

Date November 26, 1963

ERNEST JOSEPH HUDSON, 107 South Bishop, Dallas, Texas, who is employed by the City of Dallas (Park Department), called attention to a photograph contained in the Sunday edition, November 24, 1963, of the Dallas Times Herald, which photograph was taken (according to information contained in the newspaper) by Mrs. MARY HOORLAN, and which photograph showed the President in a slumping condition immediately following the impact of the shots. HUDSON called attention to a group of three men in the photograph standing on some concrete steps north of Elm Street and north of the position of the Presidential car in the photograph. He pointed to the man in the middle of this group of three individuals in the photograph and advised, "That is me in the light colored clothing and that is where I was standing at the time the President was shot."

He said he was looking directly at President KENNEDY and saw his head slump to one side simultaneously with the loud report made by the first shot fired by the assassin. He said he then heard two more reports which sounded like shots, such reports coming in rapid succession after the first shot. He volunteered the shots were fired "just about as fast as you could expect a man to operate a bolt action rifle," or words to that effect.

HUDSON said the shots sounded as if they were fired over his head and from some position to the left of where he was standing. In other words, the shots sounded as if they were fired by someone at a position which was behind him, which was above him, and which was to his left. He again called attention to the photograph referred to above, and particularly to the corner of the Texas School Book Depository building appearing in such photograph and said the shots sounded as if they were coming from that building (Texas School Book Depository building).

HUDSON stated when he heard the shots, he turned around and looked in the general direction of the Texas School Book Depository building, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas; however, he did not see anyone with a rifle or firearm of any kind. He pointed out, however, it was a matter of two or three seconds

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After he heard the shots before he focused his vision on the Texas School Book Depository building and perhaps in that small lapse of time the assassin had stepped back from the window.

HUDSON estimated he was approximately thirty feet from the Presidential car at the time he heard the shots and immediately noticed the President's head slump to one side.

He advised he did not know the identity or address of either one of the other two men referred to above in the three man group in the photograph. He said the only statement he remembered either one of these two men made was that one of the men stated he worked somewhere on Industrial Boulevard in Dallas, Texas.

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