each of these officers frequently makes a log on the activities of his squad. BATCHELOR advised that Sergeant H. F. DAVIS was in charge of the "90" series cars during the 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift, November 22, 1963, and that Sergeant W. G. JENNINGS was in charge of the "100" series cars during that period.

BATCHELOR advised that Squad Car No. 170 was not in operation in the City of Dallas during November, 1963. He advised his records indicated Car No. 170 was a 1961 Ford four-door sedan, which was sold by his Department in April, 1963, and that the number "170" was not reassigned until February, 1964, at which time the number was given to one of the new Ford squad cars purchased during that month. BATCHELOR advised his records further indicated that Patrolman J. M. VAHRENHEIM was the sole occupant of Car No. 207 on November 22, 1963.

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In an effort to determine whether or not any officers of his department were acquainted with any of the occupants of 1026 North Beckley, Oak Cliff, which would explain squad car officers blowing a horn at or near that address, Assistant Chief BATCHELOR checked all complaint calls for the year 1963 of complaints answered by officers of his department. BATCHELOR advised his records indicated that on February 14, 1963, Officer R. W. HIGH answered a "Drunk" complaint at 1026 North Beckley from 2:02 PM to 2:15 PM. On July 28, 1963, Officer C. M. NORMAN answered a call of "Disturbing the Peace" from 1:25 AM to 1:38 AM. On September 23, 1963, Officer BOB E. CONNOR answered a call emanating from 1026 North Beckley with regard to "Auto Theft" from 5:47 PM to 6:15 PM. Officer's report on this call indicated the call was in relation to a suspicious Renault automobile parked at the rear of the Gulf Service Station across the street from 1026 North Beckley.

BATCHELOR advised his records indicated that Officer R. W. HIGH had the day off on November 22, 1963, and that Officers CONNOR and NORMAN were assigned to Platoon No. 3 and assigned to work the 3:00 PM to 11:00 PM shift on November 22, 1963, and, therefore, would not have been in the vicinity of 1026 North Beckley.