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Shot Recordings Set at Dallas Site

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Dallas — Authorities will try to keep the area around Dealey Plaza as quiet as possible this morning when acoustics experts record gunfire in a sound simulation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Experts from Bolt, Beranek and Newman of Boston will set up sensitive recording devices as Dallas police sharpshooters fire gunshots from the Texas School Book Depository — the building from which Lee Harvey Oswald fired the shots that killed Kennedy Nov. 22, 1963.

The experts plan to compare the

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sound of shots fired at the reenactment with that of a Dallas police tape recording made at the time of the assassination.

The experts will try to determine if more than three shots were fired at the presidential motorcade.

The reenactment was requested by the House Select Committee on Assassinations, which is looking into the Kennedy assassination.

The Warren Commission ruled that Kennedy was shot by one assassin — Oswald — from the the sixth-floor window of the depository and that three shots were fired.

However, some acoustical experts

say the tape of the assassination — accidentally made when a motorcycle patrolman depressed the open button on his two-way radio minutes before the shooting occurred — indicates at least four shots were fired.

The House panel asked police and the Federal Aviation Administration to do everything in their power to limit noise in the Dealey Plaza area this

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morning.

The FAA has requested that all helicopters and planes remain at least five miles away from the area.

About 30 police tactical officers will seal the area for four blocks around Dealey Plaza. Reporters will be allowed only within a block of the area.

"This is not really going to be a time when public relations for police improve," said officer Dave Beidelman. "But we've got to have the area secured, and we're going to be very strict about it. The major reasons are to keep down noise and prevent any danger from ricocheting bullets."

Police are expected to fire Italian rifles, similar to the one used by Oswald, at sand traps in metal boxes placed in the street. No automobiles will be used in the simulation.