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# Question about JFK tape arises: 'Who was the motorcycle officer?'

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Six minutes of the file tape recording of a Dallas police motorcycle radio, marred by electronic interference but transmitting when the shots were fired at President John F. Kennedy, apparently hold the key to a new challenge of Warren Commission findings, sources said Thursday.

The tape, which never was tested acoustically by the Warren Commission, reportedly indicates in recent tests that four shots — not three — were fired at Dealey Plaza on Nov. 22, 1963.

Four shots would mean accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, if he did any of the shooting, wasn't the only person pulling a trigger Nov. 22, 1963.

Among the many questions stemming from the tape and its most recent analysis is the identity of the motorcycle policeman who apparently held open his radio microphone from 12:28 to 12:34 p.m. on Nov. 22, 1963. It was during those six minutes that the six seconds of shooting occurred.

The Warren Commission never sought the policeman's identity.

And, on Thursday, The News learned a House Assassinations Committee investigator made an appointment in Dallas to obtain a fourth and even more complete transcript from private citizens who have made a study of the assassination.

Their version, painstakingly written word for word, states that at 12:34 p.m., as the electronic interference is about to end, a dispatcher's voice is

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heard to say, "There is a motorcycle officer up on Stemmons with his mike stuck open on Channel 1. Could you send someone up there to tell him to shut it off?"

Just prior to this request on Channel 2, the then-police chief, Jesse Curry, is quoted as shouting instructions on the same channel.

The interference on Channel 1 stopped almost immediately, according to those who have studied the tape recordings, but the identity of the motorcycle officer was never learned. Also, the citizens with the most complete version of the tapes claim they

can hear "electronic beeps" during the six minutes, which they say sound like the Morse code signal for "victory."

To the ear, the six minutes on the police radio tape sounds like a constant electronic roar. The sound of shots are not discernible.

The Warren Commission, in its investigation, concluded Oswald could have squeezed off only three shots from his bolt-action Italian rifle during the six seconds the shooting occurred.

In connection with the House Assassinations Committee investigation, Dallas Police Chief Donald Byrd has agreed to seal off Dealey Plaza for three hours beginning at 5:30 a.m. Aug. 20 — not Aug. 22 as incorrectly reported Thursday — so representatives of the committee can fire weapons to simulate the possible velocity and vibrations of shots as determined by the Cambridge firm.

"We are not aware of what they (committee representatives) are going to do that morning," said a spokesman for the Dallas Police Department. "Chief Byrd said that we are fully cooperating if they need anything."