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Information from Bill Poole of San Marcos, Texas

A friend of his, which he declined to identify, related what one of the Dallas policemen confided to him shortly after President Kennedy's assassination.

"Joe (a Dallas policeman whom he later in the interview referred to as "Smith") who is still on the Force, ran to the area behind the picket fence immediately following the shots. There he encountered a man running from the scene with a rifle still in his hands. The man was ordered to halt but gave no indication of doing so until "Joe was about to shoot. At that time, the man stopped running, dropped his rifle to the ground and raised his hands above his head. He then turned to face "Joe" and requested that he be allowed to put his hand into his coat in order to produce identification. "Joe" allowed him to do so at which time the man produced Secret Service credentials.

Poole's friend is evidently referring to Joe Marshall Smith who testified in the Warren Commission.