

March 28, 1993

Dear David,

Glad to have spoken with you recently! Enclosed are copies of the Assassination Files photos of Secret Service agent Clint Hill riding the rear port bumper of the presidential limousine. In following up my concerns about these photos I went to Mortal Error and so also include the "seating arrangements" diagram from page 119 and also CE 698 from the photo section. Note how well the Secret Service protects Dave Powers and Ken O'Donnell! Note also CE 698 shows Clint Hill riding the rear bumper of the presidential limousine. In this photo the heavy crowds are quite apparent as you mentioned in our most recent conversation.

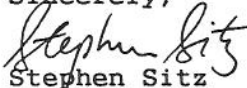
Two comments about the CE 698 photograph. Prior to "discovering" the agent-on-the-bumper photos from my first time viewing of Assassination Files, I had no knowledge of any Secret Service agent joining the presidential limousine at any point prior to Clint Hill leaping to the trunk after the fatal shot(s). Yet I finished reading (and studying the photographs etc.) Mortal Error about a year ago and had not noticed this very observable fact. More important, I now note from this photo that the two portside motorcycle escorts are not to be seen though their starboard counterparts are quite visible approximately even with Roy Kellerman. (A bit ahead of where they would be found in the Z film but probably where they should be to sweep the crowd back.) Note from the p. 12 photo of AF the two portside escort motorcycles seem to be well behind the presidential limo single file instead of side by side. My written comments to these copies still stand: How did Hill transfer from the backup car to the presidential limo? I imagine that this would not be difficult in itself for a properly trained agent and yet many photos show a very small (and dangerous) gap between the rears presidential bumper and the front bumper of the backup car. More to the point, why weren't two agents assigned to ride the rear bumper of the JFK limo? If agent Hill was ordered or chose to transfer himself to the rear bumper why not a counterpart agent from the other side? Presumably John Ready, (no pun intended) as noted from the seating diagram.

Also enclosed is a copy of p. 5 of the most recent TTD that I have corrected for the transposal of the text to the correct set of diagrams. I found this article much easier to read with a separate set of illustrations to avoid the necessary flip-flop.

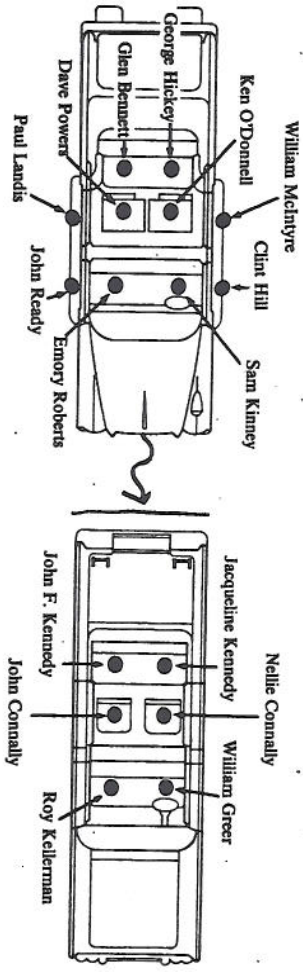
Yes, I would like a copy of Six Seconds in Dallas. No rush, let me know what your expenses were and I'll be happy to reimburse you. The same goes for the Oswald autopsy photos. Could you also send me a copy of p. 15 of "Mysterious Witness Deaths."?

I will be moving to Chapel Hill, North Carolina about the middle of May. Thereafter, I will be very busy hustling insurance for Northwestern Mutual. I would appreciate it if you would still keep me "in the loop" though I won't always be able to respond as thoroughly or as promptly as I would like for awhile. Write me at my NYC address until I send you my new North Carolina address.

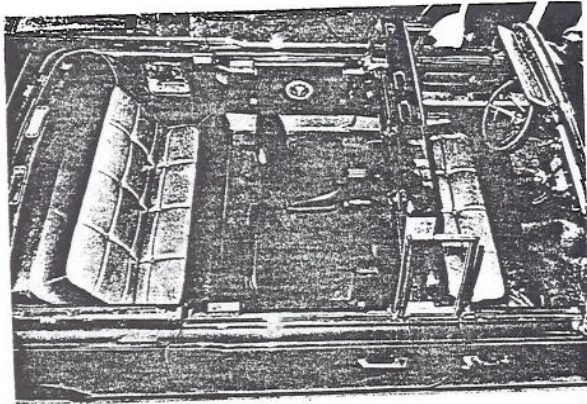
Sincerely,


Stephen Sitz

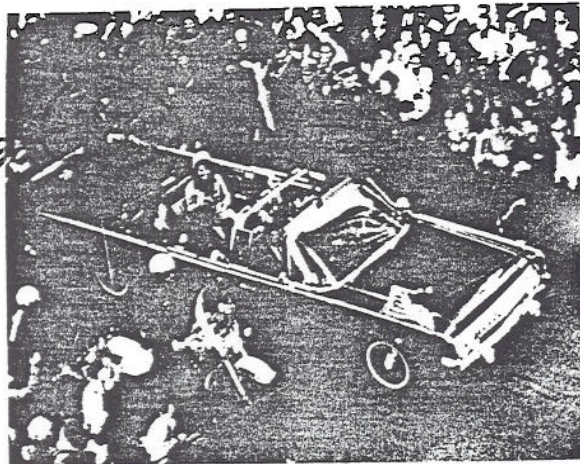
had never read the book, though it had come
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 a detailed account of the events in Dallas.
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 the chaotic scene in Dealey Plaza immediately
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 n front of his eyes, was what he'd been looking
 years: "From the rear of the follow-up car
 es the barrel of the AR-15 and points it about
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 nature of the bullets it fires. Due to its high
 bullet's relatively light weight, the slug disin-
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 ly turned to the index. Henderson, Hendrix,
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 ok, on page 134. Donahue turned to it. Man-
 tling the vehicles in the motorcade and the
 contained. (See drawing 3.)
 follow-up convertible, District license
 5. Agent Sam Kinney, at the wheel, kept
 e back of the President's head. Emory
 ack's commander, was next to Kinney.
 on the left front running board. Agent Bill
 e behind him. John RReady was on the right
 board, Agent Landis behind him. Dave
 the right jump seat, Ken O'Donnell in the



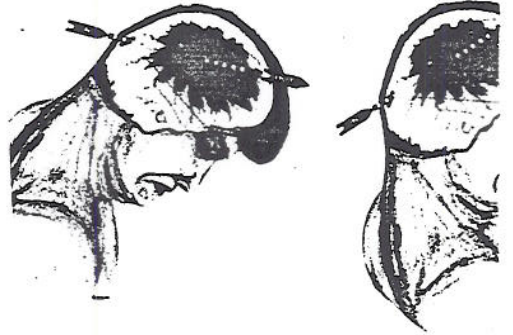
3. The location of everyone in the presidential limousine (right) and the Secret Service follow-up car (left).



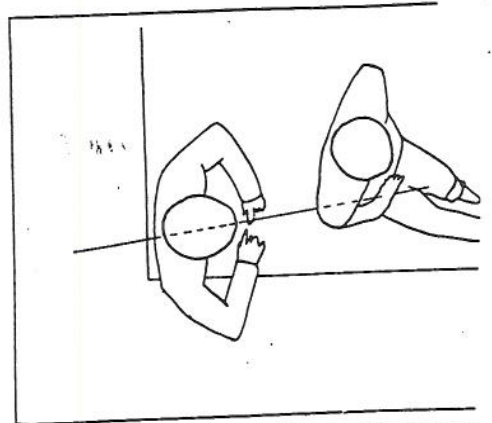
3. View of limousine interior shows jump seats much lower and farther inboard than rear seat on which Kennedy rode.



4. Overhead photo, CE 698, clearly shows Connally sitting farther inboard than Kennedy.



5. Warren Commission drawing of the line of fire thro Kennedy's skull (left). The head in the drawing is tilted 60° forward. Rearranged to correspond to the House Committee's 11° forward tilt (right), the drawing matches Donahue's original skull models.

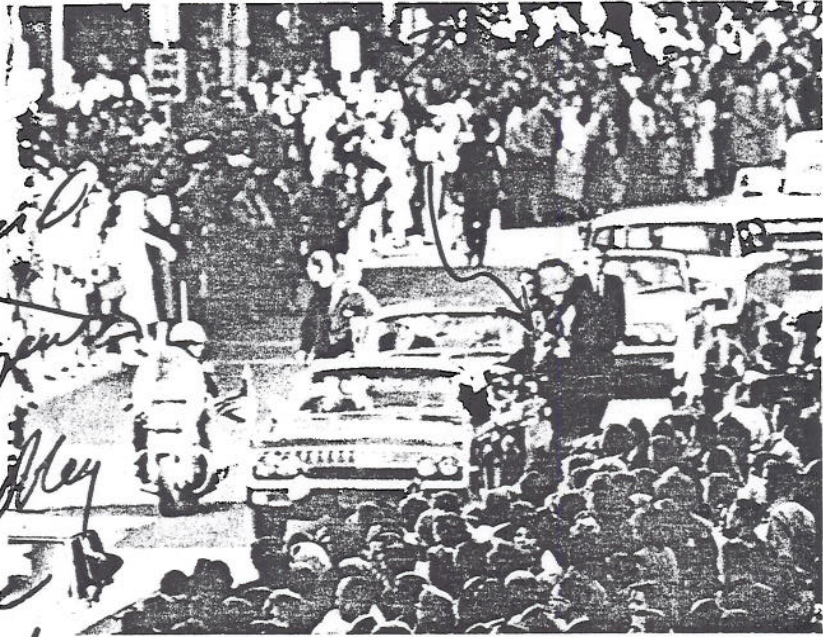


6. Actual trajectory, based on Donahue's analysis of positions.

Not a great copy but take
at look at your book of ME

intersects Cedar Springs immediately north of the Ramada Inn was to be the beginning point at which Lunday would be responsible for the assignment of men on the parade route.

Deputy Chief Lunday drove the police car occupied by Assistant Chief Batchelor, and Secret Service Agents Sorrells and Lawson along the parade route. As Lawson suggested the speeds and timed the route, Assistant Chief Batchelor wrote down the number of men to be assigned at each intersection. Mr. Lawson suggested that additional manpower be assigned at each point where the motorcade would slow for a turn. His experience had been that unusually large crowds would be at these locations.



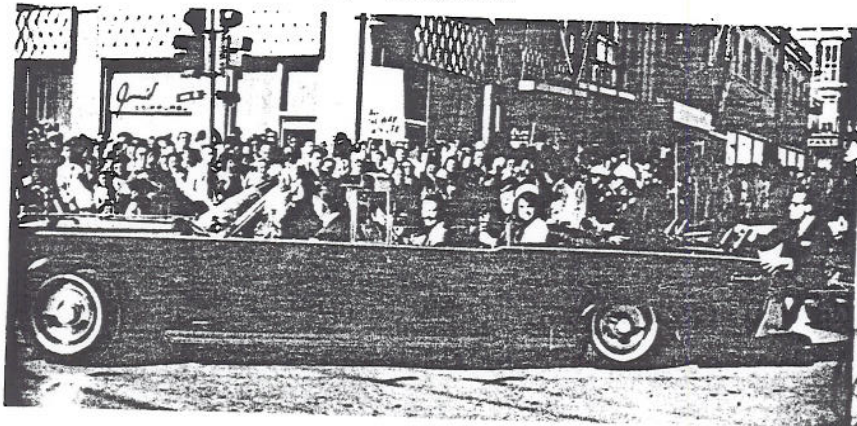
The large crowds which were to greet President Kennedy in Dallas demanded thorough security planning.

Note the same leftward look as in the photo when men would be looking forward to Kennedy's movement. He's not reacting to gunshots at this point.

Lawson advised that he should have men on each railroad and traffic overpass near the motorcade. Officers were to be instructed not to let anyone stand over the immediate path of the presidential party. Agent Winston Lawson and Batchelor listed every intersection where there was a signal light, every railroad overpass and every traffic overpass on the route. These were carefully processed and from two to four men were assigned to each of these points.

The security planning for the motorcade was most detailed in those areas where the motorcade would be at a relatively slow speed and exposed to the most people. At the end of the downtown parade route the motorcade was to turn from Main to Houston. Crowds at that point

531-1 crowd on the side of the street, good
 1-531 crowd along the edges of the barricades.
 5-1 Given information about Stemmons.
 Now at Harwood and McKinney.
 Advise keep crowd over about Harwood to
 Ross, they are getting out in the street
 here.
 1-5 We've got them.
 12:20PM Ross and Harwood.
 5-1 Crowd on Main Street in real good
 shape. Got them all back on the
 curb.
 1-5 ? Good shape, about to cross Live Oak.
 12:22PM 1 ? Escort drop back, go real slow speed.
 Now approaching Main.



The President waves and Jacqueline smiles as the motorcade makes the turn into Main Street.

531-15-2 You reading?
 15-2-531 10-4
 1 Hold up escort. OK, move along.
 1-531 ? Check to see if we've got everything
 in top check with the rear car.
 531-1 Who is in the rear car?
 158-531 Advise everything is OK.
 1-531 Where is 158?
 158 Just crossing Ervay Street.
 531-1 Location now.
 1-531 Field
 12:26PM 1-531 Crossing Lamar Street now
 531-1 Is there a pretty good crowd there?
 1-531 Big crowd, yes.
 12:28PM 5-531 Notify Captain Souter the location
 of the convoy now.
 531-15-2 On Main probably just past Lamar.
 1-531 Just crossing Market Street.

Why is
 Clint Hill
 riding the motorcade
 here - but not
 at Dealey Plaza?
 Indeed, how did
 he make the transfer
 from SS back up car to JFK
 car and back without
 (presumably) stopping?