

Statements of Witnesses - Secret Service Agent EMORY P. ROBERTS, dated Nov. 29, 1963, Vol. 18, pp.733-87 and statement of Nov. 22, 1963, p.739

P.733 is devoted to background. All but the last paragraph of p.734 is devoted to who was where and who did what prior to the exact moment of the assassination. This paragraph begins "~~12:30 p.m.~~ 12:30 p.m. First of three shots fired, at which time I saw the President lean toward Mrs. Kennedy. I do not know if it was the next shot or third shot that hit the President in the head...."

Roberts was in the front seat of the followup car.

He said that "Just after the third shot was fired, I picked up the car radio ..." He said he instructed Lawson to head for the hospital, repeating the message, requesting caution, "I had in mind Vice President Johnson's safety, as well as the President's, if he was not already dead." He identifies Cliff Carter as Executive Assistant to the Vice President, rather than, as one of the nurses at the hospital did, as the assistant to Governor Connally. She said that it was to Mr. Carter that she delivered the Governor's clothing which subsequently was laundered and dry-cleaned without any question or comment by the Commission in its report.

At an unspecified time but apparently from the context quite some time after their arrival at the hospital, he says, "I mentioned to ASAIC Johns to check if the car (~~the~~ President's) was impounded. (I know that the word 'evidence' was used./ SAIC Johns left immediately."

So far in my inquiry, this is the first reference, EVEN Though much too belated, to any effort at securing the car so that no evidence could be in any way affected or destroyed. Some agents!

On p.737: "At 1:15 p.m. (according to my watch) the Vice President, in the presence of Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Cliff Carter, SAIC Youngblood and others, was informed by me, that the President was dead." He says that someone else at that

moment mentioned it the time as 1:13 p.m.

In his 6 full pages of report, Agent Roberts has one full paragraph, approximately 1/4 of a page, on the assassination.

In his report dated the 22nd he says, "two or three shots were fired". In this statement he says he was driving at 20 to 25 miles an hour, whereas in the longer statement he said 15 to 20 miles an hour. In both he says his car was about 25 feet behind the president's. In the earlier statement he has two sentences on the assassination;