

COMPUTERS WORK ON JEK DEATH PROBE

LOS ANGELES(ZNS) -- The computers at Pasadena's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which were used by NASA for analysis of the Jupiter and Mercury space probe photos, are presently being used in an effort to resolve the mystery surrounding the death of former President

John F. Kennedy.

A research team from the California Institute of Technology is using the JPL computers to analyze one of the films taken during the JFK assassination in Dallas in 1963. The programmers hope to use a computer process known as "image enhancement" to see if they can locate several riflemen who might have been firing at the presidential motorcade.

The film currently being analyzed is one taken by amateur photographer Orville Nix who was standing on the cidewalk along the motorcade route, and, by chance, captured the assassination sequence on

What makes Nix's film potentially important is the fact that his movie camera recorded what was happening on the grassy knoll in front of JFK's motorcade just as the shots were fired.

Many assassination researchers have charged that some of the shots that struck the president were fired from the grassy buoll, rather than from the Book Depository building as concluded by the Warren Commission.

Although the Nix movie clearly shows the knoll, much of the area is covered with shr dows. The JPL computers are being used in an attempt to classify and enhance images of number who might have been positioned in the shadows.