

Date 11/24/63

MR. J. M. HOLLAND, 1119 Lucille Street, Irving, Texas, on November 24, 1963, advised SAs JAMES C. KENNEDY and WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN that on Friday, November 22, 1963, in anticipation of the Presidential motorcade passing underneath the three-tier crossing on Elm Street, that he had been waiting approximately fifteen or eighteen minutes when the motorcade turned on Elm Street and began proceeding directly toward him, as he was standing on top of the underpass, looking down Elm Street.

The motorcycle escort and the lead car had passed underneath the underpass and the Presidential car ^{was} approximately forty to fifty yards away. He stated that he heard what he first believed to be a fire cracker and then saw President KENNEDY, who had just waved to a crowd on the President's left, crumple forward. JACQUELINE KENNEDY appeared to rise up in the rear seat and caught the President in her lap and then sat back down with the President's head face down in her lap.

Simultaneously with the first shot, he stated he heard either three or four more shots fired together and saw Governor CONNALLY, sitting directly in front of the President, fall forward and at the same time, Governor CONNALLY's wife knelt down behind the Governor's fallen body on the floor of the car.

When the first shot was fired, HOLLAND stated that a motorcycle officer behind the car stopped his motor, left it in the street, drew his gun, and began running back toward the intersection of Elm and Houston Street. One of the officers in the front seat of the Presidential car stood up with a machine gun in his hands and was looking back from the car when it immediately speeded up, throwing this officer back across the front seat. This Presidential car then went under the underpass at a rapidly rising rate of speed en route to Parkland Hospital.

HOLLAND stated that he looked toward the fence to his left to observe anyone that he might see running from this fence but saw no one.

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The only unusual thing that HOLLAND could recall was an approximate ~~one and one-half to two foot diameter~~ of what he believed was ~~gray smoke~~ which appeared to him to be coming from the trees which would have been on the right of the Presidential car but observed no one there or in the vicinity.

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