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755 PM NITEL SEPTEMBER 15, 1975

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: DALLAS (87-43)

ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

RE BUDEL TO DALLAS, SEPTEMBER 12, 1975.

ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1975, OFFICER DOUGLAS LAVELLE JACKSON, PATROLMAN, DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, DALLAS, TEXAS, INTERVIEWED AT DALLAS. JACKSON ADVISED HE WAS ASSIGNED NOVEMBER 22, 1963, AS MOTORCYCLE OFFICER IN PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S MOTORCADE, AND WAS RIDING TWELVE TO FIFTEEN FEET TO THE RIGHT REAR OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR ALONG WITH OFFICER JAMES CHANEY, DALLAS PD.

AT APPROXIMATELY 12:30PM, JACKSON WAS TURNING CORNER FROM HOUSTON STREET ONTO ELM STREET FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR WHEN HE HEARD A LOUD REPORT, WHICH HE THOUGHT TO BE A MOTORCYCLE BACKFIRE. HE LOOKED TOWARD THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR AND ABOUT THE SAME TIME HEARD A SECOND LOUD REPORT, WHICH HE THEN RECOGNIZED AS GUNFIRE. HE OBSERVED GOVERNOR OF TEXAS JOHN CONNALLY JERK TO THE RIGHT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THIS SHOT. JACKSON STOPPED HIS MOTORCYCLE AND LOOKED TOWARD THE RAILROAD OVERPASS, WHICH WAS AT THE FRONT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR, AND OBSERVED A POLICE OFFICER STANDING THERE WITH HIS HANDS ON HIS HIPS. THIS

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APPEARED NORMAL, SO HE LOOKED TOWARD HIS RIGHT REAR IN THE DIRECTION OF THE TEXAS SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING AND OBSERVED BYSTANDERS FALLING TO THE GROUND. AS HE TURNED TO LOOK AT THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR, HE HEARD A THIRD SHOT AND OBSERVED PRESIDENT KENNEDY STRUCK ABOVE THE RIGHT EAR AND THE TOP OF HIS HEAD EXPLODED TO THE LEFT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR. JACKSON AGAIN LOOKED BACK TOWARD THE INTERSECTION OF HOUSTON AND ELM; HOWEVER, HE DID NOT LOOK UP AT THE WINDOWS OF THE BUILDINGS. THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR STARTED SPEEDING UP AT THIS POINT AND OFFICERS JACKSON AND CHANEY LEFT WITH THE CAR. WHILE CHANEY CLEARED THE WAY FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR, JACKSON STAYED IN THE SAME POSITION, TWELVE TO FIFTEEN FEET TO THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE, FOR THE TRIP TO PARKLAND HOSPITAL. AT THE HOSPITAL, JACKSON HELPED REMOVE GOVERNOR CONNALLY FROM THE VEHICLE AND THEN HELPED REMOVE PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND PLACE HIM ON A STRETCHER. JACKSON THEN ASSISTED GUARDING THE EMERGENCY ROOM DOOR UNTIL HE ASSISTED IN TRANSPORTING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S BODY BACK TO LOVE FIELD.

JACKSON ADVISED THERE IS NO QUESTION IN HIS MIND THAT THREE DISTINCT SHOTS WERE FIRED AND HE ALSO FEELS THE SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM THE VICINITY OF THE TEXAS SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY

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BUILDING. JACKSON STATED THE SAME NIGHT, NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
HE PREPARED A DETAILED WRITTEN ACCOUNT OF THE ABOVE INCIDENT
FOR HIS PERSONAL RETENTION, WHICH HE STILL POSSESSES, AND
HAS NEVER BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI OR THE WARREN COMMISSION.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher *JOC*

FROM : B. H. Cooke *JOC*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

DATE: 9/16/75

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
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Reference is made to B. H. Cooke to Mr. Gallagher memorandum of 9/12/75, concerning Dallas, Texas, Police Department motorcycle officers who escorted the Presidential car in Dallas on 11/22/63, not being interviewed by the FBI regarding the assassination. It was recommended that motorcycle officer D. L. Jackson be interviewed in view of his pertinent location in the motorcade, in view of the fact he had never been interviewed, and in view of the fact he had retained notes regarding his observations during the assassination.

By teletype of 9/15/75, (attached) the Dallas Office advised that Jackson was interviewed on that date. He stated he heard three distinct shots which he feels came from the vicinity of the Texas School Book Depository. On the night of 11/22/63, he prepared a detailed written account of the incident for his personal retention and still has it. He advised he was never interviewed by the FBI or the Warren Commission.

ACTION:

Since none of the interviews of motorcycle officers in the motorcade have cast any doubts on the conclusions of the Warren Commission, General Investigative Division is of the opinion that there is no necessity to contact the other motorcycle officers who apparently were never interviewed.

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Reference is made to B. H. Cooke to Mr. Gallagher memorandum of 9/16/75 regarding interview of Dallas, Texas, Police Officer D. L. Jackson, who was assigned to the Presidential motorcade in Dallas on 11/22/63 (attached).

Regarding this memorandum, the Director asked, "How many such officers are there?"

By teletype of 9/8/75, the Dallas Office advised eight motorcycle officers led the motorcade. They were in front of the car driven by the Chief of Police, who was in front of the President's car. Of these officers, one was interviewed by the Warren Commission, none by the FBI.

Six motorcycle officers were to the rear of the President's car. Of those, one was interviewed by the FBI (because he saw Lee Harvey Oswald in the Texas School Book Depository immediately following the assassination) and by the Warren Commission. Another was interviewed by the Warren Commission, but not by the FBI.

Four motorcycle officers were assigned to ride beside the President's car. Of those, none were interviewed by the FBI in 1963. Two were interviewed by the Warren Commission. The two who were not interviewed by the Warren Commission or the FBI, James M. Chaney and D. L. Jackson, were interviewed by the FBI recently.

ACTION: For information

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