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# Memorandum

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FROM : SAC GORDON SHANLIN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63,  
DALLAS, TEXAS

The following information was obtained at approximately 12:00 noon, 11/24/63, from Reporter JERRY O'LEARY, Washington Star newspaper:

.....At a point where the basement enters the garage area, they stopped for a moment. Off to the right of the prisoner about 30 feet away, an armored car was on the ramp getting ready to leave. In between the armored car and the prisoner was a blue automobile with a man of the homicide squad at the wheel. At the moment the prisoner came out, the police officer at the wheel began to back the blue car up, too fast, and he backed up almost to the point of being abreast of the prisoner, and hit the brakes so hard that they screamed.

At that moment a stout man, about 5'6", wearing a brown hat and dark colored suit, stepped out of the column of newspaper men and police officers who were standing in a double row on either side of the path that the car was occupying. In other words, he was facing the prisoner. He walked across the intervening area at a fast pace, but not running, possibly ten feet, and went right up flush with the prisoner. There was a loud explosion, although not as loud as you would think. The sound was muffled possibly by contact of the bodies. He fired one shot which entered what appeared to be the pit of the stomach or slightly to the right. The prisoner's face grimaced with pain and he doubled up, his knees sagging. At that moment the gunman and prisoner were completely swamped by policemen who were right on top of both of them. They were both hauled out in 30 seconds. The man's name is JACK RUBY.....

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