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Mr. J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
President's Commission on the  
Assassination of President Kennedy  
Washington, D. C.

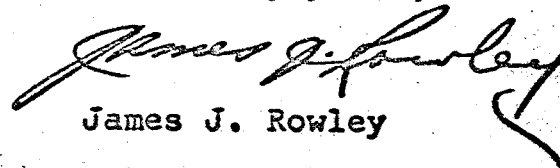
Dear Mr. Rankin:

There is forwarded herewith a copy of the original notes made by Special Agent Bennett concerning his recollection of the incidents surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

A statement by SA Bennett was included in our original report to the Commission as Exhibit 18. The significance of the attached notes is that they were prepared by SA Bennett on the President's plane during its return flight to Washington on November 22, before the details of President Kennedy's wounds became general knowledge.

The notes have been marked as Secret Service Control 1496.

Very truly yours,



James J. Rowley

Attachments

AF 2 LANDED AT 11:35 AM.  
AT LOVE FIELD, DALLAS, TEXAS.  
I COVERED THE PRESS AREA  
UNTIL THE BOSS ARRIVED AT  
APPROXIMATELY 11:38 AM. I STAYED  
WITH THE BOSS AND FIRST LADY  
AFTER THEY DEPLANED. THEY, BOSS  
AND FIRST LADY, GREETED PEOPLE  
ON THE APRON AND ALONG THE  
FENCE FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 TO  
7 MINUTES. THE BOSS, FIRST  
LADY, GOVERNOR CONNELLY & MRS  
CONNELLY ENTERED THE  
PRESIDENTIAL CAR AT APPROX-  
IMATELY 11:50. THE PRESIDENT'S  
AUTO WAS DRIVEN BY BILL GREENE  
AND THE COVERING AGENT  
WAS ROY KELLERMAN. I ASKED,  
WHILE MOVING TO THE FOLLOW-  
UP CAR, EMERY ROBERT WHAT  
POSITION I SHOULD TAKE IN  
THE FOLLOW-UP CAR. MR ROBERTS  
SAID HE WANTED ME TO BE  
SEATED IN THE REAR SEAT OF  
THE FOLLOW-UP CAR. I TOOK  
THIS POSITION AND HELD THIS  
POSITION WITH THE EXCEPTION  
OF LEAVING THE FOLLOW-UP AND  
ASSISTING IN DISBANDING WEL-  
WISHERS WHO RAN FROM THE  
CROWD AND ATTEMPTED TO

SHAKE HANDS WITH THE PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT'S CAR, THE MOTORCADE, HAD BEEN TRAVELING FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES ENROUTE TO THE TRADE MART, WHEN WE MADE A LEFT HAND TURN AND THEN A <sup>quick</sup> RIGHT. THE PRESIDENT'S AUTO MOVED DOWN A SLIGHT GRADE AND THE CROWD WAS VERY SPARSE. AT THIS POINT I HEARD A NOISE THAT IMMEDIATELY REMINDED ME OF A FIRE CRACKER. IMMEDIATELY, UPON HEARING THE SUPPOSED FIRE CRACKER, LOOKED AT THE BOSS'S CAR. AT THIS EXACT TIME I SAW A SHOT THAT HIT THE BOSS ABOUT 4 INCHES DOWN FROM THE RIGHT SHOULDER; A SECOND SHOT FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY AND HIT THE RIGHT REAR HIGH OF THE BOSS'S HEAD. I IMMEDIATELY HOLLERED TO SPECIAL AGENT HICKLEY, SEATED IN THE SAME SEAT, TO GET THE AR-15. I DROPPED MY REVOLVER AND LOOKED TO THE REAR AND TO THE LEFT <sup>with left</sup> BUT WAS

UNABLE TO SEE ANY  
ONE PERSON THAT  
COULD HAVE RENDERED  
THIS TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.  
THE PRESIDENT'S AUTO  
IMMEDIATE KICKED INTO  
HIGH GEAR AND THE  
FOLLOW-UP CAR DEPARTED  
THE SCENE. THE PRESIDENT  
WAS TAKEN TO A NEAR-  
BY HOSPITAL AND WAS  
RUSHED THEREIN. AT THIS  
TIME, I WAS INSTRUCTED  
TO PROTECT THE VICE  
PRESIDENT WHO FOLLOWED  
THE PRESIDENT'S AUTO  
AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE  
HOSPITAL. I THEN  
HELPED IN ACCOMPANYING  
THE VICE PRESIDENT TO  
A ROOM ON THE GROUND  
FLOOR OF SAID HOSPITAL.

Ed. J. [unclear]  
Written on  
Plane (5:30 PM  
11-22-63) to [unclear]