

RADIO LOGS - DALLAS (17 H361-495)

These logs may or may not be complete and may or may not be fully accurate, but we have to presume they are. The various codes used are explained on pp.490-4.

These logs show a number of interesting things. There were other suspects, and what happened to only one is indicated. The basis of disposition is not even indicated in this case. They show also the emphasis and interest of the police at the time of the assassination and for the period immediately following. They show when witnesses were interviewed, what they said, etc.

The first deals with the state police beginning on p.362. The original is handwritten and brief. These are excerpts from it.

First reference was at 12:35 p.m., November 22, and says very little; "Information pertaining to an incident involving the President." (p.363)

The sheriff's log begins on p.368. This calls itself a "transcript". It does not so state here, but I believe the sheriff's broadcasts are taped. At 12:30:40 "Stand by one. All units and officers vicinity of station report to the railroad track area, just north of Elm - Report to the Railroad track area, just north of Elm." # 7 checked in, 26 was en route and shortly checked in, and shortly after 12:40, 26 was told to report to the railroad area. Shortly after that, 20 was told "We do have a report that the President has been hit. Report to the railroad area over Elm street to the North." (p.396)

Following a 12:49 broadcast and prior to one at 12:53, "Suspect described as white male, 30, slender build, 5'10", 155 lbs, possibly armed with 30-30 rifle." 20 checked in "Out on North side of building now." (p.371) Following 12:53 and prior to 1:16, 20 reported still behind building and "Do you have need of me anywhere else. This area is

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covered with officers." He was told "There are quite a few officers at the station and around the area." (p.372)

Immediately after 1:16, "Any squads in vicinity of Jefferson and East 10th. 510 E. Jefferson." The call was immediately repeated. 109 checked in at 10th and Jefferson, (p.373). Prior to the notation of 1:24 p.m., 109 reported, "The only information we have is a white male, about 30, 5'8", black hair, white jacket, going West on foot from that location." After 1:24, 103 was given a similar description. At the same time, "Any units spotting a white Pontiac Station Wagon, with license prefix P E, proceed with caution and advise. In area of West Jefferson." (p.374)

Right after 1:45 p.m., for the attention of 25, a similar description was broadcast, and to 61, the description of the man and the white Pontiac was broadcast (p.375). After 1:45, the time of 1:31 is next given, and following that 44 was given a similar description, together with "Had either shotgun or rifle in back seat, license on car, prefix PE - no other information". (p.376)

Following a time given as 1:34 p.m., "For attention of all officers, this is an anonymous tip only. A green and white '57 Ford, bearing Texas license D T 4857 with white male as occupant. If located, acknowledge. Advise this department." (P.377)

And as late as 1:51 p.m., apparently somebody in the Secret Service, code 473, didn't know where then Vice President Johnson was. The sheriff told him. (p/381)

Dallas police, channel 1, beginning on p.390. There was a mike button stuck open someplace which blocked the frequency and also they thought they were having interference from the "Dallas Power and Light Co. radio intermodulating with our system". After an exchange with

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No. 38 at 12:26, there appears this notation from the dispatcher, "(transmitter stuck, can't read anything for some time after 38's last transmission) (12:34)" The dispatcher between 12:35 and 12:36 reported the mike button stuck open and "We can't hear anything (still could not understand)" to Deputy Chief Fisher (Patrol Division), p.395.

Channel 2 knew there was an emergency and knew and reported an emergency ambulance trip to Parkland. He told 20 "there's been a shooting in downtown area involving (no other information)" After a 12:37 time/and prior to the next one at 12:45. (p.396) The dispatcher prior to 12:45 directed all squads to "report to downtown area, code 3 (emergency) to Elm and Houston, with caution." In this interval, cars have been reporting in from various places. Then, just prior to the 12:45 notation, the dispatcher "Attention all squads - Attention all squads. At Elm and Houston reported to be an unknown W/M, approximately 30, slender build, height 5 Ft. 10 Inches, 165 pounds. - reported to be armed with what is believed to be a 30 caliber rifle. Attention, all squads, the suspect is believed to be W/M/30, 5 Ft/ 10 inches, slender build, 165 pounds, armed with what is thought to be a 30-30 rifle. No further description or information at this time." Not until "unknown" asked the dispatcher "What is he wanted for?", the dispatcher replies, "Signal 19, involving the President." Signal 19 means shooting.

Then 233 told the dispatcher, "He is thought to be in this Texas Book Depository on Northwest corner Elm and Houston."

As cars called in, they were directed to the Elm and Houston area.

After the 12:45 time notation and prior to that of 12:46, "87-78 move into Central Oak Cliff area." This apparently is the broadcast instruction to Tippit. His car, I believe, was 78 and I infer that 87

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was just a slip of the tongue. After 12:46 the notation, "(numerous squads checked out at School Book Depository could not hear all the call numbers)" (p.397) Note there is no indication that this channel said the shooting involved the President until 12:45. When 95 asked, "What's going on?" the dispatcher repeated the information and a similar description. Meanwhile, other cars checked in en route to Elm and Houston and as they called in and asked for instructions they were directed there. (p.705.)

It is not possible to determine the precise time Deputy Chief Fisher asked who was in charge; ~~if~~ the log then reads, "Disp. '(unknown) is enroute. He'll be in charge'." A call to station 7, and station 7 is not listed among those tabulated on pp.492-4. All small numbers are assigned to inspectors, deputy chiefs and the chief. For example, there is no identification given for Capt. Fritz. Right after a 12:49 timecheck, 15 is quoted as saying "15's at the scene. The building is the old Purse Company on the eastside of Houston. Have that cut off on the backside will you? Make sure nobody leaves there." Dispatcher acknowledges.

This Purse Company clearly is not the same as the Book Depository Building. At least, the building on the same side of Elm from the windows giving on Houston provided at least as good a vantage point for the assassin or assassins. Note the instruction to "cut off on the backside" and "make sure nobody leaves there". Deputy Chief Fisher acknowledges to the dispatcher that he heard a broadcast immediately preceding from 15 reading "15 is in charge down here - correction; 5's in charge down here." ~~But~~ 5 is Deputy Chief Lumpkin (service). "Unknown" asks, "Any clothing description?" and the dispatcher says there was none and repeated the suspect's age, height and weight.

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605 called in about a drunk, asking "You don't have a downtown squad car clear, do you?" and the dispatcher told him, "No, disregard and return to service." A short time later, the dispatcher called "605, let that drunk go." Then 212 checked in and said, "I'll report to the rear of that building." (p.399) The next time given is 12:51.

Cars were also assigned to the Triple Underpass; also, along the tracks just to the west of the building. Radio patrolment were also in this area.

Right after the 12:54 time notation, this is the next item:

"Disp 78...

78 78/

Disp You are in the Oak Cliff area are you not?

78 Lancaster and 8th

Disp You will be at large for any emergency that comes in."

78 acknowledged. The next time notation is 12:55; hence, Tippit checked in after 12:54 and before 12:55. (p.401) As of this time when 49 asked for a description, the dispatcher had nothing to add. A traffic officer then called in saying, "I have an eye witness over here who saw the President get hit. The witness is over here at the T&P Railway Overpass at the Stemmons Service Road." Nothing is immediately revealed about what happened with this information. Then the dispatcher sends 19 who says, "I see him over there. I'll go over there." (p.402)

15 called the dispatcher to report, "100 has got about 6 men checking out that railroad yard, back toward that direction." 312 was told a "Command Post" had been set up at Elm and Houston. Then the Canine Units ^{Car} was called because, according to 15, the School Book Depository Building "... will be a hard one to search out thoroughly without the dogs." 508, an identification unit of the crime laboratory, was asked

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for at a time it is not possible to determine. 19 reported, "I have the one that saw the President get hit in my car. I'm on the Elm Street side of the Triple Underpass just before you go up on Stemmons." (p.403) Cars were still being assigned to the area. When the dispatcher called Deputy Chief Lumpkin, 15 replied to say he thought both Lumpkin and Inspector Sawyer "are in the building". 15 was then told about 19's message about the witness. When there seemed to have been a misunderstanding by an "unknown" about 19's message, 19 says, "He didn't see the shooting. He saw the President get hit."

I haven't seen a time notation since 12:55. The dispatcher called 78, saying "78 location" and there was no response. Then the dispatcher notes intermodulation again. (p.404).

A third of the way down the page 405 is a time notation, 1:04 p.m. Then 311 is quoted as saying, "311, what squad has that subject that's supposed to have seen the shooting?" to which the dispatcher replies, "He did see the shooting, 309. He saw the President hit. That is 19. He has the person in his car." 311 acknowledges and asks, "Do you have the information that this came from the Book Depository down there?" which the dispatcher affirmed. Then 311 said, "It's well covered off here." If this refers to the sealing of the building, it is the first reference to this. (p.405)

After a few other calls, 78 called the dispatcher who didn't immediately take the call. Then 78 called again, again just saying "78" and this time after it is the notation (1:08).

Note that were the dispatcher asked 78 for his location on p.404 and got no response, the time would have been at just about the time Mrs. Roberts alleged the police car was coming up to the house in which Oswald lived. Note that also on this page (406) the time check after 78

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is after that time. The Commission makes ~~no~~ references in the report to any of these ent^{ies}, but it would seem that 78^{, who} should have been in his car, made no response at a time that could have placed him near Oswald's residence, as Mrs. Roberts testified. Immediately after this entry, 261 asked if there was any clothing description yet, and the dispatcher replied, "All we have is a white male 30, slender build, 5'10", 165 pounds, armed with a 30 caliber rifle." This indicates that there was, as of 1:08, no change in the original broadcast description. 261 then said, "I have a subject that fits that description. He's drunk, ..." 261 wanted to know "Do you want someone to check him?" He had him "on my motor". Nobody answered this question.

Then 388 reported, "...members of the CID enroute to Elm and Houston as ordered." The dispatcher said, "Have" 5 additional^s whose numbers are given, presumably go to Elm and Houston, and 388 replies, "We're enroute that location to await orders there. I don't know do." (dots in original) Then 260 asks the dispatcher to "Inform the squads that anyone that gets any information regarding this incident down here, to bring it to 9 at Elm and Houston; bring the person to 9 at Elm and Houston." 9 is Inspector Sawyer. (p.406)

Before the next time notation, which is ~~1:11~~¹ 1:11, 15 tells the dispatcher, "If you can get 15/2, would you get him to put some personnel on those railroad tracks near Market ^Hall and proceed back toward this location.....tracks in this immediate vicinity." (dots in original) To me this indicates that, as of a half-hour after the assassination, the police were still most interested in the area of those railroad tracks. The dispatcher confirmed delivering the information 15/2 who was on the other channel. Apparently the drunk was on a dead-end street near the railroad tracks. 261 reported, "I'm going to stay on these railroad tracks at the dead-end of Laws." The dispatcher noted the time

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at 1:15 p.m. At 1:16 the dispatcher told all squads to permit entry to any telephone truck enroute to Parkland Hospital. Then came a call that couldn't be distinguished, and the dispatcher said, "Unit ending in 6..." (dots in original) followed by this notation; "

"Citizen Hello, police operator....

Disp Go ahead....Go ahead, citizen using the police (citizen cut in)

Citizen We've had a shooting out here.

Disp Where's it at?

Disp The citizen using police radio...(Citizen cut in)

Citizen On 10th Street.

Disp What location on 10th Street? (p.705, p.407)

Citizen Between Marsalis and Beckley. It's a police officer. Somebody shot him....What's this?.... 404 10th Street, (Someone in the background said 78, squad car, number 10)

Citizenyou got that?

Disp 78.....

Citizen Hello police operator, did you get that? (Some other unknown voice came in with 'a police officer, 510 E. Jefferson')

Citizen Thank you."

At this point 35 cut in and said, "35", as though calling the dispatcher and the dispatcher said, "The citizen using the police radio remain off the radio now." 69 reported, "69's going out there," and the Dispatcher acknowledged "69, Code # 3," emergency. 602 reported enroute. Also 603. Then 602 reported arrival. The dispatcher acknowledged and said, "603 and 602, 1:10 p.m." 602 then said, "What's that address on Jefferson?" and the dispatcher replied, "501 East 10th" (note the address

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actually given was 510 E. Jefferson). The dispatcher then gave 19 the wrong address again. 602 reported at the destination and an unknown asked "Was 519 E. Jefferson correct?", to which the dispatcher replied, "We have 2 locations, 501 E. Jefferson and 501 E. 10th. 19, are you enroute?" "Unknown" then says, "This is an officer", 19 says he's enroute, 605 says he's enroute, and when the dispatcher confirms it there is a strikeover on the time, making it illegible, but it was something after 10 minutes past 1. (p.408) Note that the "unknown" who said "This is an officer" was never replied to.

Then the dispatcher called 85 to say, "The subject's running west on Jefferson from the location," then says, "No physical description."

The above would seem to indicate some of the pertinent excerpts are not in this transcript.

At this point, "Citizen Hello, hello, hello

602 602...

Citizenfrom out here on 10th Street, 500 block. This police officer's just shot. I think he's dead.

Disp 10-4, we have the information. The Citizen using the radio, remain off the radio now." One can only hope the citizen who knew enough to use the radio also knew the "10-4" signal. There then follows an exchange between 15 and the dispatcher revealing information that had not appeared in the log and again indicating the log is not complete. This is in reference to 15's question about what the citizen had said, and the dispatcher confirmed it. The dispatcher tells 91 "have a signal 19 (shooting) involving police officer 400 E. 10th. Suspect/^{last}seen running west on Jefferson. No description at this time." Then the dispatcher again, "Suspect just passed 401 E. Jefferson." Notice, however, that the dispatcher had again given

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an incorrect address above. He then asks ~~85~~ 85 for the correct location, saying "We have 3 different locations." 85 said, "I haven't seen anything on Jefferson yet." So the dispatcher told him to "Check 501 E. 10th at Denver." (p.410). Here~~and~~ elsewhere in the log are indications that^{at} the scene of the assassination a number of officers seem to be remaining with their cars. Shortly after the dispatcher says "Code # 3", which means emergency, there appears the time notation, 1:22. 85 calls in to say, "We have a description on this suspect over here on Jefferson. Last seen about the 300 E. Jefferson. He's a white male about 30, 5'8", black hair, slender, wearing a white jacket, white shirt and dark slacks." 105 checks in at the location. Then 19 checks in. The dispatcher asks 85 to "repeat his clothing description" and 85 says not quite the same thing, "Wearing a white jacket, believed to be a white shirt and dark slacks." Then there is a confirmation of a call from 603 ending with the dispatcher saying that the time was 1:23. Thereafter, the dispatcher says, "Pick up for investigation aggravated assault on a police officer, a white male approximately 30, 5'8", slender build, has black hair, a white jacket, a white shirt and dark trousers. The suspect last seen running west off Jefferson from 400 East Jefferson, 1:24." (p.410)

87 then calls the dispatcher to ask about the report on the car, and the dispatcher says, "Said he pulled in there and bought some gas. Driving a white pontiac, '61 or '62 Station Wagon with the prefix 'pecos' 'Ellis'. He had a rifle laying in the seat." 87 confirms, and the dispatcher continues, "We have a citizen following this car at this time - unknown direction. (1:25)." Then 279, an unidentified 3-wheeled motorcycle unit, calls in and tells the dispatcher, "We believe we've got that suspect on shooting this officer out here. Got his white jacket.

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Believe he dumped it on this parking lot behind this service station, 400 block West Jefferson, across from Dudley-Hughes, and he had a white jacket on. We believe this is it." The dispatcher asks, "you do not have the suspect, is that correct?" and 279 replies, "No, just the jacket laying on the ground."

Note the description of this as a "White" jacket. It may be quite important because the Oswald jacket was gray and the witnesses insisted they say a white jacket.

When 91 asked "What was the description beside the white jacket?" the dispatcher replies, "W/M/30 5-8 black hair, slender build, white shirt, white jacket, black trousers, going west on Jefferson from the 300 block."

The last previous broadcast said 400 block of ^{East} Jefferson. If the police had a telephone report, they should have a record of from whom, and how could he have the jacket in the 300 block when it had been found in the 400 block? (p.412).

As soon as this transmission was finished, unless something is omitted from the log, which is more than possible, 559/2 called the dispatcher to report "I'm at 12th and Beckley now - have a man in the car with me that can identify the suspect if anybody ^{gets} ~~next~~ one."

Note that this is 6 blocks away from the shooting of Tippit. It is, however, not far from the Texas theatre. It is also on the street away from the shooting of Tippit from Jefferson. I recall nothing that indicates anybody followed Oswald that way, or that anyone left the scene of the crime and followed him any distance at all.

The dispatcher then asked 550/2, "Have you been to the scene?" 550/2 confirms and says, "The officers were already gone when I got there. He was driving car #10."

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There is some confusion here that may be only in my own mind. At the time of the original call to the police, Tippit's number was given as 78 and the car number was given as 10. Here again we have the car number given as 10. When they call in, they ^{do} ~~do not~~ use their badge numbers, ^{or do} ~~not~~ they ~~use~~ use the number assigned to a vehicle? Could Car #10 have the radio identification of 78? Or is there something else here?

Then there comes a call identified as from "Unknown" asking, "Did someone find a jacket?" The dispatcher's reply is quoted, "Unknown, 85."

However, 279 had reported (p.411) finding a white jacket. Why the dispatcher who had handled the call should not have conveyed this information I cannot guess.

Then 19 calls in to say, "One of the men here at the service station that saw him seems to think he is in this block of 400 East Jefferson, behind this service station. Will you get me some more squads over here." 79, 412, and some other squads report they are enroute. 75 says, "We're almost there". (p.412).

87 reports, "A white station wagon believed to be PE3435, unknown make and model, late model, occupied by 2 W M left this fellows station going east on Davis and believed to have a shotgun or rifle laying in back seat." (p.413)

111 then reports, "They say he is running west in the alley between Jefferson and Tenth." After a time check, 1:32, the dispatcher repeats the description, "W/M/30 5-8", very slender build, black hair, a white jacket, white shirt and dark slacks, 1:33." Again note the jacket was reported found 7 or 8 minutes earlier.

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Apparently with reference to Tippit, 19 asked the dispatcher, "Do you know what kind of a call he was on?" and the dispatcher asks, "What kind of ~~it~~ what?" 19 repeats, "Was he on a call or ~~of~~ anything?" and the dispatcher says, "No." Immediately thereafter 19 reports, "we are shaking down these old houses in the 400 block East Jefferson right now."

I have no familiarity with the area, but I believe that is the block of East Jefferson between the place where the jacket was found and where Tippit was killed.

63 goes to 10th and Crawford to check out a church basement (p.414).

Then 223 reports, "He is in the library, Jefferson and Marsalis." He asks for help and says, "Get them here fast." Dispatcher asks for reports and with several squads talking simultaneously, the note says he can't make them out. Then 85 is enroute; Also "Unknown," 29 is sent. Then 22 says, "They got him hemmed up - looks like in this building at the corner." "Unknown" asks, "Where ~~is~~ you be?" and 85 replies, "Is at library." 19 then says, "We are all at the library." (p.415) Then 221 says, "Might can give you some additional onformation. I got an eyeball witness to the get-away man; that suspect in this shooting. He is a white male, 27, 5'11", 165 pounds, black wavy hair, fair com-plexed, wearing light gray Eisenhower type jacket, dark trousers and a white shirt and about last seen running on the North side of the street from Patton on Jefferson; on East Jefferson, and was apparently armed with a 32, dark finish, automatic pistol which he had in his right hand." Then the dispatcher says, "For your information 221, they have the suspect cornered in the library Marsalis ~~at~~ and Jefferson." 221 confirms and says, "This man can positively identify him if they need him."

Note the reference is to "this man", and not to a woman, so this

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"eyeball witness" is not Mrs. Markham. The question immediately arises, was it Scoggins? Because if it was Scoggins, the "black wavy hair" in here is odd. The only other person I know who ever indicated Oswald's hair was wavy or bushy or anything like that was Mrs. Markham; she was wrong, and the Commission entered into a considerable hassle with Mark Lane over this. If this was Scoggins, there is no witness to Tippit's killing with probative value.

The dispatcher then says, "Well, they do have the suspect under arrest now." "Unknown" then says, "221, hang on to the witness or hold on to him."

19 then calls in to say, "It was the wrong man."

There is no explanation of how the man was known to be the wrong man. 19 tells 221 to hold on to his witness, and 221 says, "I'm in front of 404 W-E 10th right now. I got two witnesses - the one that talked to the officer and one that observed the man."

19 is identified as in charge of the area of the Tippit killing.
(p.416)

One "Unknown" then reports, "We got a witness that saw him go up," followed by another "Unknown" who said, "His jacket - lets check that vicinity, towards town." Then ~~550~~ 550/2 calls in to say, "The shell at the scene indicates that the suspect is armed with an automatic 38 rather than a pistol."

I have seen no reference to the finding of such a shell at the scene by anybody. My recollection is that the Davis women, after the police left, followed the shells & they subsequently turned over to the police. The positive identification by a police officer as a 38 ~~p~~ automatic rather than a pistol is something that I am certain is nowhere mentioned in the report.

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19 confirms to the dispatcher that he is enroute to 404 East 10th where 221 has "the eye witness". Cars are still being assigned to this area. Note there has been no reference to any activity on the radio relating to the scene of the President's assassination (p.417).

- At 1:43, 410 reports he is "enroute from Trade Mart with 3 detectives to City Hall unless otherwise directed."

Wouldn't that seem an odd place for 3 detectives to have remained with all that was going on in Dallas?

Asked the last location anybody had on the suspect, the dispatcher tells 87, "Running north on Patton." Right after a 1:45 time check, the dispatcher says, "Have information a suspect just went in the Texas Theater on West Jefferson." "Unknown" confirms, 85 reports himself en route (p.418). The dispatcher says, "Supposed to be hiding in the balcony," then gives a 1:46 time check, followed by 111 announcing he is en route. Ditto 76. At this point, Inspector Sawyer tells the dispatcher, "We have a man that we would like to have you pass this on to C.I.D. to see if he can pick this man up. Charles Douglas Givens, G-I-V-E-N-S. He is a colored male, 37, 6'3", 165 pounds, I.D. # Sheriff Department 37954. He is a porter that worked on this floor up here. He has a police record and he left."

There is a Charles Douglas Givens who gave^a deposition, 6 H 345, that I have not yet read. This is the first reference for some time to activity at the scene of the assassination. It is followed, presumably, by another right after the 1:47 notation when 508 asks the dispatcher to "Notify our office to send us 4 slides and need additional metallic kit. Bring to the sixth floor down here at Houston and Elm." 508 is an identification unit assigned to the crimes laboratory. The dispatcher orders "Have some squad cover off the rear of theater fire

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escape." 211 reports, "There's about 5 squads back here with me now." Then the time check, 1:48 (p.419)

19 reports he is remaining at the scene and that additional cars are going to the theater. Then a 1:49 time check. 26 reports, "We remain out to Homicide Bureau with a witness on this officer's shooting." Right after a 1:51 time check, 550/2 reports, "Suspect on shooting of Police Officer is apprehended and enroute to the station." He also says, "Caught/^{him}on the lower floor of the Texas Theater after a fight." (P.420)

3 then phones the dispatcher to say that he and 2, respectively, Deputy Chief Stevenson and Assistant Chief Batchelor, "are enroute to Parkland Hospital now - Will be enroute back to the station in a few moments. What do you have working at the Texas Theater?" The dispatcher replies, "We have a shooting of a police officer which was DOA at Methodist. The suspect has been apprehended at the Texas Theater - enroute to the station."

Then 221 reports, "509 said he would be out 400 block & 10th a few minutes." "509" is another identification of the crime lab, so with respect to both the 38 automatic shell and the failure to find any other shells, there was an expert, who was not just an ordinary policeman, on the scene. (p.421.)

The policeman who had^{ve} the suspect report their position at Zangs and Colorado, "him and the gun", at 1:55 p.m., followed by a call from 211 saying, "Captain ^{Westbrook}~~Washbrook~~ wants a photographer up here at the Texas Theater." The dispatcher says, "509 is supposed to be enroute."

Immediately before the 1:56 time check the dispatcher orders 49, "Report to the City Hall Identification Bureau, pick up some equipment. Take down to the scene of the earlier shooting on Houston." Then 61

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Then 61 calls the dispatcher and reports, "We have information from the agent out here at T&P. Said that the train is stopped on the overpass; the triple overpass; that there was a person jumping at the 9th boxcar from the front engine. Said he was hiding in a car."

Asked by the dispatcher, "Is the train stopped there now?" 61 rejoins, "I'm in behind the Texas School Depository. He has the train stopped. He said it is the 9th car from the engine. He climbed over the top of cars. Said he's hovering down inside." 392, 241, 2361, 498, and 224 are reported enroute. The last time check is 1:59. (pp.422-3

375 is also enroute. Then 505 asks, "Do you need a photographer at the theater?" with a 1:59 time check following.

The reason I am noting these things bears on the honesty of the policemen involved. We have had the report of those policemen who had Oswald in custody and were taking him in only to be followed by a demand from the captain for a photographer. I have seen pictures identified with the captain's name in the hearings of Oswald that may have been taken at the theater.

26 then calls in to ask if the dispatcher can "raise somebody over there at Tippit's car." 221 replies, "221 just left there, what do you want to know?" and 26 says, "Go back and get that witness's shoes she left on the hood of the car and we'll be in Homicide Bureau." 21 then says, "Captain Doughty has them."

Strange things do happen and it may be that strange people do them. The only woman witness with whom I have any familiarity was Mrs. Markham. Can it be inferred from this that Capt. Doughty is "19"?

at 2 p.m. the dispatcher again noted "(Microphone stuck open now - very noisy signals)".

95 reports, "I'm enroute downtown to make a statement", and then

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~~the dispatcher asks 305~~

305 calls in to ask, "See if you can ascertain what squad has the lady witness to this shooting in Oak Cliff." (p.424) and 26 replies, "26 does." 26 was then "at the City Hall fixing to go in the basement."

474A reports, "We need 1 wrecker on the parking lot just west of Cobb Stadium for suspect's car." (They still had a number of suspects. p.425)

The dispatcher tells 41 & 45 - ¹⁸ "5818 Belmont - have information that person just got out of a car with a rifle at this location, 2:19 p.m." Both confirm and 47 says he also will go there. 41 stays downtown. When 320 asks the dispatcher for a description of "the subject in this car", the dispatcher says, "White male - 20? I don't know, 320, just a White male, 20. Signal 32." "Signal 32" means robbery. The dispatcher then notifies 45 and 47 their suspect had "gotten out of a light green 2-tone car and went to this apartment, 5818 Belmont." Then the dispatcher notifies "474A, there is a subject on this overpass carrying a rifle; railroad tracks, Cobb Stadium. Can you see him?" 474A says, "No, but we'll go around and get him." The next time check is ~~22~~ 2:21 p.m.

Between the 2:23 and 2:24 time checks the dispatcher tells 22, "go out toward Cobb Stadium on the railroad overpass. There is a white male carrying a rifle at that location." (p.428)

16 notifies the dispatcher he is at the Belmont Street address and "For your information, the light green car, License No. RB8950 and a light colored Falcon NX3171 is sitting at the location." Then the dispatcher orders 75 and 69 "return back to this location (apparently the theatre). They want the theater shaken down good for 2 hulls. Believe the subject reloaded his pistol in the theater. We need the two hulls, 2:26 p.m."

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This is certainly odd. There were eyewitnesses, allegedly, to the shooting, so they knew how many shots had been fired. They found one 38 automatic shell. Why should they need two empty cartridges?

Then 105 reports, "I have recovered two hulls at the scene and they were turned over to the Crime Lab to Pete Barnes."

I may be in error, but I was under the impression that the Davis women found them.

The shakedown of the theater was canceled.

52 calls in to ask "In regard to suspect, the T C Cobb Stadium; was it the Hines Overpass, the railroad overpass or the freeway overpass?" The dispatcher's reply reads, "He is walking on the (unable to determine)." He didn't know the direction. (p.429)

The wrecker was down on the Cobb Stadium parking lot. But 474A says, "The car that we want picked up is on the parking lot in front of the Merchandise Mart just north of Cobb Stadium. ... it is a red panel truck with writing on the side." Later he gives the license as 3E9087. Shortly after the 2:29 time check, the dispatcher said, "Attention all squads in the Oak Cliff area - pick up for investigation of a COW, the driver of a 1957 Chevrolet Sedan bearing license ~~##~~ #NA4445 last seen in vicinity Tenth and Jefferson 2:33 p.m." (p.430).

There is further reference to the car Tippit was driving. 87 asks where the car Tippit was driving is. 78 replies, "I have the car. It was on the lot." Ordered by the dispatcher to repeat, he says, "I have car #10. It was on the lot." The dispatcher says, "Do you know what car he was driving today?" and 78 replies, "I assumed it was car #10. (An unidentified voice advised it was car #10)."

The previous time check was 3:14 and the subsequent one was 3:26.
(p.431)

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The dispatcher then notifies cars 31 and 32 "for your information, reported to be several persons armed, 3:36". They were at Love Field.

At 4:22 p.m., 509, one of the identification units assigned to the Crime Lab, reported, "clear from Patton and 10th." (p.432)

These excerpts are supposed to relate only to the assassination. There appears on p.435 this excerpt: 23, having been called o by the dispatcher, says, "24 is going down to Parkland. Do you want him to pickup prisoner?" The dispatcher asks, "24 what is nature of your assignment at Parkland?" and 24 replies, "We are going to guard the governor and also investigative prisoner."

I recall no reference to any prisoner at the hospital. The time check, 11:16 p.m. Then the dispatcher orders 91 to "Relieve honor guard at Dudley Hughes so they can get coffee, 1:47," followed o by "Attention all squads - prisoners can now be brought to the third floor, 1:59 a.m." Dudley Hughes is not identified, but I believe they supplied the ambulance in which Tippit was taken to the hospital, so presumably the honor guard is at the Dudley Hughes establishment and guarding Tippit. But the reference to "prisoners can now be brought to the third floor" is odd because there is no reference in the report to any prisoners other than Oswald connected with the assassination and in the hands of the police. (p.435.)

Following a 6:30 a.m. time check, 20 orders, "20 to 23, meet me emergency room at Parkland on markout." A strange place and a strange time for a meeting of automobile units assigned to the radio patrol unit. The next time check was 7:17 a.m.

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For the first 24 hours following the assassination on this channel there is not a single broadcast attributed to Chief Curry, Unit 1. Nor is there any that can be attributed to Capt. Fritz, whose identification is not given on pp.492-3.

At about 1:30 p.m. on the 23rd, the dispatcher sent out a call to "Any detective unit that picked up a notebook from 1026 N. Beckley, call 531." 581 called in to ask, "That notebook in question; is that an officer's field notebook or was that one of the school type notebook?" Dispatcher said, "It's a news reporter's notebook and was black." 581 then said, "I did not see it yesterday. The only other thing that I saw was one of these school type notebooks with a cloth-pasteboard type cover. It was on the desk in the hall going into the kitchen." (p.437)

- On p.493, the number 581 is listed as "Assigned to Justice of the Peace David L. Johnston".

David L. Johnston is the Justice of the Peace before whom Oswald was reportedly taken both times he was charged. What is he doing conducting an investigation? He clearly said that he was at Oswald's residence "yesterday". I don't know anything about the legal structure of Dallas or the Dallas Police Department, but it strikes me as strange that this man could serve dual and possibly legally conflicting functions.

Note there have been consistent references to the density of traffic in the area of the assassination. Police attributed this to sightseers. Note also testimony showing that part of the President's scalp until the next day. If there was no complete investigation the day of the assassination, how could there have been an adequate one the day following, and especially under such circumstances?

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At 3:12 p.m. on the 23rd, while 26 was taking "a witness home from yesterday's incident", he was ordered by the dispatcher to "Start toward McKinney at the gun store, we have a signal 12," and "Signal 12" is identified as "burglar alarm (silent)" on p.490. (p.458)

The first item for Sunday, November 24, is a call from 113 asking, "Can we get on 3 with Inv. Prisoner?" The dispatcher says, "Yes, 12:19 a.m." Presumably this was Oswald and it certainly seems like a very odd time of the morning to be interrogating him. If it was not Oswald, then presumably they had brought in another prisoner for investigation ~~and~~ in connection with the assassination. There are no references to any of these in the report. It is almost certain there were other people, prisoners or otherwise, under investigation. (p.440)

There was very little traffic, if these logs are complete relating to the assassination. After a conversation with 111, the time of 10:29 a.m. is indicated. Then comes this attributed to the dispatcher, "(Unable to read: then) report to the Basement Code 3 - 108 is enroute." "Code 3" is emergency. Something clearly is left out because the very next items are from the dispatcher with no response from anyone else, and the first of these two items begins with the 10-4 code which means an acknowledgment. Following it, the dispatcher again calls 108 and 118, and then there are 4 dots. Then the dispatcher again calls 118, and 118 replies. The dispatcher says, "Code 3 report to basement" and 118 acknowledges. The dispatcher calls, "95, Code 3 to basement," and 95 replies "Enroute". The same with 605, and then 126 asks, "Anybody else?" to which the dispatcher replies, "No, that's all, 11:21 a.m." The dispatcher, without any record of any other call from anyone else, again comes on and this language follows: "(unknown) - clear, remain on air do not check out on traffic or any other violations unless it's an emergency, 11:22." And "Unknown" comes on to ask, "Need anybody else down in the basement?" and gets a negative reply. 115 calls the dispatcher, saying "I'm clear what was that message?" The dispatcher replied,

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"Do not check out on traffic; just stay in service," to which he adds, "Unless it is an emergency." "Unknown" comes in to say, "What is the nature?", the dispatcher saying, "It's a shooting." "Unknown" then inquires, "Is anybody on 2?" presumably in reference to the second floor of the police station. The dispatcher apparently doesn't reply for next he tells an unidentified number, "Go ahead". At 11:24 the dispatcher twice calls 607 without reply. 605 phoned in and was asked his location. (p.441)

All the numbers from 14 through 120 are assigned to "automobile units as to the Radio Patrol Unit." As of 11:28, the dispatcher didn't know if they had the suspect in the shooting. (p.443)

After routing several cars to Parkland (p.444), the dispatcher tells "all officers working the Elm Street assignment, leave your c.. and report Code 2 to Parkland Emergency and check out with the dispatcher, 11:36." Code 2 is "urgent".
End
Then the dispatcher sent instructions to "all squads reporting to Parkland remain at the entrance to Parkland and cut the traffic. No traffic will be allowed in the emergency room unless it is an emergency, 11:37." Is it not odd that after a time when Oswald certainly must have been in the emergency room, the police took a measure they hadn't for the President and the Governor, of blocking all traffic to the emergency room? (p.445)

Then, after an 11:51 time check, the dispatcher calls for "Any CID officer at Parkland emergency....any CID officer at Parkland...." 18 replies to say that 17 could probably supply a CID officer, "I saw a number of them out there." (p.446)

The transcript of channel 1 ends on p.455.

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Chief Curry asks the dispatcher to notify Deputy Chief Stevenson (Detective Division) that "Some of the detectives out here (airport) don't have the proper identification." (p.457)

Sometime after 12:22 p.m. and before 12:26 p.m., Chief Curry "to motorcycle

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- hold up escort. O.K. move along."

I am not saying that, immediately prior to the assassination, Chief Curry slowed the procession down on purpose, but at the same time I cannot avoid noting this transcript at this point.

After the 12:30 p.m. time check, with the station giving its call, KKB 364, Chief Curry said, "Go to the hospital - Parkland Hospital. Have them stand by." With no reflection of any other radio conversation on this channel, Chief Curry then says, "Get a man on top of that triple underpass and see what happened up there."

So here there is a very clear inference that Chief Curry, in the lead car, thought that whatever happened, happened from on top of the Triple Underpass.

Again with nothing intervening in the transcript, 1, Chief Curry, said, "Have Parkland stand by." This is immediately followed by a transmission attributed to "Dallas 1" not identified in the list beginning on p. 490². Dallas 1 said, "I am sure it's going to take some time to get your man in there. Pull everyone of my men in there." The dispatcher then said, "Dallas 1, repeat. I didn't get all of it. I didn't quite understand all of it." Dallas 1 repeated, "Have my Have my office move all available men out of my office into the railroad yard to try to determine what happened in there and hold everything secure until Homicide and other investigators should get there." (p.461)

Now whoever "Dallas 1" is, and clearly he is one of the big boys, he also thought that whatever happened happened as a consequence of an action from the area of the railroad yard, adjacent to which the Triple Underpass is. The railroad trains go over the Triple Underpass. The dispatcher said he would inform Deputy Chief Lumpkin. The dispatcher then asked, "1, any information whatsoever?" Curry replied, "Looks like the President has been hit. Have Parkland stand by." The dispatcher said Parkland had been notified. Then Deputy Chief Fisher asked, "We have those canine units in that vicinity, don't we?" Curry replied, "Headed

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to Parkland. Something's wrong with Channel 1." Lumpkin then said, "1, what do you want with these men out here with me?" Curry's reply was, "Just go on to Parkland Hospital with me."

I have quoted without omission what appears from the time of Curry's order, "Go to the hospital" on the previous page, 461, down to this point of p.462. There is remarkably little traffic for the nature of the emergency, and it certainly seems odd that the chief would take Deputy Chief Lumpkin to the hospital with him. It would certainly ^{seem} that the Deputy Chief was more needed at the scene of the crime. There may be no significance in this, but I want to record it on the chance there is a meaning.

The dispatcher soon said, "Unknown motorcycle - up on Stemmons with his mike stuck open on Channel 1. Could you send someone up there to tell him to shut it off. (12:34 p.m.)." It is not possible to determine definitely the source of the following transmission; in the column where the source has been indicated instead of just giving a number or "Disp" for dispatcher, this one reads, "142-142 Disp". I suppose it is a typographical error and reported this to the dispatcher. In any event, the text reads, "I just talked to a guy up here who was standing close to it and the best he could tell it came from the Texas School Book Depository Building here with that Hertz Renting sign on top." The dispatcher's reply is, "10-4 Get his name, address, telephone number there - all the information ^{that} you can from him. 12:35 p.m."

Here is an alleged eyewitness at or by 12:35. 142 is a number assigned to "solo (two wheel) motorcycle units".

Note with respect to the previous page the fact that Chief Curry ordered "Go to the hospital" immediately after the time notation at 12:30 in the log does not mean that he said these words at precisely 12:30. For example, the transcript records only 6 lines of conversation in the previous two minutes. Two lines in a minute before that, and ^{they're} very short lines. In the previous 4 minutes, only 7

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lines, most of them very short. After a time check at 12:36 p.m., 260 reports, "I have a witness that says that it came from the 5th floor of the Texas Book Depository Store." There is no further reference to this, the next item being attributed to the dispatcher with instructions to 220 to "keep all emergency equipment off the entrance to Perkland and all of the emergency equipment there off of Industrial Boulevard." The next item is attributed to "Unknown" and says, "We have the emergency entrance secured. (12:37 p.m.)" 125 is then quoted with essentially the same information. (p.462.)

There is no mention of the time of arrival at the hospital. It would seem ~~that~~ as though somebody must have said something about it on the radio.

260, who had the witness saying the shots came from the fifth floor, was a three-wheeled motorcycle policeman. Note this is fifth and not sixth floor and if this is the policeman with Brennan, it is an important error in terms of his credibility, which is non-existent to begin with. Note also that Chief Curry and all the other officials were hearing all of these broadcasts and there is no record here that they ordered a search of the fifth floor or the building itself.

The first item of the next page has a check mark alongside it in the margin, presumably put there by someone on the Commission's staff. The item is attributed to 22 who said, "Get some men up here to cover this school depository building. It's believed the shot came from, as you see it on Elm Street, looking toward the building, it would be upper right hand corner, second window from the end." 22 is a number assigned to "Automobile units assigned to the Radio Patrol Unit." 22 may be identified by the following item. When asked by the dispatcher, "How many do you have there?", presumably with reference to witnesses, 22 replies, "I have one guy that was possibly hit by a rickshaw from the bullet off the concrete and another one seen the president slump."

Note also that the report from 22 about the window is inaccurate.

Then 137 says, "We have a man here who says he seen him pull the weapon

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back through the window from Southeast corner of that depository building." There is a similar check mark opposite 137 in the left hand margin here. 137's language is remarkably indefinite. The dispatcher says, "All right, do you have the building covered off?" 137's reply is "No, about 3/4 of a block away from there." The dispatcher then said, "All right, pull on down there." 137 acknowledged and said, "I'll leave these witnesses here." Still no specific instructions to search the building in a systematized way and, in response to the question, "do you have the building covered off?", at least 137 answers negatively. This was sometime after 12:37 p.m. and prior to 12:40 p.m., the next time indicated in the transcript. I note this with reference to the Commission's reconstruction about the time the building was sealed off, which, of course, it never was.

After a few more comments by other cars, there is a check mark in the margin opposite the number "2", which is Assistant Chief Batchelor, who asked, "Can you give us any information as to what happened for these people out here, evidently they had - seriousness of it - the president involved - one is at Parkland, along with Dallas 1. We have word it is unknown - Texas Depository Store, corner of Elm and Field - officers are now surrounding and searching the building." It would seem that the dashes here represent omissions. It also is clear that "one" and Dallas 1 are not identical. The statement, "officers are now surrounding and searching the building", may be accurate, if only because there were so very many officers in the area. There still is no evidence of any organization or controlled search and securing of the building.

Without anything else appearing in the transcript, 2 then says, "Where did this happen - at Field and Main?", to which the dispatcher replied, "At Stemmons and the Triple Underpass - 12:40 p.m."

The timing here would indicate that, if Batchelor was at the hospital, the

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building so it can be searched."

But there is still no evidence of any such orderly operation.

After a 12:44 time check, "Unknown" says, "The type of weapon looked like a 30-30 rifle or some type of Winchester." The dispatcher, as though he recognized the unknown, said, "9, it was a rifle?" and 9 says, "A rifle, yes." The dispatcher asked, "9, any clothing description?" 9 replied, "About 30, 5'10", 165 lbs." Then the dispatcher said, "Attention all squads, the suspect in the shooting at Elm and Houston is supposed to be an unknown white male, approximately 30, 165 lbs., slender build, armed with what is thought to be a 30-30 rifle. - repeat, unknown white male, approximately 30, 165 lbs., slender build. No further description at this time or information, 12:45 p.m."

Here on Channel 2, as on Channel 1, there is no evidence that any ranking official, any person in authority, gave instructions to broadcast the description of the suspect. The above quotation indicates that the dispatcher questioned No. 9. The second entry for No. 9 above, the one giving the age, weight and size, has a black check mark in front of it. What a record! Channel 1 apparently was blanketed by police-created interference from about 12:26 until 12:34, and it was 10 minutes after the alleged description/~~was~~ ^{should have} been aired that it was aired, a condition also true on Channel 2.

15 then asked, "Could 9 determine whether man was suppose_ to have been still in the building or was he suppose_ to have left?" (p.464) The dispatcher replied as follows, "I didn't know for sure and the witnesses didn't have the description, but we have got that building secured by now and we should ~~have~~ ^{know} something before long." There has been no indication in the radio transmission that the building had been secured in even the most rudimentary fashion, and as a matter of fact it never was secured. 9 then said, "On this building, its unknown whether he is still in the building or not known if he was there in the first place."

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I believe 9 and 15 are both captains. Note the statement by No. 9 here that, even at that time, it was not known that the assassin had been in the building, and the inference of these words, I think, is that the captain believed he never had been. Couple this with the reaction from the chief and other officials that at least the first shot emanated from the area of the Triple Underpass-Railroad Yard, and it is clear that almost a quarter of an hour after the assassination, after the witnesses, including Brennan, had been interviewed by the police, that the police were unconvinced that the shots were fired from the building. At this point 531 comes in. This number is "assigned to the Warrant Office" (p.493). 531 says, "Well, all the information we have received, 9, indicates that it did come from about the 5th or 4th floor of that building." Note the error in the floor and the previous error in the windows.

Here Deputy Chief Lumpkin asks, "What building?" and is told by the dispatcher. The next time check is at the end of the following item from "Unknown" about an epileptic who went to Parkland. The dispatcher then asks, "125, do you have any information that the governor also was hit?" 125 said, "Not yet, I'll check in just a minute." 125, according to the list, is a captain or a lieutenant. In the same transmission, 125 asks, "Have you notified a DES on this suspect yet?" and the dispatcher replies, "Haven't had time yet but we will." Asst. Chief Betchelor at this time knew so little of what had happened he asked, "Contact the Parkland Hospital and see whether the President will be able to appear out here or not. We have all these people and we want to know what to announce out here." Presumably Betchelor was at the Trade Mart. At 12:51 the dispatcher didn't know yet anything other than that the President was involved. This was immediately after the 12:51 time check and following that, 125 informed "The governor was also shot." The dispatcher asked 125, "can you obtain from 1 if the President is going to appear at the Trade Mart?" 1, who is Chief Curry, replied, "It's very

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doubtful." One can only wonder what was in the mind of Chief Curry, who apparently led the procession to Parkland Hospital (p.465). 2, who was Batchelor, asks Curry, "Can you ascertain what his condition is so we can ..." and then another transmission from 2 with nothing in the log in between, reading "Is there any definite arrangements being made as to whether he will or will not appear?" and Curry replied, "Not at this time that I know of. I don't know but I feel reasonably sure that he will not." At about 12:54 there is conversation about "just a lot of rope", apparently to handle or restrain the crowd at Main and Houston.

Batchelor, this time through 15/2, again seeks information on the condition of the President and the governor.

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Next there is conversation about clearances, including for ~~xxx~~, who said, "I have the 2 presidential cars en route out there," referring to Love Field.

Pathetically, 2 is still trying to find out "whether he can be there or not. Mr. Cruik is standing by here and needs to know immediately if you can find out so we can do something to these people out here." (p.466)

The first entry in the transcript after the announcement of time at 1:11 p.m. by the dispatcher comes from 9 and reads, "On the 3rd floor of this book company down here, we found empty rifle hulls and it looked like the man had been here for sometime. We are checking it out now." The dispatcher acknowledged and announced the time as 1:12 p.m. Note here again every floor seems to be mentioned except the sixth. It seems clear that 9 was at the Depository Building.

The next item in the log is from 158, saying, "Notify 170 I am taking prisoner to the downtown jail and that I'll report back to him down to Parkland as soon as I can." Both 158 and 170 are assigned to solo motorcycles. 243 then checks in with a "pretty drunk" suspect and asks what to do with him. The dispatcher says, "Take him back up there to 505 Main and contact 9 at Elm and Houston."

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Does this indicate that 505 Main was some kind of headquarters? After a few more items is this from the dispatcher, "General Broadcast - All squads, we have a report that an officer has been involved in a shooting in the 400 E. 10th. 1:18 p.m." At 1:19 the dispatcher replied to 280 who wanted extra men for Parkland, "Well, about everything I have got tied up now is down at Elm and Houston." The dispatcher then says, "Notify 1 that we have an officer involved in a shooting at 10th and Patton. ..." (p.467)

This dispatcher also has trouble with the location of the Tippit shooting. In talking to 19, who may be Capt. Doughty, he reveals this and asks if 19 is en route. 19 replies, "We are almost Code 6; meaning at destination." The confirmation by the dispatcher is dated 1:21 p.m.

Shortly there is this transmission by 10 (and there is no 10 identified or even listed in the official list, which eliminates 7 and 8, and 10, 11, 12, and 13) "By orders of #1, get us 21 uniform officers out here to the entrance of Parkland Emergency entrance immediately." 15/2, who may be Captain Sauter, says, "I'm en route." 10 explains, "At this time it was a precautionary move." The poor dispatcher then says, "Wants 10 men Parkland at this time." The captain had specified 21.

Poor dispatcher! He then sired this, "All squads en route to Parkland Code 2." Taken literally, that sure would have given the chief his 21 men, and it sure would have stripped the area of the Depository Building. Code 2 means "Urgent".

After a 1:26 time notation, the dispatcher says, "Notify 1 that Officer involved in this shooting, Officer J. D. TIPPIT, we believe, was pronounced DOA at Methodist 1:28 p.m." When Deputy Chief Fisher asks, "Is there any indication that it has any connection with this other shooting?" (p.468), the dispatcher replied, "Well, the descriptions on the suspect are similar and it is possible." 15 is a captain as comes out in a conversation he had with the dispatcher which

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began with his asking the dispatcher "If you get ahold of 15/2 to send some of his people to relieve people at the scene on this book building, we will meet back in service." I don't quite know what this means, but it apparently the dispatcher either did or decided to ignore it, because his reply was, "15, you received the information on TIPPIT, didn't you?" 15 confirmed and said, "En route to Oak Cliff now." The dispatcher then said, "15, do you want 4 (Deputy Chief Fisher) to relieve some of those people on the building?" 15 said, "He has some people at Love Field I think I can send down here." The dispatcher replied, "I think he is going to have to leave them, Captain, because they are going to have to move back." (apparently reference to a movement back to Washington, but in any event, it shows 15 is a captain.) The description of 15 on p.492 is covered by the designation, "Units 14 through 120, Automobile units assigned to the Radio Patrol Unit." Meaningless. The end of this conversation is timed 1:30 p.m.

15, after another exchange, asks the dispatcher, "Have you run a make on that license number yet?" to which the dispatcher replied, "Yes, we are running a ... on it now." There has been no reference on this channel to any question about a license number, which would indicate that the transcript is not as complete as represented. (p.469)

In a broadcast ending with the time of 1:33, the dispatcher wanted 9 notified of information about an accessible concealed space, apparently in the roof area of the depository building. There are at this section of the log several orders for escorts to stop blowing their sirens and an instruction by ~~Chief~~ Chief Curry to break traffic ahead of the cars with as little attention as possible.

Then in an exchange with the dispatcher "about the building?", presumably the Depository Building, 9 says, "Its being secured now."

There are elements of comedy in this horrible tragedy. The dispatcher then

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asks, "1 or Dallas 1 - when we get to the Main Entrance Are you en route to Love Field?" (dots in original). 1, Chief Curry, replies, "Yes, but don't put it on the air. 1:37 p.m." After himself broadcasting the secret, the chief apparently had nothing better to do than to be the time announcer.

And Asst. Chief Batchelor knew so little that he said, "We have information that someone to pick the governor's wife up." (p.470) 1 was informed by the dispatcher that "Dallas 1 is standing by at Sta. 5, his office." 1 acknowledged and the dispatcher said, "1:40 p.m."

550/2 reported, "A witness reports that he last was seen in the abundant Life Temple about the 400 block. We are fixing to go in and shake it down," apparently in reference to the Tippit murderer. When so informed, the dispatcher said, "They already got him." Then 550/2 corrected him by saying, "No, that wasn't the right one. (1:44 p.m.)" 551 then said something that I have yet to see referred to anywhere else, ^{and} especially in the report. "The jacket the suspect was wearing over here on Jefferson bears a laundry tag with the letter B 9738. See if there is any way you can check this laundry tag." This would seem to be a very positive identification.

Then 138, described in the listing as a solo motorcycle, says, "We need a Justice of the Peace at Parkland Hospital, Code 3." (emergency) (p.471).

After a 1:51 time check, Chief Curry asks, "What is the circumstances of J. D. Tippit?" The dispatcher says, "We do not have it all clear yet, 1. He was involved in a shooting and was DOA ... " (p.472) Then to nobody in particular the dispatcher, after announcing 2:01 p.m., says, "Go down to Elm and Houston. Contact Capt. Fritz. Tell him to contact his office." "Unknown" replies, "Captain Fritz just left about a minute ago. He's in his car." Apparently the Chief of Homicide doesn't have a radio. (p.473)

After 2:24 p.m., 107 asked the dispatcher, "Any better location on that deal down here at Cobb Stadium?" The dispatcher's reply was, "...that's all we

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had on it." 107 acknowledged and said, "There's about 15 or 20 officers out here covering this. Nobody can find anything." 18 then said, "15/2, we have approximately 6 to 8 jockeys out here and 15 officers standing by out here. We have no actual need for except about 2. Can you advise?" (p.476) 15/2 told him to release what he didn't need, and 170 asked 18 to have the motorcycle officers report to him at the entrance. 125 then announced his need for "1 solo supervisor and half of those men at Parkland out here." 170 shortly thereafter announces he's en route with 5 officers. (p.477)

After a 2:38 time check, 18 said, "I have Judge JOHNSTON here with me at Parkland. Was there just one fatality from the shooting with the President's party?" I may be wrong, but I believe that at this time the President's body had left Parkland and "Judge" Johnston, who was a Justice of the Peace, could have performed little, if any, service. (p.478)

The dispatcher broadcasts at 2:41 p.m., ~~xxxx~~ "Att. all Criminal Intelligence Units - report to your office immediately." 18 then asks, "Was that rifle recovered that was used in the shooting?" to which the dispatcher replied, "Not that I know of. All we found was some empty hulls." 18 asked, "Do you know what kind it was?" The dispatcher replied, "I'm not sure. 300 was down there, that's Captain FRITZ there. Can you call him?" 18 acknowledged, saying, "I'll try to find a telephone ..." Maybe ~~is~~ Capt. Fritz doesn't have a telephone! (p.479)

113 told the dispatcher, "Mr. SORRELLS asked that you contact Station 5 and notify Mr. ALLEN SWEAT - be sure that he broadcasts the information on the witness that saw a truck, to his men." Station 5 is Deputy Chief Lumpkin, but the rest of this is mysterious. At 2:47 Chief Curry announced, "Air Force 1 is airborne." He then told the dispatcher that Chiefs Batchelor, Stevenson and he ^{their} would be in ~~isix~~ office shortly. (p.480)

When Chief Fisher wanted to get in touch with Mr. Sorrells, the dispatcher

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said, "The last information we had was he was going to the Dallas Morning News Building 3:14 p.m." On p.431 the dispatcher on Channel 1, when asked about Sorrels, ~~SORRELS~~ replied that a "squad was taking him to the Dallas Morning News". Here also the next time check was 3:14 p.m. Under these circumstances, the local newspaper doesn't seem like the most logical place for the head of the local Secret Service.

After a 3:20 time check, the dispatcher informed Deputy Chief Fisher, ~~SORRELS~~ FRITZ'S "SORRELS is now en route to Captain ~~SORRELS~~ office."

At that particular moment, Oswald was being interrogated in Capt. Fritz's office.

After 4 acknowledged the dispatcher's broadcast about Sorrels, the next item is from Chief Curry, who said, "LAWSON is with me. We heard the broadcast." (p.482)

Apparently after the 3:37 time check, Chief Curry was not yet in his office because he issued instructions on traffic conditions downtown and especially on Elm (p.483)

The dispatcher told Deputy Chief Fisher someone was reported to be armed at the Braniff Building, at gate 11. 257 corrected, "It's going to be at the terminal not at the Braniff Building." The information was in an anonymous call from Braniff. This turned out to be a false alarm. (p.484)

After a new record started at 4:09 p.m., Deputy Chief Fisher asked the dispatcher, "Has there been any developments that you can tell me on the suspect that shot the officer, was there any connections with the shooting of the President." The dispatcher said, "At this time it's my understanding he is the same person. He is in custody." Then the dispatcher told the Deputy Chief, "that's not official. That's just the rumor up here." Then the dispatcher told Deputy Chief Fisher, "Hold the Presidential cars at the location. 508 is en route to print em."

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He was told, "As far as I know, these cars were loaded on an army transport. I don't know whether they are still there or not. I'll check." The dispatcher wanted to be advised "as soon as you can." He was then told by Fisher, "For your information, they have been loaded and have left on the other transport." The dispatcher thereafter announces, "Closing down Channel 2 - 5:12 p.m." (p.485.)

There is no record of Channel 2 on subsequent days.

There is no indication of any reason. The memorandum from the Dallas FBI (p.362) does not say when the request was made but reports that on March 9, 1964, in response to the request, it got the broadcasts beginning 12:20 p.m. on the 22nd and up to 6 p.m. on November 24. On p.368, under date of March 23, the FBI Dallas Office reported the sheriff's office had made available a transcript for the period 12:20 p.m. November 22 to 6 p.m. November 24. Under date of March 23 the same office reported that the Dallas police had made available transcripts of Channel 1 and Channel 2, both covering the period 12:20 p.m., November 22, 1963, to 6 p.m., November 24, 1963 ... " It says the request was made on March 6.

I find it difficult to understand why the transcripts for Channel 2 are not complete (I don't believe really that any of them, as presented, are complete). I find it more difficult to understand why the lack of completeness is not noted and explained. It may be sloppiness, but the possibility of something more sinister cannot be ignored.

Without knowing there are no more, I have found two additional versions of the police log. They are Sawyer Exhibits A and B, 21 H 388-400 and Exhibit 1974, 23 H 832-940.