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KENNEDY BOOK

POTTSTOWN, PA. (AP)-A DALLAS, TEX., POLICEMAN QUESTIONED ON FRIDAY AN AUTHOR'S CLAIM THAT HE THOUGHT PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN WAS LOCATED ON THE "GRASSY KNOLL" NEAR THE MURDER SCENE, A STORY IN THE POTTSTOWN MERCURY REPORTED.

THE STORY SAYS MERCURY MANAGING EDITOR BOB BOYLE TALKED BY TELEPHONE WITH DALLAS PATROLMAN BOBBY W. HARGIS, WHO WAS NEXT TO THE KENNEDY LIMOUSINE AT THE TIME OF THE 1963 ASSASSINATION.

A SOON-TO-BE-PUBLISHED BOOK BY JOSIAH THOMPSON, A HAVERFORD COLLEGE PROFESSOR, CONTENDS THERE WERE THREE ASSASSINS, NOT ONE AS CONCLUDED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION.

ONE OF THEM, THOMPSON SAYS, FIRED FROM THE "GRASSY KNOLL" AS EVIDENCED BY HARGIS'S RUNNING TOWARDS THAT SPOT AFTER THE SHOTS WERE FIRED.

"MY INSTINCT AND TRAINING TOLD ME THAT THE SHOTS CAME FROM THE BUILDING (THE SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY) AND THAT'S WHERE I LOOKED FIRST," THE MERCURY STORY QUOTED HARGIS.

"I WAS READY TO DASH TOWARD THE BUILDING BUT GLANCED AROUND AND NOTICED PEOPLE DROPPING TO THE GROUND. ONE MAN WAS COVERING HIS BABY WITH HIS OWN BODY AND BECAUSE OF THIS I THOUGHT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THE SHOT WAS FIRED FROM THE OVERPASS.

"I THEN RAN TOWARD THE OVERPASS . . . HE REFERRED TO ME AS RUNNING TOWARD THE GRASSY KNOLL, BUT ACTUALLY I WAS RUNNING TOWARD THE OVERPASS," SAID HARGIS.

THE STORY WAS PUBLISHED IN THE MERCURY'S SATURDAY MORNING EDITIONS.

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