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FROM DALLAS (100-10461)

ASSASSINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS,

NOVEMBER 22, 1963.

RE TELECOPIER MESSAGE TO DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR JAMES B. ADAMS AT 5:15 P.M., SEPTEMBER 4, 1975; AND DALLAS LD CALL FROM SAC TED L. GUNDERSON, SEPTEMBER 8, 1975.

ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1975, PATROLMAN JAMES M. CHANEY, DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, DALLAS, TEXAS WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED:

CHANEY, ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, WAS ONE OF FOUR OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO RIDE BESIDE THE AUTOMOBILE BEARING FORMER PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. CHANEY AND MOTORCYCLE OFFICER D. L. JACKSON WERE ASSIGNED TO RIDE ON THE PRESIDENT'S RIGHT AT APPROXIMATELY THE LOCATION OF THE REAR WHEEL ON THE CAR. MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS B. J. MARTIN AND BOBBY HARGIS

WERE ASSIGNED TO RIDE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CAR AT APPROXIMATELY THE LEFT REAR WHEEL. EIGHT OFFICERS WERE ASSIGNED TO LEAD THE MOTORCADE IN FRONT OF A CAR OCCUPIED BY CHIEF OF POLICE JESSE CURRY, SHERIFF BILL DECKER,

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AND SECRET SERVICE AGENT IN CHARGE, FORREST SORRELS.

CHANEY ADVISED AS THE MOTORCADE TURNED OFF HOUSTON STREET ONTO ELM STREET AND PROCEEDED WEST ON ELM STREET, HE (CHANEY) WAS APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO SIX FEET FROM THE PRESIDENT'S RIGHT SHOULDER. OFFICER D. L. JACKSON WAS ON CHANEY'S RIGHT AND PARALLEL WITH HIM. AS THE PRESIDENT'S CAR PASSED THE TEXAS SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY, CHANEY HEARD A NOISE AS THOUGH A MOTORCYCLE HAD BACKFIRED AND CHANEY LOOKED TO HIS LEFT AT THE TWO OFFICERS RIDING ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE PRESIDENT'S CAR. WITHIN A MATTER OF A FEW SECONDS, CHANEY HEARD ANOTHER NOISE AND HE LOOKED TO THE RIGHT IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHAT THE NOISE WAS AND WHERE IT WAS COMING FROM. CHANEY SAID THE NOISE SOUNDED LIKE A MOTORCYCLE BACKFIRED OR THE NOISE FROM A FIRECRACKER. CHANEY SAID WHEN HE HEARD THE SECOND NOISE FROM BEHIND HIM, HE WAS SURE IT WAS NOT ONE OF THE OTHER MOTORCYCLES AS THE NOISE DID NOT COME FROM THEIR IMMEDIATE

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AREA. AT THIS POINT, CHANEY AGAIN FACED TOWARD THE FRONT SO HE WOULD NOT COLLIDE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S VEHICLE AND HE LOOKED AT THE PRESIDENT JUST AS A THIRD NOISE WAS HEARD AT WHICH TIME HE SAW THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD "EXPLODE." CHANEY SAID AT THIS TIME HE REALIZED THESE WERE GUNSHOTS AND HE WAS POSITIVE ALL NOISES HE HEARD WERE COMING FROM BEHIND HIM. HE WAS POSITIVE NONE OF THE NOISES HE HEARD HAD COME FROM THE SIDE OF THE MOTORCADE OR FROM IN FRONT OF THE MOTORCADE. HE SAID THE NOISES FROM THE SHOTS WERE PRETTY EVENLY SPACED, COMING MOMENTS APART.

WHEN THE THIRD SHOT HIT THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD, THE MOTORCADE HESITATED MOMENTARILY AND DURING THIS TIME ONE OF THE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS JUMPED FROM THE SECRET SERVICE CAR FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT AND JUMPED ON THE BACK OF THE PRESIDENT'S CAR.

CHANEY SAID HE IMMEDIATELY RODE UP TO THE CAR OCCUPIED BY CHIEF CURRY AND SOMEONE IN THE CAR ASKED HIM HOW BAD IT WAS AND CHANEY SAID "BAD." SOMEONE IN THE CAR GAVE ORDERS TO PROCEED TO PARKLAND HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY.

CHANEY SAID HE THEN SPED HIS MOTORCYCLE THROUGH THE

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OFFICERS WHO WERE LEADING THE MOTORCADE WHO WERE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FEET AHEAD OF THE MOTORCADE TELLING THOSE OFFICERS TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S CAR. CHANEY SAID HE THEN LED THE PRESIDENT'S CAR TO PARKLAND HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS THE FIRST ONE TO ARRIVE. CHANEY JUMPED FROM HIS MOTORCYCLE, RAN INTO THE HOSPITAL, AND ORDERED ONE STRETCHER TO BE BOUGHT OUT, NOT KNOWING GOVERNOR CONNALLY HAD ALSO BEEN INJURED. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE PRESIDENT'S CAR ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL AND THE WOUNDED WERE REMOVED FROM THE CAR BY HOSPITAL PERSONNEL.

CHANEY ADVISED AS THE MOTORCADE APPROACHED THE TEXAS SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY, HE NOTED NOTHING OF A SUSPICIOUS NATURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OCCUPANTS OF THE BUILDING, NOR THE APPEARANCE OF THE BUILDING. CHANEY SAID WHEN THE FIRST NOISE WAS HEARD, THERE WAS A LITTLE WONDERING ON HIS PART AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE NOISE, BUT HE SAID THE NOISE DEFINITELY DID NOT COME FROM IN FRONT OF THE MOTORCADE. HE STATED THAT WAS THE REASON HE GLANCED TO HIS LEFT AT THE OTHER TWO OFFICERS THINKING POSSIBLY IT WAS FROM A BACKFIRE FROM ONE OF THE MOTORCYCLES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CAR.

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LEADING THE PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, WERE DALLAS MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS SERGEANT S.Q. BELLAM, J.B. GARRICK, G.C. MC BRIDE, SGT. STAVIS ELLIS, L.E. GRAY, E.D. BREVER, W.G. LUMPKIN, AND H.R. FREEMAN.

DALLAS FILES AND THE WARRANT COMMISSION REPORT FAILED TO INDICATE THAT ANY OF THESE OFFICERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF E.D. BREVER, HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED AS WITNESSES IN THE ASSASSINATION.

OFFICER E.D. BREVER WAS NOT INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS, BUT WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AT DALLAS ON APRIL 9, 1964.

OF THOSE OFFICERS ADJACENT TO THE PRESIDENT'S CAR AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION, OFFICER HARGIS HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF THE DALLAS OFFICE AS AN ASSASSINATION WITNESS, BUT HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AT DALLAS ON APRIL 8, 1964. OFFICER B.J. MARTIN HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AS A WITNESS TO THE ASSASSINATION, BUT HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AT DALLAS ON APRIL 3, 1964.

CHANEY ADVISED THAT MOTORCYCLE OFFICER D.L. JACKSON HAS

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NEVER BEEN INTERVIEWED REGARDING HIS OBSERVATIONS AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION. DALLAS FILES AND THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT FAIL TO INDICATE THAT JACKSON HAS EVER BEEN INTERVIEWED AS WITNESS BY BUAGENTS OR BY WARREN COMMISSION. CHANEY STATED THAT JACKSON HAS RETAINED NOTES MADE BY HIM FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION AS TO HIS OBSERVATIONS.

FOLLOWING BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S CAR WERE MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS SERGEANT ROBERT SMART, B.J. DALE, H.B. MC LAIN, J.V. COURSON, CLYDE A. HAYGOOD AND M.L. BAKER.

DALLAS FILES AND THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT FAIL TO INDICATE THAT OFFICERS SMART, DALE, MC LAIN, AND COURSON HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS OR BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WARREN COMMISSION AS WITNESSES.

OFFICER M.L. BAKER WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS AT DALLAS FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION, MAINLY BECAUSE HE OBSERVED OSWALD IN THE SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION. IN AN AFFIDAVIT FURNISHED TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DALLAS COUNTY SO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION, BAKER TOLD OF HEARING THE SHOTS AND ENTERING THE SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION. BAKER TESTIFIED BEFORE WARREN COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 26, 1964.

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OFFICER CLYDE A. HAYGOOD WAS NOT INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS,
BUT HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION AT DALLAS ON
APRIL 9, 1964.

CHANEY STATED HE HIMSELF DID NOT COME FORWARD AS A WITNESS
FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION BECAUSE HE FELT HE WOULD BE TELLING
THE "CHIEF" (REFERRING TO CHIEF CURRY) HOW TO RUN HIS BUSINESS.
CHANEY STATED THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED
OFFICIALLY BY ANYONE REGARDING HIS ASSASSINATION OBSERVATIONS.

IN VIEW OF THE PERTINENT LOCATION OF MOTORCYCLE OFFICER
P.L. JACKSON, WHO WAS LOCATED AT PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S RIGHT
IN THE MOTORCADE, AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT JACKSON HAS RETAINED
DETAILED NOTES REGARDING HIS OBSERVATIONS DURING THE ASSASSINATION,
IT IS RECOMMENDED OFFICER JACKSON BE INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY AS
A WITNESS TO THE ASSASSINATION. AS INDICATED ABOVE, DALLAS
FILES AND THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT FAILED TO INDICATE THAT
JACKSON HAS EVER BEEN INTERVIEWED AS A WITNESS TO THE ASSASSINATION.
JACKSON IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT. (P)

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