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Gentlemen:

Might I obtain from you copies of a specific photograph taken in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963, a few moments after shots were fired during the assassination of President Kennedy?

I have seen a cropped version of this photograph, which shows the Texas School Book Depository, in the book Six Seconds in Dallas by Josiah Thompson (p. 310; 1976 edition, Berkley Publ. Corp., New York). The caption states: "This photo of the Depository windows, taken only moments after the assassination by Dallas photographer Jim Murray, shows boxes. . . ." Black Star is credited.

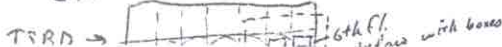
Two prints are needed:

- 1) An 8x10 blow-up of the area of the upper right hand windows (centred on the sixth floor "assassin's nest"), to bring out any details in the shadows inside, and to see whether or not two or three Negro faces can be seen in the windows immediately below. (See sketch.)
- 2) An 8x10 print of the entire frame of the negative, uncropped, in order to permit examination of the entire picture for clues as to the time the picture was taken and the location from which it was taken.

If Mr. Murray has supplied any information about the picture, especially specifying the time and circumstances under which it was taken, I would appreciate receiving this data as well.

Please bill me in US dollars and forward the prints by air mail. Might I ask whether this payment would also grant me rights to publish this picture as part of an article or book? Also, if Mr. Murray took any other pictures that day, do you have them?

Sketch:



Sincerely yours,

Michael M. Durrant