

Deposition - EMMETT J. HUDSON, Dealey Okaza Grounds Keeper,

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Hudson's testimony is important because of the picture identified in his honor (for no other reason, because he didn't take it) and because he saw the President from a different angle at the moment he was hit. Some of his testimony is hard to credit, such as his estimate on p.565 that between the first and last shots there may have been as much as 2 minutes. From where he was standing to the west of the Book Depository toward the railroad tracks, he said that his best recollection of the first shot is that it came when the President's car was about where the first lamppost on that street, the one closest to Houston on the north side, is located. In this connection, recall the testimony of the Secret Service agent who saw the President's right front tire when the followup car turned the corner. (p.560). He also claimed to hear a shot after the President's head wound.

On p.562 he informs the Commission, if it didn't already know, that the sign constituting the most important evidence in the Zapruder and other films, had been moved and/or eliminated, constituting a destruction of evidence. Mr. Liebeler, <sup>who</sup> conducted the questioning, seemed satisfied with the destruction of evidence and was satisfied that it eliminated a confusion because, as he said, "That might explain it, because this picture here, No. 18, was taken after the assassination and this one was taken at the time - No. 1."

How many other people testified on the basis of such lost photographic documentation?

When Hudson continued unable to locate himself in "Hudson Exhibit No. 1", he referred to a photograph that appeared in the Dallas Times Herald on November 23 and said, "If I had that picture ... I

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can show you myself in it."

He was never shown this picture with which to locate himself.

(p.563)

He is asked about security arrangements, apparently because he was grounds keeper of Dealey Plaza, and said he not only had not been consulted about them, but "the fact of the business is, I didn't know they had been routed that way". (p.565)

At least everybody in Dallas didn't know where the motorcade was going.