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## Ex-Agent Says He Willingly Would Have Taken JFK Shot

New York (AP)—A former Secret Service agent guarding President John F. Kennedy when Kennedy was assassinated in 1963 says if he'd reacted faster when he heard gunfire, he would have willingly taken the shot that killed the President.

"That would have been fine with me," said Clinton J. Hill, who retired from the Secret Service last July after 17 years of duty at the White House, eight of them as head of the presidential security detail.

Hill, 43, spoke in an interview to be broadcast Sunday night on CBS' "60 Minutes" program.

The former agent, who was riding on the back of Kennedy's limousine when Kennedy was killed in Dallas, said he "wouldn't be here today" had he reacted "about five-tenths of a second faster, maybe a second faster" when Kennedy came under fire.

Hill said: "I have a great deal of guilt about it. Had I turned in a different direction I'd have made it. It's my fault."

Hill was cited for bravery in trying to protect Kennedy.

Hill, who said he's convinced Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy, said he took early retirement from the Secret Service because of emotional problems stemming from the assassination.

He said his doctors say he has a "severe neurological problem caused by what happened in the past. And they've recommended psychiatric help. They trace it all back to 1963."

Hill said the late President Lyndon B. Johnson expressed concern for his safety in 1968, shortly after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, Tenn.

He said Johnson, scheduled to attend a memorial service for the slain civil rights leader, called him at home at least twice before dawn of the day before the service.

Johnson "requested that I be as close to him as possible the next day, preferably not a foot and a half away from him," Hill said.

He said Johnson "had the feeling, a premonition, that something was going to happen to him."



CLINTON HILL