

Air Force One Manifest

The last of the 56 names is that of HCOMC Ellis H. Hendrix. He gave no deposition or affidavit. A Chief Hendrix is twice mentioned in the foregoing statements, with no expansion. I wonder if he can have been medical corps?

Statement of Winston G. Lawson, undated, 5 pp.

Takes him three pages to get to that first shot, which he misdates as coming just as he was going under underpass. At this time he also saw Hickey standing up with his automatic weapon. Motorcycle policeman pulled up and said JFK had been shot.

As he rushed to emergency room he met attendants coming out with stretchers. He got outside when Connally was being removed, before he or JFK could have used a stretcher (re Manchester). He and Powers helped put JFK on stretcher, took him into emergency room.

He makes casual reference to the Medical Examiner's unwillingness to release the body, but hardly in the right context, indicating only that the agreement of the Sheriff was necessary.

to call who
BEFORE AF 1 departed, Drain told him that Shanklin, ~~had~~ said the suspect "who had been arrested for the investigation of the killing of a police officer that afternoon had worked at the" TSED. Thus, at some time between 2:15 and 2:47 the word had passed through so many mouths and ears. Did Drain have the message before he went to the airport? The FBI had it much, much earlier. None of the statements I recall account for his getting to the airport. He just appears there is Lawson's (and Lawson went to DC with the evidence with Drain early the next a.m.) In any event, this is but the briefest time at most after the DFD had Oswald at HQ, where he was first identified as the man who had worked at the TSED. He was not picked up until 1:45 and Fritz did not speak to his men until some time after he returned from the TSED. If Drain had a walkie-talkie that would carry this distance or even if he just happened to pull in in a radio-equipped car, the time is very, very close. And if he had such a radio, why should Lawson have had to use the phone? Is it more than a close coincidence?