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ASSASSINATION MARKER (250)

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DALLAS, TEX., OCT. 21 (AP)-A MARKER TO BE PLACED WHERE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS SHOT WILL INCLUDE MAPS AND DESCRIPTIVE MATERIAL IN BRONZE, PARK OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

TOURISTS, WHO COME TO THE SITE BY THE THOUSANDS IN FAMILY CARS, TAXICABS AND BY WALKING TO THE SITE NOW FIND NOTHING FIXING THE LOCATION OF THE NOV. 22, 1963, ASSASSINATION.

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IT WILL BE A BLOCK NORTH OF THE SITE .

"AFTER ONE YEAR AND A HALF OF OBSERVING, IT BECAME QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THE NEED FOR AN EXPLANATION MARKER WAS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL," CITY PARKS DIRECTOR L. B. HOUSTON SAID IN AN INTERVIEW.

THE HISTORICAL MARKER WILL BE ABOUT 200 FEET FROM THE POINT ON THE SLOPING ELM STREET ARTERY WHERE KENNEDY WAS SHOT.

A PERSON VIEWING THE BRONZE PANELS COULD LOOK TO HIS RIGHT AND SEE THE FIFTH FLOOR WINDOW OF THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY. THE WARREN COMMISSION SAID LEE HARVEY OSWALD FIRED HIS RIFLE AT KENNEDY FROM THIS WINDOW.

THE EXACT WORDING ON THE PANELS WILL BE CHOSEN LATER, HOUSTON SAID. THE PANELS WILL BE SET IN NATIVE RED GRANITE IN A CURVED MARKER 30 FEET LONG AND 4 1/2 FEET HIGH, WITH A LOW HEDGE IN FRONT.

PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS DEVOTE ONE SEVEN-FOOT PANEL TO AN AERIAL MAP OF DOWNTOWN DALLAS SHOWING KENNEDY'S MOTORCADE ROUTE, ANOTHER TO A SKETCH OF THE BOOK DEPOSITORY AND THE MOTORCADE'S PATH DOWN ELM STREET, AND A THIRD TO WRITTEN DESCRIPTIONS FROM THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT.

HOUSTON ESTIMATED THE MARKER COULD BE FINISHED POSSIBLY IN SIX MONTHS. THE COST WILL BE NEAR \$20,000, HE SAID.

"THERE WILL BE A FLAGSTAFF WITH THE FLAG FLYING--SORT OF A BEACON TO THE TOURISTS TO TELL THEM HERE'S WHERE THEY CAN GET THE STORY," THE PARK DIRECTOR SAID. THE FLAGSTAFF WILL REPLACE A TALL OBELISK.

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