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DALLAS, TEX., JULY 1 (AP)--FORMER DALLAS MAYOR EARLE CABELL SAID TODAY THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WERE UNDER CLOSE POLICE PROTECTION AROUND THE CLOCK FOR TWO MONTHS BECAUSE OF DEATH THREATS AFTER PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED.

HE EVEN TRAVELED AT ONE TIME UNDER THE PSEUDONYM OF ERNEST CAVE, AND RELATED THAT THE LIGHTS IN HIS HOME WENT OUT MOMENTS AFTER HIS WIFE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE DEATH THREAT DURING A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY.

MRS. CABELL EARLIER REVEALED THAT SHE SAW THE RIFLE OF THE ASSASSIN EXTENDING FROM A WINDOW OF THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING.

SHE SAID SHE HEARD THE FIRST SHOT AND THEN LOOKED UP, SEEING THE RIFLE IMMEDIATELY. THE CABELLS WERE IN THE FOURTH AUTOMOBILE BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S CONVERTIBLE.

"I NEVER SAW A PERSON OR EVEN A PERSON'S HAND ON THE RIFLE," MRS. CABELL SAID.

POLICE PROTECTION BEGAN SUNDAY, NOV. 24, THE DAY THE ACCUSED ASSASSIN, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY JACK RUBY, JUST BEFORE CABELL'S SCHEDULED FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON, D.C., TO ATTEND THE LATE PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL.

"CHIEF (JESSE) CURRY CALLED ME AT HOME," CABELL RECALLED, "AND SAID THERE HAD BEEN A LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALL THROUGH THE CITY HALL SWITCHBOARD SAYING AN ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE ON MY LIFE.

"THE CHIEF RECOMMENDED THAT I CHANGE RESERVATIONS AND TAKE A LATER FLIGHT UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME--ERNEST CAVE, I BELIEVE."

THE FORMER MAYOR SAID HE WAS REVEALING THE INFORMATION BECAUSE HE FEELS SUFFICIENT TIME HAS PASSED AND "EMOTIONS HAVE CALMED DOWN."

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