

... publicity concerning the President's trip to Dallas appeared in Dallas newspapers as early as September 13, 1963 ...

WR 247

White House sources told The Dallas News exclusively Wednesday night [25 Sep 63] that President Kennedy will visit Texas Nov. 21 and 22... The final White House decision to make the trip to Texas came late Tuesday night [24 Sep], these sources said. Although specific details have not been worked out, it was considered likely that the President will visit Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Fort Worth.

Robert E. Baskin,

Dallas Morning News 26 Sep 63

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[Russo, at Shaw preliminary hearing 14 Mar 67] said the "party" took place in "mid-September." He is said to have told Garrison's office that it was September 16.

Times-Post Service,
SFChronicle 15 Mar 67

On September 17, [Oswald obtained from the Mexican consulate general in New Orleans a "Tourist Card" ...

WR 730

A neighbor testified that on the evening of September 24, he saw Oswald, carrying two pieces of luggage, hurriedly leave the Magazine Street apartment and board a bus... His precise whereabouts on the night of September 24 are uncertain... He left New Orleans by bus .. at 12:20 p.m. on September 25...

WR 730, 731

[Lloyd J. Cobb] testified [21 Feb 69] that Mr. Shaw worked steadily, sometimes late into the night, during all of August and September, 1963, except for Sept. 25, when he went to Hammond, La., to visit his parents.

Martin Waldron,
NYTimes 22 Feb 69

"... The original conversations concerning President Kennedy's trip to Texas occurred June 5, 1963 at the Cortez Hotel in El Paso, Texas. ... President Kennedy's other commitments prevented him from coming to Texas any sooner than November 21st, which was the date finally set."

Clifton C. Carter (Ass't to President Johnson [WR 485]),
affidavit 20 May 64, VII 475.

Gov. Connally, in a life story of Nov. 24, 1967 (p. 100A), stated that these aides and times were first known on Oct. 4, 1963. On that date, Connally met with the President at the White House where they agreed on five cities. Kennedy said, "I'll accept your judgment on that, John." That evening, Connally had dinner with Johnson who was upset over being ignored in the planning of the trip. Why was Johnson angry when it was he who first announced it?

On Oct. 8, 1963, the Dallas Times Herald proclaimed: JFK TEXAS VISIT MAY INCLUDE CITY, CONNALLY REPORTS. PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S TEXAS VISIT WILL BE ONE DAY AFFAIR ON NOVEMBER 22ND. The article observed: "The Texas trip had been first revealed in the Times Herald last September 13th and was met with official denials for almost two weeks. Gov. John Connally last weekend said the President will be in Texas November 22nd." After scoring a news first with its April 24th story, the Dallas Times Herald then said it first reported this in September.

Testimony of the Kennedy aides involved in the trip planning made no mention of LBJ's April 23rd announcement. Would a denial of this story have confirmed the "dump Johnson" rumors which the Administration took pains to discredit?

Why did President Kennedy go to Texas? Evelyn Lincoln, JFK's secretary, wrote in her book Kennedy and Johnson that he told her, "I am going to Texas, because I have made a commitment. I can't patch up those warring factions. This is for them to do, but I will go because I have told them I would. And it is too early to make an announcement about another

that time. (see the Warren Report, pp. 187-189.) Why did the Commission's report fail to note Johnson's April 23rd announcement?

CBS replied to Newcomb's letter on February 18th that it was aware of the incidents and his interest in the subject would be "rewarded" on its May 2nd broadcast.

On February 23rd, U.S. News & World Report commented that Johnson would go into "extraordinary detail" about the assassination in the interview.

On April 4th, Newcomb sent another letter to CBS along with two glossy prints of the April 24th newspaper story. On April 13th, CBS answered that its staff was "aware of the Dallas Times-Herald stories."

Then, on April 28th, the Washington Post wrote that Johnson's comment on the Warren Commission's findings would be deleted from the CBS broadcast. The deletion, said the paper, "was requested by Mr. Johnson on the grounds of na-

Johnson's April 23rd announcement."

Also not included in the three CBS interviews were some aspects of the way in which LBJ lives today. According to the Los Angeles Times of Aug. 24, 1969, Johnson has a detail of 26 Secret Service men to guard him. U.S. News & World Report of Feb. 2, 1970 noted that he has a "short-wave radio under his bed to monitor" the activities of his aides and visitors. On Jan. 7, 1970, the Wall Street Journal carried a lengthy article about Johnson's purchase of "large hunks of ranchland in... Mexico, Costa Rica and Australia."

A final note. At the end of the May 2nd interview by CBS, Johnson asserted: "...I don't want anyone to ever say that I ever let him [President Kennedy] down for a moment." The following items are of interest. They were published in the New York Times of 1963 on the dates given.

On October 3rd, the White House stated that most U.S. troops might be withdrawn from Vietnam by the end of

Vietnam was "unrealistic." On December 21st, the junta in Saigon received Johnson's assurance that the U.S. would support the war. Was President Kennedy the 151st casualty of the war in Indo-China?

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The vice president said the traitor supported President Eisenhower Fig. 2

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