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TIME INC. LOSES SUIT ON 'DALLAS' PHOTOS

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Time Inc. lost a Federal Court copyright infringement suit yesterday against the author, publisher and distributor of the book, "Six Seconds in Dallas," a study of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Judge Inzer B. Wyatt ruled that the defendants had not infringed on copyrighted pictures that appeared in Life magazine by including in the book a number of sketches copied from the magazine. The pictures of the assassination used in Life were taken with an 8-mm home movie camera having a telephoto lens by Abraham Zapruder, a Dallas dress manufacturer.

Time's suit was directed against the author, Josiah Thompson, the publisher, Bernard Geis Associates, and the distributor, Random House, Inc.

In his opinion, Judge Wyatt said:

"There is a public interest in having the fullest information available on the murder of President Kennedy. Thompson did serious work on the subject and has a theory entitled to public consideration. The book is not bought because it contained the Zapruder pictures; the book is bought because of the theory of Thompson and its explanation supported by Zapruder pictures."