

FILES OF JEANNETTE STANDRIDGE, R.N.  
DAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1963 **TOP SECRET**

Short time after Oswald was taken to the Operating Room, the called to ask if we could handle another gunshot wound, and lied we were ready. A colored lady with a gunshot wound of ad was brought into E.O.R. via ambulance. This injury didn't too serious.

Returned to my assigned area, I saw many Press and T.V. Men at of the E.O.R. Admitting Desk. They were advised to go to 1st floor of the hospital, to the Press Room. Most of them doctors from Surgery came to the Blood Bank for blood, they take his picture there in the hallway.

Olson arrived shortly after Oswald was taken to the Operating She assisted the officers at the E.O.R. door in identifying and employees. There were many Dallas Police Officers the E.O.R. during this time. Sometime around 1:00 P.M., ald family -- wife, two children, and mother -- were brought Waiting Room of Minor Medicine and Surgery by several officers let Service Men. Mrs. Oswald asked to be shown the bathroom ch time Rosa Majors, Aide, held the baby and I attended the child. Mrs. Oswald and her mother-in-law left with the as while Rosa and I attended the children for a short time. walds left shortly after this with the officers or the Service Men -- place, unknown.

I had a phone call on Extension 400 -- Mr. Dutton asking me. in either a pot of coffee or tea and several cups and bring o Mr. Willis' office on the ground floor. He said, "You will a to understand when you get down there." I went to Mrs. Lively main dining room, told her what I needed and she gave this without any problem. I went through the main kitchen to the or, but the elevator was stuck on another floor so I went re stairway. Upon arriving at Mr. Willis' office, Mr. Dutton, walds, and several officers or Secret Service Men were there. the coffee and immediately returned to E.O.R., and continued / until 4:00 P.M. in the usual manner. However, there were many officers in the E.O.R. Area. Sometime between 10:00 A.M. 30 P.M., two of the 3-11 charge nurses called in ill; this ed placing several phone calls to other employees to get the ily replacements. By this time it was nearing the end of my duty for an unusual day.

(Signed) Jeannette Standridge, R.N.

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DALLAS COUNTY **TOP SECRET** DISTRICT  
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

December 4, 1963  
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To: Mr. C. J. Price  
Administrator  
Subject: Activities from 12:30 P. M.  
November 22 through November  
25, 1963

On November 22, 1963, I was alone in my office, as Mrs. Davenport was at home sick and Mr. Watson was at lunch. At approximately 12:45 P. M. I received a telephone call from some lady, I presumed to be a switchboard operator, who spoke in a very loud voice in my ear and said, "Send all of the security men to the emergency area, there is trouble." I asked her what kind of trouble and she said, "shooting", and hung up without saying what kind of trouble or identifying herself.

Officer Gerloff was the only security officer on duty at the time and he had just walked into the office. I immediately sent him to the emergency area. Shortly thereafter, approximately five minutes, Mrs. Lewis, Supervisor in the housekeeping Department, opened the door to the Personnel Office and said "No you know that the President has been shot". I answered, "No". Mrs. Lewis, seeing that there was no one else in the office except myself, asked if she could answer my telephone for me while I went to the emergency area. I told her that I would appreciate it, and left immediately.

I went to the emergency area and learned that the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Texas, were in the emergency room and had been shot, to what extent I did not know. I saw that there was a rush of people in this area and that help was needed immediately in holding back the crowds, and getting proper identification from people authorized to be in this area before they were allowed to enter.

I found Bob Holcomb, Assistant Administrator, and Jack Price, Administrator, in this area, helping to maintain order.

Chief Jessie Curry of the Dallas Police Department, contacted me in approximately five minutes and offered any number of officers that I needed to secure the emergency area and the hospital. I asked him to keep people from coming into the emergency area unless they were properly identified and authorized to be in that area. He secured the emergency room entrance, the door leading down the stairs into the basement and the door at the opposite end of the hall leading from the Admitting Office and Central Supply by placing his men at these points of ingress and egress.

I had men stationed in the hallway leading from the Out-Patient Clinic to the emergency area to secure this door and placed two men on the elevator leading from the emergency room upstairs to secure this place of ingress and egress. There were two city police officers stationed in front of the blood bank and in the hallway doors adjacent to emergency.

As I stated before, Security Officer Gerloff had been sent direct to this area. In just a few minutes Security Officers J. H. Shumlas and L. C. Moore, heard of the incident on the radio and came to the hospital at once to assist. I placed these men and the city police officers in areas to have complete security with the exception of authorized people such as secret service, press, doctors, nurses, workmen needed in this area, etc.

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approximately 1:00 P. M., I was asked to clear the way for Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, who came out of Minor Surgery Division completely surrounded by service men, in order that they may exit through the back door of the lobby area.

Approximately 1:00 P. M., I was notified that a casket would arrive soon at the lobby. We were asked to lend all assistance possible in letting them in. When the casket arrived it was accompanied by Pegg Ohseli, owner of Ohseli Funeral Home, assisted in moving the casket into the area where the late President's body (approximately thirty minutes later, the casket was brought out through the door old that it contained the body of the late President. It was accompanied by service men, Mr. Ohseli, and Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, who walked beside it with a group of people. We cleared the hallway and assisted this party out of the lobby area.

Thereafter, Miss Borzon, R. N. in the emergency room, handed me a wrist watch as informed the watch belonged to the late president, Mr. John F. Kennedy. I took the watch in my pocket and as soon as I could find time to get to a telephone, I called Mr. Forrest Sorrells, Agent-in-charge of the Secret Service in Dallas, Texas, and was in possession of a watch that was reported to be that of the late President. Mr. Sorrells told me to keep the watch and he would send an agent, either here or to Dallas, to pick up the watch. I carried the watch in my pocket for several days and as I had not been picked up, I again called Mr. Sorrells and reminded him that the watch was still in possession of the watch. He told me that he had not forgotten it and that he would send for it, but that he would send for it soon.

On November 26, 1963, at 4:05 P. M. by Mr. Roger Warren, an Agent of the United States Secret Service.

At approximately 1:00 P. M., Chief Curry of the Dallas Police Department came to me and I again conferred and he told me that until there was no further need he would like to furnish me with the needed number of city police officers to secure the area around the reloading place where the President and his party departed. The message was not to be broadcast but that they were to send officers and see that this area was kept clear of all unauthorized people. I then went back to the emergency room where I assisted in every way to keep this area secure until approximately 2:00 P. M.

When informed that we had considerable traffic in the main lobby in front of the hospital, I sent two security officers to this area and cleared the hallway of all unauthorized people, so that authorized persons could move about in this area. Chief Curry and I again conferred and he told me that until there was no further need he would like to furnish me with the needed number of city police officers to secure the area around the reloading place where the President and his party departed. Two men were kept on the emergency entrance, two men on the main entrance of the hospital, and two men on the personnel entrance that leads out by the staff residence. This security was maintained until 11:00 P. M. when it was turned over to the State Highway Patrol, State Rangers, who had moved into the area by this time. In fact they started moving in immediately after 4:00 P. M., and up past rooms, Governor's offices on the main floor in front of Nursing Services, and part of Administrative offices, and tightly securing the second floor where the error was being treated.

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At approximately 3:00 P. M., I went to the front entrance and worked with the city police in lifting some of the night security in order to permit our employees to enter the hospital for work. This was worked out very nicely.

I instructed Officer J. H. Shankles and Officer L. C. Moore that they would relieve each other and maintain constant supervision over the front lobby and hallway in front of the business offices, and left the same instructions for Officer H. N. Locklin, who was to come on duty at 11:00 P. M. that night.

On Saturday and Sunday, I pulled Officer Shankles back on the day watch, making two security officers to work the daylight shift where we were having trouble with curiosity seekers using their perogative to pursue the favorite pastime of the good old american public, that of gawking. This was worked out without incident. Sure, a few were unhappy about it, but to this date I have not received a complaint from anyone that they were mishandled or mistreated by any of the security officers or anyone else engaged in the security of the hospital.

On Friday night, shortly after 10:00 P. M., having properly instructed the security officers in their duties, I left the hospital. Saturday was relatively quiet, other than a few curiosity seekers. I checked with the security officers and was informed that all was well.

Sunday, November 24, 1963 at 11:00 A. M., Mrs. Wright and I went to church. After we left church we did not even go back home but came direct to the hospital to check and see if all was well before going to lunch. When we arrived at the hospital, we learned of the death of Oswald. Again there were terrific crowds, newsmen, etc., around the hospital. I again called upon Chief Curry for assistance in helping with this situation and he very graciously complied. With the help of the rangers, state highway patrol, city police and my security officers, we were able to secure the hospital once again. Shortly after my arrival, approximately 12:30 P. M., I went to the emergency area and assisted Dr. Rose and the other officers in working out a route from emergency to the morgue, in order for Oswald's body to be moved there. This was done without incident.

At approximately 2:30 P. M., Dr. Kemp Clark and I went through the roster to set up a list of names, for identification purposes, of those from Southwest Medical School who would be moving back and forth into the area where the Governor was being treated. I was also informed by Mr. Price that each Department would submit to me a list of the personnel who would be involved in working on the second floor. The Department heads were contacted and each of them submitted to me a list of the employees involved in one way or another on the second floor, to better identify them for the State Rangers who had this floor secured. I worked until approximately 5:30 P. M. when the press and curiosity seekers had leveled off considerably and then having the hospital secured with the assistance of the above named agents, I again left the hospital.

On Monday the situation was very confusing and I worked with the State Police, State Highway Patrol, County Police, coordinating and briefing each other on what had happened, how and why. The day was a very busy day in this respect but no untoward incident of any importance happened on this day.

Security, with what few men I had at my command, was still maintained with the backing of the State Highway Patrol and State Rangers who had secured the entire second floor. I left the hospital at approximately 7:30 P. M. on Monday.

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had herewith are resume's of the activities of the Security Officers who were involved in the handling of this incident, Officers Shankles, Moore, Gerloff and Lin.

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December 1, 1963

To the best of my knowledge and recollection, the following is a resume of the events which occurred from Friday, November 22nd, through Sunday, November 24th.

Although I was not scheduled to report for work until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, I left my home about 11:30 a.m., in uniform, in order to take care of personal business. At about 12:40 p.m., I turned on my car radio and heard the news broadcast in progress at that time reporting the shooting of President Kennedy and Governor Connally. I immediately headed for Parkland Hospital, arriving a few minutes before 1:00 p.m.

Upon arrival, I talked briefly to Security Officer Gerloff at the Emergency Entrance and then reported to Mr. O. P. Wright, who was just inside the back door, for instructions. Mr. Wright placed me in the corridor between the Emergency desk and Emergency entrance on what I would call Check point Two, where I assisted City Officers in checking personnel for proper identification and keeping the area clear of unauthorized persons. Shortly after 1:00 p.m., the Catholic Priest, Father Huber, arrived and I escorted him to the Emergency desk at Check Point Three where he was ushered immediately into Emergency by members of the hospital staff.

At about 2:30 p.m., we received word to clear a passageway through the emergency corridor of all personnel and within a few minutes the desk bearing President Kennedy's body was escorted out by Secret Service Agents and placed in a hearse. This was done quietly and without any incident. Approximately 30 minutes later I was told by Mr. Wright that there was a large number of people in the main lobby and adjacent corridor and to clear that area of all unauthorized persons and to keep it clear.

I reported immediately to this area and in about 15 minutes had it cleared. I remained on this Check Point until about 11:30 p.m. except for two brief intervals - once at 7:05 p.m. to check an incident in 4-E per instructions of Mr. Wright, and at 8:40 p.m. for a cup of coffee - and permitted only authorized persons to enter that part of the building; namely, F.B.I., Secret Service, other officers with proper identification, members of the press, technicians, and telephone personnel setting up the Governor's office. During this period of time I turned back well in excess of one hundred persons, most of whom readily admitted that they were there just to see what was going on. Approximately 5 of this number had cameras but were told no pictures were allowed and they were escorted to the main entrance of the lobby and out of the building.

In the early evening, members of Governor Connally's family and close friends started arriving at the Hospital. They were ushered immediately to Governor Connally's office on 1-E and introduced to Department of Public Safety Officers who took charge under the direction of the Governor's Aide, Mr. Stinson.

I was relieved at about 11:30 p.m. by Mr. Locklin, Hospital Security. All instructions pertaining to personnel - press room locations - accommodations and security for the Governor's party were passed on to him at this time.

I reported back to the Hospital on Saturday morning shortly after 7:00 a.m., reported my presence to Switchboard operators and then reported in person to the Governor's office where I was introduced to Captain Childress of the Department of Public Safety by Officer Herderson whom I have known personally for several years. I informed **TOP SECRET** I was on duty and available to assist them in any way.

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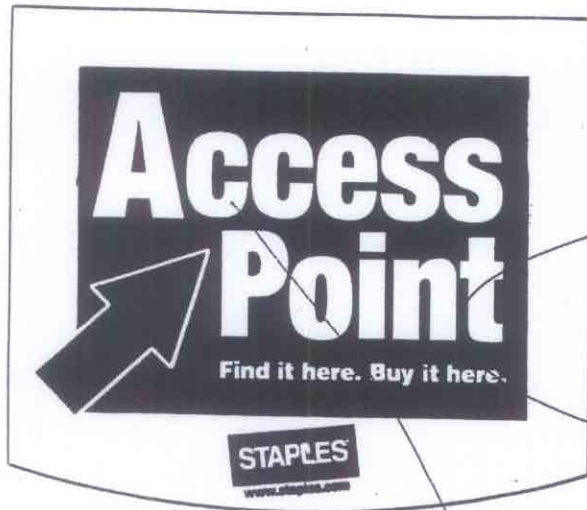
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Mr. SPECTER. Do you have anything to add, that you think might be helpful to us?

Mr. JIMINSON. Well, no, because the fact is—because that's pretty well covered—just, I actually want to give facts about something I know something about, and during the time I know something about, and what actually happened from the time I got off—I couldn't tell you, but I do know there wasn't no carriage from the time that carriage was picked up until I got off from duty.

This shirt actually—not in it, but due to this—this is—what I'm fixing to say is off of the book—I couldn't see after President Kennedy because I didn't—I never did get up to the floor—so I didn't see him. I am glad if was any kind of help, Mr. Specter.

Mr. SPECTER. You have been, Mr. Jiminson, and we appreciate your coming in and helping us a lot.

Mr. JIMINSON. Same back to you.  
Mr. SPECTER. Thank you.

TESTIMONY OF DARRELL C. TOMLINSON

The testimony of Darrell C. Tomlinson was taken on March 20, 1964, at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Tex., by Mr. Arlen Specter, assistant counsel of the President's Commission.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. Tomlinson, this is Miss Oliver, and she is the court reporter. Will you stand up and hold up your right hand and take the oath, please?

Do you solemnly swear that in the taking of your deposition in these proceedings, you will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. TOMLINSON. I do.

Mr. SPECTER. Would you state your full name, for the record?

Mr. TOMLINSON. Darrell Carlisle Tomlinson.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. Tomlinson, the purpose of this deposition proceeding is to take your deposition in connection with an inquiry made by the President's Commission in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy to determine from you all the facts, if any, which you know concerning the events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy and any treatment which was given at Parkland Memorial Hospital to either President Kennedy or Governor Connally, or anything that happened to any physical objects connected with either one of those men.

First of all, did you receive a letter advising you that the Commission was interested in having one of its staff lawyers take your deposition concerning this matter?

Mr. TOMLINSON. Yes.

Mr. SPECTER. And did that letter include in it a copy of the Executive order creating the Commission?

Mr. TOMLINSON. Yes.

Mr. SPECTER. And a copy of the congressional resolution concerning the creation of the President's Commission?

Mr. TOMLINSON. Yes.

Mr. SPECTER. And a copy of the resolution governing questioning of witnesses by members of the Commission's staff?

Mr. TOMLINSON. Yes.

Mr. SPECTER. And are you willing today for me to ask you some questions about what you observed or know about this matter?

Mr. TOMLINSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. SPECTER. And it is satisfactory with you to proceed today rather than to have 3 days from the time you got the letter, which was yesterday?

Mr. TOMLINSON. It's immaterial.

Mr. SPECTER. It's immaterial to you?

Mr. TOMLINSON. It's immaterial—it's at your convenience.

Mr. SPECTER. That's fine. We appreciate that, Mr. Tomlinson. The reason is, that you have the right to a 3-day notice, but if it doesn't matter to you, then we would like to go ahead and take your information today.

Mr. TOMLINSON. Yes.

Mr. SPECTER. We call that a waiver under the law, if it is all right with you for us to talk with you today, then I want to go ahead and do that; is that all right?

Mr. TOMLINSON. Yes.

Mr. SPECTER. Well, where are you employed, Mr. Tomlinson?

Mr. TOMLINSON. Parkland Hospital.

Mr. SPECTER. And what is your capacity?

Mr. TOMLINSON. I am classed as the senior engineer.

Mr. SPECTER. And what duties are involved in general?

Mr. TOMLINSON. I'm in charge of the powerplant here at the hospital, which takes care of the heating and air-conditioning services for the building.

Mr. SPECTER. Will you describe the general physical layout relating to the emergency area and how you get from the emergency area, say, to the second floor emergency operating rooms of Parkland Memorial Hospital?

Mr. TOMLINSON. You mean just the general lay?

Mr. SPECTER. Yes, sir; please.

Mr. TOMLINSON. Well, we have one elevator that goes from the basement to the third floor, that's what we call the emergency elevator. It's in the south section of the hospital and that would be your most direct route to go from the ground floor, which emergency is on, to the operating rooms on two.

Mr. SPECTER. Now did you have anything to do with that elevator on November 22, something around the noon hour?

Mr. TOMLINSON. Yes.

Mr. SPECTER. And what did you have to do with that elevator?

Mr. TOMLINSON. Well, we received a call in the engineer's office, the chief engineer's office, and he requested someone to operate the elevator.

Mr. SPECTER. Was there any problem with the elevator with respect to a mechanical difficulty of any sort?

Mr. TOMLINSON. No, sir; it was an ordinary type elevator, and if it isn't keyed off it will stop every time somebody pushes a button, and they preferred it to go only to the second floor and to the ground floor unless otherwise instructed by the administrator.

Mr. SPECTER. So, what were you to do with this elevator?

Mr. TOMLINSON. Key it off the ground, between ground and second floor.

Mr. SPECTER. So that you would operate it in that way?

Mr. TOMLINSON. Yes; make a manual operation out of it.

Mr. SPECTER. When you came upon that elevator, what time was it, to the best of your recollection?

Mr. TOMLINSON. It was around 1 o'clock.

Mr. SPECTER. Was there anything on the elevator at that time?

Mr. TOMLINSON. There was one stretcher.

Mr. SPECTER. And describe the appearance of that stretcher. If you will, please.

Mr. TOMLINSON. I believe that stretcher had sheets on it and had a white covering on the pad.

Mr. SPECTER. What did you say about the covering on the pad, excuse me?

Mr. TOMLINSON. I believe it was a white sheet that was on the pad.

Mr. SPECTER. And was there anything else on that?

Mr. TOMLINSON. I don't believe there was on that one, I'm not sure, but I don't believe there was.

Mr. SPECTER. What, if anything, did you do with that stretcher?

Mr. TOMLINSON. I took it off of the elevator and put it over against the south wall.

Mr. SPECTER. On what floor?

Mr. TOMLINSON. The ground floor.

Mr. SPECTER. Was there any other stretcher in that area at that time?

Mr. Tomlinson. There was a stretcher about 2 feet from the wall already there.  
(Indicating on drawing to which the witness referred.)  
Mr. Specter. Now, you have just pointed to a drawing which you have made of this situation, have you not, while we were talking a few minutes before the court reporter started to take down your testimony?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Yes, sir.  
Mr. Specter. Now, would you mark in ink with my pen the stretcher which you pushed off of the elevator?  
Mr. Tomlinson. I think that it was this one right here (indicating).  
Mr. Specter. Will you draw the outline of it in ink and mark an "A" right in the center of that?  
(Witness complied with request of Counsel Specter.)  
Mr. Specter. Now, would you mark in ink the position of the stretcher which was already on the first floor?  
Mr. Tomlinson. This was the ground floor.  
Mr. Specter. Pardon me, on the ground floor? Is there a different designation for the first floor?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Yes.  
Mr. Specter. Where is the first floor?  
Mr. Tomlinson. One above the ground. We have basement, ground, first, second, and third on that elevator.  
Mr. Specter. What floor was Governor Connally taken to, if you know?  
Mr. Tomlinson. He was on two, he was in the operating rooms up on two. That's our surgical suites up there.  
Mr. Specter. And what level is the emergency entrance of the hospital on?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Well, it's the ground floor—it's there at the back of the hospital, you see, it's built on the incline here.  
Mr. Specter. And the elevator which you found in this area was on the ground floor?  
Mr. Tomlinson. The elevator?  
Mr. Specter. The stretcher.  
Mr. Tomlinson. Yes.  
Mr. Specter. Will you mark with a "B" the stretcher which was present at the time you pushed stretcher "A" off of the elevator?  
Mr. Tomlinson. (Witness complied with the request of Counsel Specter.) I believe that's it.  
Mr. Specter. Now, what, if anything, did you later observe as to stretcher "B"?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Well, sir; I don't recall how long it had been exactly, but an intern or doctor, I didn't know which, came to use the men's room there in the elevator lobby.  
Mr. Specter. Where is the men's room located on this diagram?  
Mr. Tomlinson. It would be right there (indicating) beside the "B" stretcher.  
Mr. Specter. Would you draw in ink there the outline of that room in a general way?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Well, I really don't know.  
Mr. Specter. And would you mark that with the letter "C"?  
(Witness complied with request of Counsel Specter.)  
Mr. Specter. That's fine. What happened when that gentleman came to use the men's room?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Well, he pushed the stretcher out from the wall to get in, and then when he came out he just walked off and didn't push the stretcher back up against the wall, so I pushed it out of the way where we would have clear area in front of the elevator.  
Mr. Specter. And where did you push it to?  
Mr. Tomlinson. I pushed it back up against the wall.  
Mr. Specter. What, if anything, happened then?  
Mr. Tomlinson. I bumped the wall and a spent cartridge or bullet rolled out that apparently had been lodged under the edge of the mat.  
Mr. Specter. And that was from which stretcher?  
Mr. Tomlinson. I believe that it was "B".

Mr. Specter. And what was on "B", if you recall, if anything?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Well, at one end they had one or two sheets rolled up; I didn't examine them. They were bloody. They were rolled up on the east end of it and there were a few surgical instruments on the opposite end and a sterile pack or so.  
Mr. Specter. A sterile what?  
Mr. Tomlinson. A sterile pack.  
Mr. Specter. What do you mean by that?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Like gauze or something like that.  
Mr. Specter. Was there an alcohol sponge?  
Mr. Tomlinson. There could have been.  
Mr. Specter. Was there a roll of 1-inch tape?  
Mr. Tomlinson. No; I don't think so.  
Mr. Specter. Were there any empty packages from hypodermic needles?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Well, now, it had some paper there but I don't know what they came from.  
Mr. Specter. Now, Mr. Tomlinson, are you sure that it was stretcher "A" that you took out of the elevator and not stretcher "B"?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Well, really, I can't be positive, just to be perfectly honest about it, I can't be positive, because I really didn't pay that much attention to it. The stretcher was on the elevator and I pushed it off of there and I believe we made one or two calls up before I straightened out the stretcher up against the wall.  
Mr. Specter. When you say "one or two calls," what do you mean by that?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Went to pick up the technician from the second floor to bring him down to the ground floor to get blood.  
Mr. Specter. And when you say before you straightened the stretcher up, what do you mean by that?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Well, we just rolled them out of the way where we had some room on the elevator—that's a small elevator.  
Mr. Specter. So, when you rolled them out of the elevator, when you rolled the stretcher out of the elevator, did you place it against the wall at that time?  
Mr. Tomlinson. No.  
Mr. Specter. Were both of these stretchers constructed in the same way?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Similar—yes.  
Mr. Specter. Will you describe the appearance of the stretcher with reference to what it was made of and how many shelves it had, and that sort of thing?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Well, it's made of tubed steel with a flat iron frame on the top where you lay the patient and it has one shelf down between the four wheels.  
Mr. Specter. Does it have any bumpers on it?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Yes, and it has rubber bumpers.  
Mr. Specter. Does it have any roll to keep the patient on?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Yes; they have the rails on the side made of tubed steel. The majority of them have those.  
Mr. Specter. Now, just before we started this deposition, before I placed you under oath and before the court reporter started to take down my questions and your answers, you and I had a brief talk, did we not?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Yes.  
Mr. Specter. And we discussed in a general way the information which you have testified about, did we not?  
Mr. Tomlinson. Yes, sir.  
Mr. Specter. And at the time we started our discussion, it was your recollection at that point that the bullet came off of stretcher A, was it not?  
Mr. Tomlinson. B.  
Mr. Specter. Pardon me, stretcher B, but it was stretcher A that you took off of the elevator.  
Mr. Tomlinson. I believe that's right.  
Mr. Specter. But there is no question but that at the time we started our discussion a few minutes before the court reporter started to take it down,

that your best recollection was that it was stretcher A which came off of the elevator?

Mr. Tomlinson. Yes, I believe that was it—yes.

Mr. Specter. Have you been interviewed about this matter by any other Federal representative?

Mr. Tomlinson. Yes.

Mr. Specter. Who interviewed you about it?

Mr. Tomlinson. I don't remember the name of either one of them, but one was the FBI man and one was the Secret Service man.

Mr. Specter. How many times did the FBI interview you?

Mr. Tomlinson. Once.

Mr. Specter. How many times did the Secret Service interview you?

Mr. Tomlinson. Once.

Mr. Specter. When did the FBI interview you?

Mr. Tomlinson. I believe they were the first to do it.

Mr. Specter. Approximately when was that?

Mr. Tomlinson. I think that was the latter part of November.

Mr. Specter. And when did the Secret Service interview you?

Mr. Tomlinson. Approximately a week later, the first part of December.

Mr. Specter. Now, do you recollect what the FBI man asked you about?

Mr. Tomlinson. Just about where I found the bullet.

Mr. Specter. Did he ask you about these stretchers?

Mr. Tomlinson. Well, he asked me about the stretchers, yes, just about the same thing we've gone over here.

Mr. Specter. What did the Secret Service man ask you about?

Mr. Tomlinson. Approximately the same thing, only, we've gone into more detail here.

Mr. Specter. What did you tell the Secret Service man about which stretcher you look off of the elevator?

Mr. Tomlinson. I told him that I was not sure, and I am not—I'm not sure of it, but as I said, I would be going against the oath which I took a while ago, because I am definitely not sure.

Mr. Specter. Do you remember if you told the Secret Service man which stretcher you thought you look off of the elevator?

Mr. Tomlinson. Well, we talked about taking a stretcher off of the elevator, but then when it comes down on an oath, I wouldn't say for sure, I really don't remember.

Mr. Specter. And do you recollect whether or not you told the Secret Service man which stretcher you look off of the elevator?

Mr. Tomlinson. What do you mean?

Mr. Specter. You say you can't really take an oath today to be sure whether it was stretcher A or stretcher B that you took off of the elevator?

Mr. Tomlinson. Well, today or any other day, I'm just not sure of it, whether it was A or B that I took off.

Mr. Specter. Well, has your recollection always been the same about the situation, that is, today, and when you talked to the Secret Service man and when you talked to the FBI man?

Mr. Tomlinson. Yes; I told him that I wasn't sure.

Mr. Specter. So, what you told the Secret Service man was just about the same thing as you have told me today?

Mr. Tomlinson. Yes, sir.

Mr. Specter. When I first started to ask you about this, Mr. Tomlinson, you initially identified stretcher A as the one which came off of the elevator car?

Mr. Tomlinson. Yes; I think it's just like that.

Mr. Specter. And, then, when—

Mr. Tomlinson. (Interrupting). Here's the deal—I rolled that thing off, we got a call, and went to second floor, picked the man up and brought him down. He went on over across, to clear out of the emergency area, but across from it, and picked up two pints of, I believe it was blood. He told me to hold for him, he had to get right back to the operating room, so I held, and the minute he hit there, we took off for the second floor and I came back to the ground. Now, I don't know how many people went through that—I don't know how many

people hit them—I don't know anything about what could have happened to them in between the time I was gone, and I made several trips before I discovered the bullet on the end of it here.

Mr. Specter. You think, then, that this could have been either, you look out of the elevator as you sit here at the moment, or you just can't be sure?

Mr. Tomlinson. It could be, but I can't be positive or positively sure—I think it was A, but I'm not sure.

Mr. Specter. That you took off of the elevator?

Mr. Tomlinson. Yes.

Mr. Specter. Now, before I started to ask you questions under oath, which have been taken down here, I told you, did I not, that the Secret Service man wrote a report where he said that the bullet was found on the stretcher which you took off of the elevator—I called that to your attention, didn't I?

Mr. Tomlinson. Yes; you told me that.

Mr. Specter. Now, after I tell you that, does that have any effect on refreshing your recollection of what you told the Secret Service man?

Mr. Tomlinson. No; it really doesn't—it really doesn't.

Mr. Specter. So, would it be a fair summary to say that when I first started to talk to you about it, your first view was that the stretcher you look off of the elevator was stretcher A, and then I told you that the Secret Service man said it was—that you had said the stretcher you took off of the elevator was the one that you found the bullet off, and when we talked about the whole matter and talked over the entire situation, you really can't be completely sure about which stretcher you look off of the elevator, because you didn't push the stretcher that you look off of the elevator right against the wall at first?

Mr. Tomlinson. That's right.

Mr. Specter. And, there was a lot of confusion that day, which is what you told me before?

Mr. Tomlinson. Absolutely. And now, honestly, I don't remember telling him definitely—I know we talked about it, and I told him that it could have been. Now, he might have drawn his own conclusion on that.

Mr. Specter. You told the Secret Service agent that you didn't know where—

Mr. Tomlinson. (Interrupting). He asked me if it could have been brought down from the second floor.

Mr. Specter. You got the stretcher from where the bullet came from, whether it was brought down from the second floor?

Mr. Tomlinson. It could have been—I'm not sure whether it was A I took off, it was you took off of the elevator?

Mr. Specter. But did you tell the Secret Service man which one you thought it was you took off of the elevator?

Mr. Tomlinson. I'm not clear on that—whether I absolutely made a positive statement to that effect.

Mr. Specter. You told him that it could have been B you took off of the elevator?

Mr. Tomlinson. That's right.

Mr. Specter. But, you don't remember whether you told him it was A you took off of the elevator?

Mr. Tomlinson. I think it was A—I'm not really sure.

Mr. Specter. Which did you tell the Secret Service agent—that you thought it was A that you look off of the elevator?

Mr. Tomlinson. Really, I couldn't be real truthful in saying I told him this or that.

Mr. Specter. You just don't remember for sure whether you told him you thought it was A or not?

Mr. Tomlinson. No, sir; I really don't remember. I'm not accustomed to being questioned by the Secret Service and the FBI and by you and they are wringing down everything, I mean.

Mr. Specter. That's all right. I understand exactly what you are saying and I appreciate it and I really just want to get your best recollection.

We understand it isn't easy to remember all that went on, on a day like November 22d, and that a man's recollection is not perfect like every other part of a man, but I want you to tell me just what you remember, and that's the

best you can do today, and I appreciate that, and so does the President's Commission, and that's all we can ask a man.

Mr. Tomlinson. Yes, I'm going to tell you all I can, and I'm not going to tell you something I can't lay down and sleep at night with either.

Mr. Specter. Do you know where the stretcher came from that you found on the elevator?

Mr. Tomlinson. No, sir; I do not. It could have come from two. It could have come from three, it could have come from some other place.

Mr. Specter. You didn't see anybody put it there?

Mr. Tomlinson. No, sir—it was on the elevator when I got there. There wasn't anyone on the elevator at the time when I keyed it off.

Mr. Specter. And when you say "keyed it off," you mean?

Mr. Tomlinson. Put it in manual operation.

Mr. Specter. Mr. Tomlinson, does it make any difference to you whether you sign this deposition at the end or not?

Mr. Tomlinson. No.

Mr. Specter. We very much appreciate your coming, Mr. Tomlinson. Thank you very much. Those are all the questions I have.

Mr. Tomlinson. All right. Thank you.

Mr. Specter. Off the record.

(Discussion between counsel and the witness Tomlinson regarding a proposed exhibit.)

Mr. Specter. On the record.

Now that the deposition of Mr. Tomlinson has been concluded, I am having the paper marked as Tomlinson Exhibit No. 2.

(Instrument marked by the reporter as Tomlinson Exhibit No. 2, for identification.)

Mr. Specter. May the record show that Mr. Tomlinson is present, and will you identify this paper marked Tomlinson Exhibit No. 2 as the one which contains the diagram of the emergency room and the letters A and B of the stretchers we have been discussing?

Mr. Tomlinson. That's just the elevator lobby in emergency.

Mr. Specter. And this is the diagram which you drew for us?

Mr. Tomlinson. Yes.

Mr. Specter. That's all, and thank you very much.

#### TESTIMONY OF DIANA HAMILTON BOWRON

The testimony of Diana Hamilton Bowron was taken at 2:05 p.m., on March 24, 1964, at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Tex., by Mr. Arlen Specter, assistant counsel of the President's Commission.

Mr. Specter. May the record show that Diana Bowron is present following a verbal request that she appear here to have her deposition taken. During the course of deposition proceedings on March 20 and March 21, it came to my attention that Miss Bowron would have information of value to the Commission, and authorization was provided through the General Counsel, J. Lee Rankin, for her deposition to be taken.

Miss Bowron, the President's Commission is investigating the assassination of President Kennedy and is interested in certain facts relating to his treatment and presence at Parkland Memorial Hospital, and we have asked you to appear here to testify concerning your knowledge of his presence here.

Now, I have shown you, have I not, the Executive order appointing the Presidential Commission and the resolution authorizing the taking of testimony at depositions by Commission staff members, have I not?

Miss Bowron. Yes.

Mr. Specter. And are you willing to have your deposition taken today without 8 days' written notice, as we ordinarily provide?

Miss Bowron. Yes.

Mr. Specter. So, are you willing to waive that technical requirement?

Miss Bowron. Yes; I am.

Mr. Specter. All right. Will you stand up and raise your right hand? Do you solemnly swear the testimony you will give before the President's Commission in these deposition proceedings will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Miss Bowron. I do.

Mr. Specter. What is your permanent residence address, Miss Bowron?

Miss Bowron. 1107 Brookbank, Dallas 29, Tex.

Mr. Specter. Will you spell that street name and speak up more loudly?

Miss Bowron. B-r-o-o-k-b-a-n-k [spelling].

Mr. Specter. Thank you. Are you a native of Dallas, or of some other area?

Miss Bowron. I am a native of England.

Mr. Specter. And how long have you been in Dallas?

Miss Bowron. Since August 4, 1963.

Mr. Specter. And what are the circumstances surrounding your employment here at Parkland Memorial Hospital?

Miss Bowron. I answered an advertisement in August and came over on a year's contract and to work in the emergency room.

Mr. Specter. Are you a registered nurse?

Miss Bowron. Yes.

Mr. Specter. And what is your educational background?

Miss Bowron. I went to private boarding school and to secondary school, and then I went through nurses' training for 3 years and 3 months in England. I finished in February of last year.

Mr. Specter. And how old are you at the present time?

Miss Bowron. Twenty-two.

Mr. Specter. Did you have occasion to render assistance to President Kennedy back on November 22, 1963?

Miss Bowron. I did; yes, sir.

Mr. Specter. Will you relate briefly the circumstances surrounding your being called in to assist in that case?

Miss Bowron. I was assigned to work in the minor medicine and surgery area and I was passing through major surgery and I heard over the intercom that they needed carts out at the emergency room entrance, so the orderly from the triage desk, which was passing through and he and I took one cart from major surgery and ran down the hall and by the cashier's desk, there were some men I assume were Secret Service men.

Mr. Specter. Did you know at that time whom you were going to aid?

Miss Bowron. No, sir.

Mr. Specter. You later assumed they were Secret Service men?

Miss Bowron. Yes, sir; and they encouraged us to run down to the door.

Mr. Specter. And did you have a stretcher with you at that time?

Miss Bowron. Yes, sir.

Mr. Specter. And was one stretcher or more than one stretcher being brought forward at that time?

Miss Bowron. There was another stretcher being brought forward from the OB-GYN section.

Mr. Specter. That's the obstetrics and gynecology section?

Miss Bowron. Yes.

Mr. Specter. And were you wheeling one stretcher by yourself, or was someone helping?

Miss Bowron. No; the orderly from the triage desk was helping us.

Mr. Specter. Was helping you?

Miss Bowron. Yes.

Mr. Specter. Who was that?

Miss Bowron. Joe—I've forgotten what his last name is, I'm sorry. I know his first name is Joe and he's on duty today.

Mr. Specter. And who was bringing the other stretcher?

Miss Bowron. I don't know, sir, I heard afterwards that Dr. Midgelet took one stretcher. I don't know who was assisting him.