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11. NARRATIVE OF EVENTS IN DALLAS ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963

The Presidential aircraft touched down at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, at about 11:37 a.m., November 22, 1963. The weather was sunny with temperatures in the 70's. At 11:40 a.m., the President came out from the rear exit of his plane and down the ramp, together with Mrs. Kennedy, Governor and Mrs. Connally and other members of his party. ASAIC Kellerman and SA Hill also came out the rear exit. ATSAIC Roberts and SA's Ready, Lawton, McIntyre and Greer, came down the front ramp and with the exception of Greer (the driver of the President's car), promptly joined the others with the President and Mrs. Kennedy. ASAIC Youngblood, assisted by ATSAIC Johns, and SA's Kivett and Warren Taylor, took positions in proximity to the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson.

The President and Mrs. Kennedy then walked down a receiving line, shaking hands with fifteen to twenty persons of the local committee. The First Lady was presented with a bouquet of red roses, and the President with two charcoal drawings in a leather frame which he handed to SA Landis to hold. The President and Mrs. Kennedy then walked over to a lady seated in a wheelchair between the airplane and the chain link fence where the crowd was

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At this speed, and in the absence of heavy crowds, and since the people did not come into the street SA's Hill and Ready were on the running boards of the follow-up car.

When the President's car had proceeded approximately two hundred feet down Elm Street having turned left onto Elm Street from Houston Street, there was a sharp report. Exhibit 11 consists of two photographs which show the Elm-Houston Street area and the Texas School Book Depository Building. The reactions and actions of the agents in the cars are summarized below on the basis of statements which each made as soon as practicable after the event. These statements, along with others obtained from law enforcement officers who were a part of the motorcade, have not been edited or changed since they were given, and they are made a part of this report as Exhibit 12. They represent the immediate recollections of the agents and officers present.

A. The lead car

(1) SA Lawson, sitting in the front right-hand seat, gave the signal over the Secret Service radio that they were five minutes from the Trade Mart when the lead car reached the corner of Houston and Elm Streets. He noted the overpass under which his

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(2) SAIC Sorrels. -- As the motorcade turned into Elm Street, Sorrels heard SA Lawson make the announcement in the lead car that the motorcade was about five minutes away from the Trade Mart. He had noted just previously that they would not be over about five minutes late for their scheduled arrival. He looked up at the overpass and saw a policeman and others on the overpass.

When the lead car was about three-fourths of the distance between the Houston and Elm Street intersection and the underpass, he heard what sounded like a rifle shot and cried, "What's that?" as he turned to his right to look in the direction of the terrace on the right and the Texas School Book Depository Building. He thought the sound had come from that direction. Almost immediately he heard two more sounds which he was sure were shots and he yelled, "Let's get out of here!" He again looked to the right to see if he could observe the source of the shots. He noted that the President's car had accelerated and was pulling up almost alongside the lead car. A motorcycle escort pulled alongside and Chief Curry asked and was told that someone was hurt. The Chief immediately broadcast to his men to surround the School Book Depository Building and they were instructed to proceed to the nearest hospital.

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11:40 a.m. The President, Mrs. Kennedy, and Governor and Mrs. Connally, accompanied by other members of the party, arrived at Love Field, Dallas, Texas. (See attached Proposed Manifest for AF #1 - Fort Worth to Dallas.) Attachment #2.

The President was met by members of the party from AF #2 and the local reception committee. Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Connally were presented flowers. (See preliminary report reception committee list. Mr. George Miner and Mr. David Keeler were deleted.)

The President, Mrs. Kennedy, the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson walked along the airport fence shaking hands and greeting the crowd. The motorcade vehicles were being loaded at this time. (See Scheduled Motorcade List.) Attachment #3.

11:55 a.m. The Presidential Party departed the airport.

12:29 p.m. Appropriate signal given by SA Lawson from Lead Car that we were approximately five minutes from destination - the Trade Mart.

12:30 p.m.
(Approx.) Because of what appeared to be the sound of a firecracker or gunfire, also because of unusual activity in the Presidential and follow-up cars, we immediately accelerated movement of Lead Car. Information was received over the two-way radio that we should proceed to the nearest hospital, and we were escorted speedily to the Parkland Hospital. The President and Governor Connally were placed on stretchers and were immediately taken to the Emergency Room for medical attention. (See my statement and statements from other agents as to activities during this incident.)

Note: Separate reports containing information on activities at the hospital and subsequent trips of the Vice President and the body of the President to Love Field and their departure for Washington, D. C., will be submitted as soon as practical.

Note: The following is the approximate scheduling of events and itinerary for the remainder of the visit.

12:35 p.m.
(Approx.) Presidential Party should arrive at the Trade Mart, 2100 Stemmons Freeway in parking lot on Industrial Boulevard.

Page Three of Statement of Special Agent Clinton J. Hill, dated Nov. 30, 1963:

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The motorcade made a right hand turn onto Elm Street. I was on the forward portion of the left running board of the follow-up car. The motorcade made a left hand turn from Elm Street toward an underpass. We were traveling about 12 to 15 miles per hour. On the left hand side was a grass area with a few people scattered along it observing the motorcade passing, and I was visually scanning these people when I heard a noise similar to a firecracker. The sound came from my right rear and I immediately moved my head in that direction. In so doing, my eyes had to cross the Presidential automobile and I saw the President hunch forward and then slump to his left. I jumped from the Follow-up car and ran toward the Presidential automobile. I heard a second firecracker type noise but it had a different sound—like the sound of shooting a revolver into something hard. I saw the President slump more toward his left.

I jumped onto the left rear step of the Presidential automobile. Mrs. Kennedy shouted, "They've shot his head off;" then turned and raised out of her seat as if she were reaching to her right rear toward the back of the car for something that had blown out. I forced her back into her seat and placed my body above President and Mrs. Kennedy. SA Greer had, as I jumped onto the Presidential automobile, accelerated the Presidential automobile forward. I heard ASAIC Kellerman call SA Lawson on the two-way radio and say, "To the nearest hospital, quick." I shouted as loud as I could at the Lead car, "To the hospital, to the hospital."

As I lay over the top of the back seat I noticed a portion of the President's head on the right rear side was missing and he was bleeding profusely. Part of his brain was gone. I saw a part of his skull with hair on it lying in the seat. The time of the shooting was approximately 12:30 p.m., Dallas time. I looked forward to the jump seats and noticed Governor Connally's chest was covered with blood and he was slumped to his left and partially covered up by his wife. I had not realized until this point that the Governor had been shot.

When we arrived at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, I jumped off the Presidential automobile, removed my suit coat and covered the President's head and upper chest with it. I assisted in lifting the President from the rear seat of the automobile onto a wheel type stretcher and accompanied the President and Mrs. Kennedy into the Emergency Room. Governor Connally had been placed in an Emergency Room across the hall.

I exited the Emergency Room almost immediately because of the large number of doctors and nurses in the room, which was quite small. I asked a nurse standing outside of the Emergency Room in which the President was lying to please have everyone except those Medical Staff members necessary leave the emergency ward. She immediately began screening medical staff members.

I asked for the nearest telephone. ASAIC Kellerman exited the Emergency Room and told me to contact the White House in Washington and to keep the line open continually. I asked SA Lawson for the telephone number of the Dallas White



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Mr. Paul Hoch
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Dear Mr. Hoch:

Your letter of February 4th has been received and I want to thank you for your kind comments concerning the work of this Bureau in connection with our investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

With respect to your request, it is not expected that our original report in this matter will be made public since information in FBI files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I would like to point out that the President appointed the Commission to look into this tragedy and ordered the FBI to conduct an investigation. Based upon these instructions, our investigative reports and the data appearing in our files were furnished to this Commission and any release of these facts fell within the responsibilities of the Commission. I hope you will understand my inability to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

I. THE ASSASSINATION

President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, at approximately 12:29 p.m. (CST) on November 22, 1963. At the time, the President was en route from Love Field to the Trade Mart in Dallas to address a luncheon sponsored by several civic groups. Among those in the motorcade with the President were his wife, Vice President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, and Texas Governor John B. Connally and his wife.

A. Assassin in Building

As the motorcade was traveling through downtown Dallas on Elm Street about fifty yards west of the intersection with Houston Street (Exhibit 1), three shots rang out. Two bullets struck President Kennedy, and one wounded Governor Connally. The President, who slumped forward in the car, was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 1:00 p.m.

Eyewitnesses at the scene of the shooting saw an individual holding a rifle in a sixth-floor window of the Texas School Book Depository Building located on the corner of Houston and Elm Streets. One individual stated that after he heard what he believed to be a second shot, he looked up, and saw this man take deliberate aim with a rifle and fire in the direction of the Presidential motorcade as it passed. (Exhibit 2)