

SLASH-17 MAN'S TROOP!

# Car Carrying Caroline Also Bore Tragic News

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It was a bright, sunny Friday afternoon and Elizabeth Pozen had turned on the car radio to have some music while she drove the car full of children home from the White House school.

Mrs. Pozen heard the words "... shot in the head and his wife Jacqueline ..." and quickly switched off the radio.

Riding in the back seat with her daughter Agatha was Caroline Kennedy, then six years old. Caroline was going to the Pozen's Chevy Chase home for the weekend while her parents were away in Dallas.

MRS. POZEN'S account of the incident, related in William Manchester's book "The Death of a President," the first disclosure of what President Kennedy's daughter was doing the day of the assassination. Her story is told in the second installment of Look magazine's serialization of the book, due on newsstands today.

Wife of Walter Pozen, administrative secretary to Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, Mrs. Pozen retold the story to The Post yesterday.

At about 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Pozen picked up Caroline, her daughter Agatha, and three other children she regularly drove home from the White House school in a car pool arrangement, she recalled.

"Caroline and Agatha were almost exactly the same age and they were very good friends. My daughter had spent a lot of time with Caroline over the weekends. You know how children feel they ought to reciprocate."

ARRANGING a return

visit at the Pozen home had been difficult, Mrs. Pozen related, because President Kennedy liked to spend the weekends with his children.

"We just picked this as the first perfect weekend" because both the President and Mrs. Kennedy were going to be away," she said.

She recalled she had planned to take Caroline and Agatha to tea at Lord and Taylor's after dropping off the other children at

their homes. A Secret Service man was to bring a movie for the children out to the Pozen home that evening.

As she drove along Rock Creek Parkway in her black station wagon, a Secret Service car driven by Agent Tom Wells followed.

"I turned on the radio just to have some music and heard the words on the newscast. I immediately turned it off and looked in the rear view mirror to see if the children had heard. I didn't think they heard anything.

"I was both horrified and stunned. I didn't know what to think. At first I thought it was a play and then I realized it couldn't be that.

"I didn't know and I couldn't turn the radio back on to find out because I couldn't risk having Caroline hear anything. After going through the business of was this really happening or was this some sort of macabre

joke, I realized my foremost obligation was to protect the children.

"I felt I couldn't indulge myself in hysterics. I had to remain as calm as possible for the sake of the children."

Mrs. Pozen said she looked again through the rear view mirror to see if there was any reaction from Wells. He was not making any signs to her and she kept on going.

She made her first stop at the Chevy Chase home of Washington attorney James R. Worsley to drop off young Nella Worsley. Mrs. Worsley gave no indication she had heard of the assassination, according to Mrs. Pozen.

Mrs. Pozen told how she walked over to Wells' car to ask what had happened and what she could do. Wells told her, she said, that the President had been shot but he didn't know how serious it had been. He said he had received no orders and told Mrs. Pozen to continue home home with Caroline.

Mrs. Pozen's next stop was the home of U.S. Steel executive Philip Wright to drop off his daughter Lissa.

"By then Mr. Wells had apparently gotten orders on his radio to take Caroline back to the White House. The two girls had been sitting in the back seat and he leaned in and said something like 'come on now, we've got to go home'. Caroline was very bewildered. She asked 'why do I have to?' and he said her mother wanted her back home. She looked very confused, but she got out of the car . . . she was terribly obedient. She got into the front seat of his car and they drove off."

MRS. POZEN confirmed Manchester's account that she had been "stubborn" about not wanting Caroline to go back to the White House.

"Yes, I guess I really was. I was primarily concerned for the child's safety, and I felt that she would be safe in my house and out of all the confusion that must have been going on at the White House. I felt that it might be a long time before Mrs. Kennedy would be able to get back from Dallas."

Wells told her he had orders and couldn't discuss. See CAROLINE, B9, Col. 4

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## Caroline Had Dinner With Grandmother

it any longer. He left with the President's daughter and Mrs. Pozen dropped off the last child in her car pool and went home with her daughter.

MANCHESTER relates how a passing motorist, a burly man wearing a lumber jacket, spotted Caroline in Wells' car and began following the Secret Service agent bumper-to-bumper along Rock Creek Parkway. Dodging the pursuer through traffic, Wells managed to lose him at the Virginia Avenue exit.

Manchester speculates that the motorist may have given chase because he thought Caroline was being kidnapped, while Wells thought he might be out to capture the President's daughter as part of a coup.

When Mrs. Pozen arrived home she called her husband to learn what had happened to the President "so I could hear without being heard" by Agatha. The child, who was not told of the President's death until late that evening, was called back to the White House that afternoon to play with Caroline.

"Caroline had apparently

gotten home and was crying for Agatha. Somebody called and said they would send a car for her."

THE CHILDREN went from the White House to the Georgetown home of Mrs. Hugh Auchincloss, Mrs. Kennedy's mother, where they ate supper. Agatha was brought home after the meal.

"My understanding was that Caroline didn't know anything then," said Mrs. Pozen.

While Mrs. Pozen said she could not remember all the details of that afternoon, "the important details I am not unsure of."

Mrs. Pozen, 32, said she had not discussed the day's events because she was concerned about the privacy of her own family and the Kennedy family and because "I never thought people were interested in it one way or another."

She gave her first interview to Manchester after a member of Mrs. Kennedy's staff called to ask her to speak with him because "he was writing a book Mrs. Kennedy felt ought to be written."



## Mrs. JFK Plans Trip to Asia

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (UPI) — Mrs. John F. Kennedy probably will travel to Hong Kong, Thailand and Cambodia within the next month or six weeks, her office said today.

"She's been thinking about a trip, but hasn't set a date," said an aide, Nancy Tuckerman. "She has set no itinerary but probably would visit her sister in Hong Kong and go to Thailand and Cambodia.

"Mrs. Kennedy always has been very interested in going to the Far East," Miss Tuckerman said.

Mrs. Kennedy's half-sister, Mrs. Lewis Rutherford, is in Hong Kong where her husband is a teacher. They were married last summer.

The Kennedy children, Caroline and John would remain at home, Miss Tuckerman said.