

AT THE BOOK DEPOSITORY - LOCATION OF PRESIDENTIAL CAR AT TIME OF FIRST
SHOT - *The Bag*

Statements of Witnesses ; Clyde A. HAYGOOD
Deposition -

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Haygood was one of the motorcycle police accompanying the motorcade whose position is described only as "several cars back, generally, from the President's car."

He first went to work for the Dallas police dept. in 1955.

He described the second and third shots as closer together than the first. When he heard the shots, he shifted into low and apparently dashed to the place he believed the President's car was when the bullet struck. He described it as on Elm "just west of Houston Street." (p.297)

He is No. 142 in the police radio log for that day which shows that at 12:35 he told headquarters "the shots were fired from the Texas School Book Depository Building ...". In reply, he was told to get from the witness his name, phone, and "all the information you can." He didn't; ~~the~~ The reason: "I instructed the three different people to come to the front of the School Book Depository and remain there until they were talked to." He doesn't know the names of the people or who talked to them. He is not asked if he knows that anybody talked to them.

For a reason neither given nor asked, he went to the rear door of the building where he found a Negro standing who informed Haygood he had been there for 5 minutes or so. The Negro reported seeing no one either enter or leave. Haygood doesn't know his name, either. (p.299)

He was on the 6th floor when the rifle and the shells were found. This means that he was on the 6th floor before any pictures were taken. On the bag:

"Mr. Belin. See any long bags which would be a foot or foot and a half or more long:

Mr. Haygood. Yes; just a plain brown paper bag with tape in the corner.

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Mr. Belin. What, tape?

Mr. Haygood. Yes; there was just brown paper tape on it. Just a brown paper bag with paper tape. It had been taped up.

Mr. Belin. How long was that, if you can remember?

Mr. Haygood. The exact length, I couldn't say. It was approximately rifle length." (p.300)

There are two things odd about this description: First, all the other descriptions Belin had are not of a foot or foot and a half, but are longer; and there is no description by which the full bag is the length of a rifle. The bag was reportedly folded over once. There was not enough space in the area in which the bag was reportedly found for the entire bag to have been placed without folding it over. Haygood's recollection of the space in which the bag was found conforms to that of Studebaker and the others. He is not asked if he was there when the pictures were taken, he is not asked if he saw a picture taken of the bag, he is not asked if he saw anyone touch or move the bag (p.300) and he is specific in saying that the bag was not under the window.

Having avoided asking Haygood all of the important questions about the bag, important, that is, if Belin's purpose was to learn all he could and not just to authenticate his preconception, Belin changes the subject to the rifle.

Haygood does not recall where he was when the shells were found and he does not recall where he was when the rifle was found, and he is asked no questions calculated to refresh his recollection or direct his thinking in a channel that might recall to him where he was in either case. Incredibly, without any interrogation, Haygood said that when the rifle was found, "it still wasn't determined whether the assailant wasn't still in the building even at that time, ..." so "I went to the street, went downstairs to the street." Again we have a testimonial

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to the high intelligence and devotion to duty, the diligence and orderliness of the Dallas police. Note that he is not asked if, at any time, anybody gave him any instruction to do or not to do anything. He is asked nothing about the taking of pictures of the rifle, who was there, whether anything was done to prevent the destruction of evidence, etc. - nothing. After being excused, Haygood was recalled to have his attention directed to a second radio transmission at 12:37 (p.301) in which he is quoted as having specifically said to the dispatcher, "Get men to cover the building, Texas School Book Depository, believe the shots came from there, ... it will be the second window from the end in the upper right hand corner."

Here again we have a specific location which is approximately the same as that finally decided upon, the 6th floor window, and yet still no evidence of any direct^{ed} or organized search, not only of the building, but more especially of that part of the building. One of the witnesses Haygood had he described as "one guy possibly hit by a ricochet off the concrete ..." or by a piece of concrete.

He is not asked to identify the point at which the ricochet or the piece of concrete impelled by a bullet was located or if he made any effort to locate it.

He does not recall the names of any of the witnesses, but does recall the man who told him the source of the shots in the building was a white man/^{of}whom he recalls very little, but in questioning, brief as it is, one obvious question is not asked; that is, was the man wearing a helmet?. I say this with reference to Brennan. Belin wasn't about to find out Brennan had possibly given another location than the specific 6th floor window to any policeman.