

EUGENE HALE BRADING; SUSPECT

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"I got on the elevator and returned to the ground floor and the colored man who ran the elevator said you are a stranger in this building and I was not supposed to let you up and he ran outside to an officer and said to the officer that he had just taken me up and down the elevator and the officer said for me to identify myself and I presented him with a credit card and he said well we have to check out everything and took me to his superior and said for me to wait and we will check it out. I was then taken to the sheriff's office and interrogated."

Brading told authorities he was descending from the third floor where he had unsuccessfully tried to telephone his family. He said he wanted to call his family and tell of the tragedy. Authorities apparently believed him.

Lewis and Sweatt recently identified Brading in an enlarged photograph of a man standing in a crowd about halfway between the Texas Book Depository and the triple underpass. The photo, taken about 10 minutes after the assassination, showed a group of people on the sidewalk about parallel with the spot where the bullets struck the President. This would mean Brading moved farther west--after passing the Dal-Tex and Texas Book Depository buildings--before he retraced his steps to the Dal-Tex to try to phone.

The day before the assassination Brading had checked with the U. S. Probation Office in Dallas, which was required for interstate trips four years after he had left the penitentiary. He gave chief probation officer Roger Carroll his real name--not the "Jim Braden" he used after his arrest by deputy sheriffs 24 hours later.

Carroll filed a report of the visit stating Brading "advised that he planned to see Lamar Hunt and other oil speculators while here." Hunt is one of the sons of Dallas oil billionaire H. L. Hunt and is owner of the Kansas City Chiefs professional football team. Years later Brading reportedly told an official of the Los Angeles Police Department he didn't go to the Hunt offices in downtown Dallas on Nov. 21 because of his criminal record.

He said one of his traveling companions from California, Morgan H. Brown, did show up Nov. 21 in the Hunt reception room with two other men seeking a meeting with one of the Hunt sons. It was Brown, who has since served time in a California prison, who had signed for the third floor suite for Brading, himself and possibly others on Nov. 21 in the Cabana Hotel in Dallas.

A spokesman for Lamar Hunt said the name Braden or Brading "didn't mean a thing to him, nor did the other three names."

"I checked back on the calendar that year and if they came up to see him, they didn't get in to see him because they are not on the calendar for having seen him," the Hunt spokesman said.

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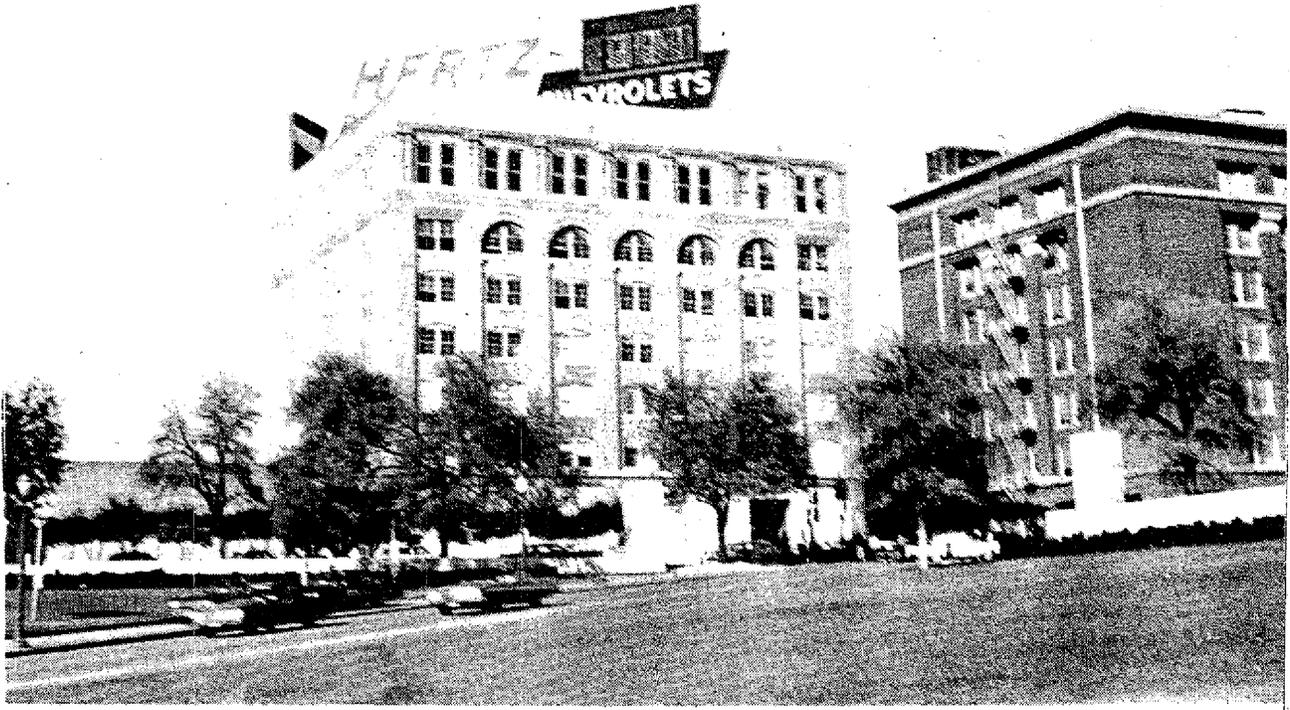


A former Hunt Oil Co. official, however, said he recalls seeing Brading and the others in the receptionist's office Nov. 21, waiting to see Lamar's brother, Nelson Bunker Hunt. He said he didn't know if they ever got an audience with the oilman, the most outspoken conservative of the Hunt brothers.

An old friend of the Hunt brothers who first met Brading almost 20 years ago said Morgan H. Brown, Brading's traveling partner, "knew the Hunts very well -- knew Lamar and Bunker and all of them." Brown and his wife and other couples played "mixed poker" in Dallas with the Hunts about 25 years ago, he said.

Jack Ruby, the Dallas night club owner who killed Oswald, also was heading for Lamar Hunt's offices on Nov. 21. But he, too, contended he never went upstairs.

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THE MIDLOTHIAN MIRROR



Shortly after President John F. Kennedy was killed, a man called police officers' attention to a fresh bullet mark on the sidewalk in Dealey Plaza. He told police that the trajectory indicated the bullet was fired from the south side of the railroad overpass.

The photos above were taken by Editor Penn Jones that Friday afternoon. The clock seems to be indicating 3:31 p.m.

Evidently the police considered the matter significant. As we can see, squad cars were parked on the sidewalk covering the fresh mark.

Since it was claimed that Oswald did all of the shooting from the Book Depository building, there was no need to let people stare at a mark which indicated otherwise.