Mr. J. B. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Transcript of Radio Log
Shooting of President Kennedy  
November 22, 1963

Sir:

The following was recorded on channel two, from 10AM to 5PM. This report includes information prior to the arrival of the President’s plane, progress of the motorcade, the shooting, and the escort to Parkland Hospital. Also included are events concerning the shooting of officer Tippit.

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<td>General estimate: 500. Weather: clearing. 21 and 32 dispatched to old terminal building to meet 20 for assignment. General estimate: 1200. When you receive information from the tower on that plane, notify 531. They changed landing directions on us, did you notice. Yes, sir. We will have to set up on-looking. Air Force One is airborne. Talking about men power on Main. Air Force One turning on final approach. Cut your traffic, 21 and 32 10-4. Talking about men power on Main. Air Force One on final approach now. One plane down, second coming in, Air Force One right behind. Talking about manpower. Is Air Force One down yet? No, just coming in. One is on the ground. All clear. Air Force One not on the ground yet. Remain on your assignments. He is crossing downtown Dallas now. Air Force One is on the ground. Return to service. Weather and crowd estimate. Good and approximately 2,000. Quite a crowd at Lemmon and lookingbird near the Coca Cola plant. Talking about re-assignment of officer to Lemmon and Herschel.</td>
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Station Break
Just checking communications. I'm at the front gate now.
Local and clear.

Bray St. is completely blocked with pedestrians. Completely out of control.
I've got two reserves I'm bringing down now.
I have three or four three wheelers and I can't get the people off Bray, it's completely closed.

10-4 I'm on my way.
Progress report.
Steady a few minutes.
Are they moving yet?
No.

Have not started yet.
Moving out very slow.
Lot of traffic up there around Mockingbird, might send a motorcycle get them over to one side.
escort motor semi two men to Mockingbird and Cedar Springs to help clear traffic.
About what's the location now.
Just take the turn out of the field on to Cedar Springs traveling 15MPH at this time
Are you reading all right?
No.

Leaving the field on Cedar Springs at 15MPH.
Might need a motor at Manor Way and Lemon. Quite a few people on Lemon on both sides of the street, curb, and median strip.

Location now
Avenue and Mockingbird
Motive and Cedar Springs traveling 15MPH.
Approaching I-405 N. on Lemon Avenue traveling about 15 to 15MPH.

Given information on location.
Three request information if ambulances are standing by.
601 is standing by at Love Field, as soon as he completes that assignment, he is going to your location. Also a transfer ambulance will be at that location.
To motorcycles leading, drop back closer, hold up about fifty feet ahead of us, about fifty feet ahead of us.

Ok. go ahead.

601 is inroute to your location.
Location
Approaching Cotton Belt underpass near Roma Alta.
Given location Cotton Belt and Roma Alta.

Recruit three or four miles faster. Pull those cars off the street. Cut traffic at Oak Lawn;
Pretty good crowd of people on Turtle Creek, down to two lanes of traffic.

10-4 Got a good motorcycle escort, get the traffic off of it.
Are you nearing Oak Lawn?
We are a block away at Knight Street.

Lemon nearing Oak Lawn.
Account drop down out traffic at Turtle Creek.
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|            |       |                                                                          | Advise three the ambulances have arrived and are standing by.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Turning on Turtle Creek from Lemmon 12 MPH.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Location  
|            |       |                                                                          | Just crossing Cedar Springs.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Location  
|            |       |                                                                          | MR underpass at Turtle Creek.  
| 12:11 PM   |       |                                                                          | 10-4
|            |       | Escort three or four miles per hour faster. Let's try it.  
| 12:15 PM   |       |                                                                          | Station Break.  
|            |       |                                                                          | On Cedar Springs off Turtle Creek.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Cedar Springs and Fairmount  
|            |       |                                                                          | For information, cars are lined on both sides of Stemmons on the shoulders from Commerce to Oak Lawn.  
|            |       |                                                                          | A good pedestrian crowd Rose and Harwood.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Everything in good shape out here at Market Hall. Traffic moving well, not any crowd on the side of the street, good crowd along the edges of the barricades.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Given information about Stemmons.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Now at Harwood and McKinney.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Advise keep crowd over about Harwood to Rose, they are getting out in the street here.  
|            |       |                                                                          | We've got them.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Rose and Harwood.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Crowd on Main Street in real good shape. Got them all back on the curb.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Good shape, about to cross Live Oak.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Escort drop back, go real slow speed now approaching Main.  
|            |       |                                                                          | You reading?  
| 12:12 PM   | Curvy |                                                                          | 10-4
|            |       |                                                                          | Halt up escort. OK, move along.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Check to see if we've got everything in top cheek with the rear car.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Who is in the rear car?  
|            |       |                                                                          | Where is 158?  
|            |       |                                                                          | Just crossing Ervay Street.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Location now.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Field  
|            |       |                                                                          | Crossing Lamar Street now  
|            |       |                                                                          | Is there im a pretty crowd here.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Is this big crowd, yes.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Notify Captain Sauter the location of the convoy now.  
|            |       |                                                                          | On Main probably just past Lamar.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Just crossing Market Street.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Talking about the traffic at Love Field.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Bearing triple under pass  
|            |       |                                                                          | Station Break.  
|            |       |                                                                          | Go to hospital, officers, Parkland Hospital, have them stand by. Get men on top of the under pass, see what happened up there, go up to the over pass. Have Parkland stand by.  
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|            |       |                                                                          | You reading?  
| 12:22 PM   | Curvy |                                                                          | 10-4
|            |       |                                                                          | Halt up escort. OK, move along.  
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SAWYER EXHIBIT No. A—Continued
I'm sure it's going to take some time to get your men in there. Put everyone of my men there.

Repeat One, I didn't quite understand all of it.

Notify station five to move all men available out of my department back into the railroad yards and try to determine what happened and hold everything secure until Homicide and other investigators can get in there.

10-4

Any information whatsoever

It looks like the President has been hit, have Parkland stand by.

We have E-9 units in that vicinity, don't we?

Straight to Parkland.

What disposition do you want me to make with these men I have with me.

Just go on to Parkland Hospital with me.

Get out of the way, something about truc+ra, hold everything.

get on the way

There is a motorcycle officer on Stemmons with his mike stuck open on channel one, could you send somebody up there and tell him to shut it off.

You want me to still hold traffic on Stemmons until we find out something?

keep everything out of the emergency entrance.

A passer-by states the shots came from the Texas School Book Depository Building.

Get all the information.

I talked to a guy at the scene who says the shots were fired from the Texas School Book Depository Building with the Harry Hunt A Sign on top.

Get his name, address, phone number and all information you can.

Advise all emergency traffic to use some other route besides Industrial and have 283 cut traffic at Hines and Industrial.

Broadcast same.

Witness says shots came from fifth floor Texas Book Depository store at Houston and Elm. I have him with me now and we are sealing off the building.

Where do you want traffic cut in the area.

Keep all traffic off Industrial and the emergency entrance at Parkland.

We have the emergency entrance secure.

Get men to cover the building Texas School Book Depository, believe the shots came from there, facing it on Elm St.

Looking at the building it will be the second window from the end in the upper right hand corner.

How many do you have there?

One guy possibly hit by a ricochete off the concrete and another saw the President slump.

A witness says he saw an pull the weapon from the window off the second floor on the south east corner of the Depository building.
Do you have the building covered off?

I'm about three fourths of a block away.

Report there.

I'll leave the witness here.

Can you give us any information as to what happened for these people out here.

Evidently there has been a shooting with the President involved. I do not know the seriousness of it. One is at Parkland along with Dallas One. We have information the shots came from the fifth or fourth floor of the book Depository Store on the corner of Elm and Field officers are now surrounding and searching the building.

Where did it happen? At Field and Main?

No, sir, the triple under pass between the triple under pass and Stemmons. Possibly six or seven more people may have been shot.

Believe the President's head was practically blown off.

What hospital did the President go to?

Parkland Hospital. Where are you?

300 is enroute.

Is 300 in route to the store Elm and Houston?

300 enroute to the Hospital.

Disregard what I said.

Where did you get your information.

I was at the car.

Send me a squad for a prisoner at Elm and Houston.

Do you have the suspect?

No.

Did they advise they have the suspect.

No. They do not have the suspect.

We need more man power down here at the Texas Book Depository there should be a bunch on Main if somebody can pick them up and bring them down here, I'll start down Elm and pick up as many as I can.

I've got myself and five motorcycle officers holding traffic on Stemmons, do you want me to release traffic or hold it?

Release traffic and report code three to Elm and Houston.

Are you having the contain the block surrounding the building.

Yes, we are sealing the building until it can be searched. Extend it out to include two or three block area.

The wanted person in this is a slender white male about thirty five feet ten, one sixty five, carrying what looked to be a 30-30 or some type of Winchester.

It was a rifle?

Yes, a rifle.

Any clothing description?

Current witness can't remember that.

Attention all squads, description was broadcast and no further information at this time.

Could nine determine whether the man was still supposed to be in the building or had he left.

He didn't know for sure and the witness he had didn't have a description. We have the building saturated by now and we should know something before long.

SAWYER EXHIBIT No. A—Continued
Information broadcast again on the shooting of the President and description of the suspect.

More police checking to the location.

Who is in charge down there at that area? Eighteen ensnure, he will be in charge.

More police check out.

Fifteen at the scene. The building is the old purse company on the east side of Houston, have that cut off on the back side, will you? Make sure no body leaves there. Fifteen in charge down here, correction, Fives in charge.

Did you receive, four?

No clothing description, physical description re-broadcast.

More police check out.

(Officer J. D. Tippit) You are in the Oak Cliff area, are you not?

At Lancaster and Eighth.

You will be at large for any emergency that comes in.

This is the last radio transmission between officer Tippit and the dispatcher.

Any clothing description?

No, given description available.

Traffic officer to Dispatcher, dispatcher acknowledged.

I have an eye witness over here that saw the President get hit. He's over at the T&P Railway overpass at the Stemmons service road.

Traffic Officer said, "Stemmons Freeway service road."

Hold onto him.

I'm at this location, triple underpass, where do you want me? I have an eye witness that saw the shooting.

A three wheeler unit has an eye witness that saw the shooting.

I see him over there. I'll go over there.

100 has got about six men shaking down the railroad yard back toward that direction if you get any more information on the shooting.

Where is the Command Post?
Elm and Houston.

Call Operator One from Panclani.

Call two E-9 units back in Romans dog and the Sergeant's dog. Call them back in if you will.

Get us 508 to the Texas School Book Depository.

Where do you want them to report, Elm and Houston?

10-4, be a hard one to search out thoroughly without those dogs.

508 is enroute.

Will need two more cars to report to the President's plane out here for escort service, please, sir.

I have one that saw the President get hit in my car. I'm on the 5th St. triple underpass before you go up on Stemmons.

We've been instructed to go to the scene, what code?

Called 5, no answer.

5 and 9 are both in the building.

Given information from 19.

508 is enroute.

No, he didn't see the shooting, he saw the President get hit.

Gave three blood bank 2100 Commerce, take blood to Parkland.

16 closer, code pickup.

What squad has that subject that was supposed to have seen the shooting?

He did not see the shooting 309. He saw the President get hit, that in 19, he has the person in his car.

You have information it came from the hook Depository down here.

Yes.

10-4, Is well covered off.

Code Five blood bank. I've got it and gone.

Code four.

Contact fifteen, see if he thinks it advisable to send people out from here, down there to relieve some of the squads on duty.

10-4, get 15-2 to put people on the railroad tracks at his location to work back toward Houston.

A citizen came on the Police Radio stating, "Hello police operator."

531

Go ahead citizen using the police radio.

The citizen then said, "We've had a shooting here."

Where is it at?

531

Citizen using police radio give us location.

531

531

What location on Tenth?

The citizen then said, "Between Marshall and Beckly, it's a police officer, somebody shot him." He then said 404 Tenth Street.

531

Called squad 78.

SAWYER EXHIBIT No. A—Continued
Citizen then said, "It's in police #10."
Called 78 again.
Citizen then said, "You got that."
Called 78 again.
Citizen then said, "Hello, police operator, did you get that?"
Signal 19, involving a police officer, 510 E. Jefferson.
Citizen then said, "Thank you."
Citizen using police radio remain off radio now.
Several squads check out enroute.
Code 6.
What's that address on Jefferson?
It's 501 E. Tenth.
Out.
Give me the correct address on the shooting.
501 E. Tenth.
Is 519 E. Jefferson correct?
We have two different locations, 501 E. Jefferson and 501 E. Tenth.
Are you enroute?
Yes.
This officer on Tenth, 500 block (The radio was real busy at this time and some of the transmissions are garbled. The suspect is running west on Jefferson from the location no physical description.
Some one hollered into the radio, "Hello, hello, hello."
On Tenth 500 block.
Some one said, "A Police Officer was just shot, I think he is dead."
10-4 Have that information citizen using radio, remain off radio now.
Channel two.
I'm using a three wheel motor, will have to go to another radio.
Did you receive information on the police officer being shot?
10-4. Didn't that citizen say first he was on Jefferson then Tenth then Chespeake.
Yes.
Did they relay .
Yes, at Denver.
Have a signal 19 involving a police officer 400 E. Tenth suspect last seen running west on Jefferson, no description at this time.
I just passed (for the next few minutes there was quite a bit of confusion as to location of shooting and suspect). Have a description on the suspect on Jefferson. Last seen about the three hundred block of East Jefferson. White male thirty-five, eight, black hair, slender build wearing white jacket, white shirt, dark slacks.
Armed with what?
Unknown.
Description rebroadcast several times.
257 dispatched to Valley Blood Bank code three escort to Parkland.

We believe we've got this suspect in the shooting of this officer, got his white jacket, believe dumped it on this parking lot behind this service station at 400 S. Jefferson, across from Valley Hughes and he had a white jacket on and we believe this is it.

You do not have the suspect, is that correct?

No, just the jacket lying on the ground.

Description rebranched.

I'm at Thirteenth and Beckley now, have a man in the car that can identify the suspect if anybody gets him.

Several minutes later.

One of the men here at the service station that saw him seems to think he is in this block, 400 block East Jefferson behind his service station, give me some more squads over here.

Several squads check out.

Received information from Methodist the officer involved in the shooting, officer J. D. Tippit was DOA.

They say he's running west in the alley between Jefferson and Tenth.

Rebranched this information.

I'm at Thirteenth and Beckley now, have a man in the car that can identify the suspect if anybody gets him.

Several minutes later.

Received information from Methodist the officer involved in the shooting, officer J. D. Tippit was DOA.

Rebranched this information.

Do you know what kind of a call he was on?

Repeat.

Was he on a call or anything.

No.

Do you have any information for us?

Nothing, we're shaking down these old houses on the 400 block of East Jefferson right now.

Semi me another squad over here to Tenth and Crawford to check out this church basement. 66 checked out.

(Excited) He's in the library on Jefferson east 500 block 223 called again.

What is the location?

Karatella and Jefferson, library, I'm going around back got somebody around the front, got them here fast.

Jay unit near Karatella and Jefferson at the library.

Transmission garbled.

They got his held up, looks like in this building at the corner.

We're all at the library.

I have an eye ball witness to the get away man that suspect in this shooting white male twenty seven, five eleven, one sixty five, black wavy hair, fair complexion, wearing a light gray Eisenhower jacket dark trousers, white shirt last seen running on the north side of the street from Patton on Jefferson to East Jefferson. He's apparently armed with a .32 dark finish automatic pistol which he had in his right hand.
For your information, they have the suspect cornered at the library at Marsalis and Jefferson.

10:44 This man can positively identify him if they need him.

They do have the suspect under arrest now. Hold on to your witness.

It's the wrong man.

I disregard all information on the suspect arrested, it was the wrong man.

221 has an eye witness to the shooting you want him to hold on to him.

Where is he?

You want him to keep the eye witness at the scene?

Yes.

I'm in front of 404 E. Tenth right now. I got two witnesses. I got one that talked to the officer and one that observed the man.

What officer have you got commanding this area over here where this officer was shot?

19.

What is your location?

I'm at Marsalis and Jefferson.

There is nothing to this Marsalis here, let's get back up to the place and work to north Jefferson, we got a witness that saw him shed his jacket and check towards Tyler.

(223 interrupted this transmission several times.)

It was just a boy running to tell them what happened. He works there.

Shells at the scene indicate the suspect is armed with an automatic .38 rather than a pistol.

/hr you enroute 404 E. Tenth where 221 has the eye witness. Yes.

We've been instructed to report to the Oak Cliff scene, what's the location and code.

300 E. Jefferson code two.

4650-531 492-531

We've been instructed to report to the Oak Cliff scene, what's the location and code.

300 E. Jefferson code two.

4650-531 492-531

Have information the suspect just went into the Texas Theater on West Jefferson, supposed to be hiding in the balcony. 550-2, 492, 211, and many more squads surround the Texas Theater.

I'm running out to the Homicide Bureau with a witness on the officer's shooting.

Suspect on shooting of police officer is apprehended in route to the station.

From the Texas Theater, 550-2, 531-2, 531 got him on the lower floor of the Texas Theater after a fight.

Advised of shooting and apprehension.

305 advised.

223 is in the car with us, also 492.

Respectfully,

Ralph Hayslipper Sgt.

SAWYER EXHIBIT No. A—Continued