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Q: I know there's a new Oliver Stone movie coming out about John F. Kennedy, and the director recently recreated the assassination scene in Dallas. Weren't there a couple of Members of Congress with the President when he was killed on Nov. 22, 1963? Are any big stars going to portray them in the movie? - K.L., Alexandria

A: Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-Texas) and former Speaker Jim Wright (D-Texas) were both in the presidential motorcade on that tragic day, as was former Sen. Ralph Yarborough (D-Texas).

Wright said he thinks he was in the third car behind Kennedy. Gonzalez said he was in the car called "number four" directly behind the car holding
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Yarborough and Vice President Lydon B. Johnson.

"I heard clearly, because we had come to a stop by that time, distinctly, the shots," Gonzalez said on the House floor last week. "I was the first...to say that it was rifle fire, and that in my opinion it was not more than 75 yards from the place where the car had stopped."

But no big stars will portray the Members in the movie. The head of the Dallas casting office with Camelot Productions said the Members were "minor parts" that were performed by local extras.

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