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He said he knew of no association between THE HARVEY OSUALD and JACK RUBY.

Mrs. U. L. "JACK" THORNTON (RUTH THORNTON), advised that she is a Deputy District Clerk in Griminal District Court No. 4, Dallas County, and she recalled that on November 22, 1963, she observed the Presidential parade from Criminal District Courtroom No. 2 in the Dallas County Court Building, and had been observing it for about ten minutes before the motorcade turned off of Main Street. She said she was looking out of a window on the Main Street side of the building and then walked over to a window on the Houston Street side, as the Presidential car drove toward the triple overpass.

She said she heard a report which she believed was a car backfiring, until somebody said that was a shot!

Then she said two more reports followed in quick succession and she observed Mrs. KENNEDY as she stood up in the rear scat of the Presidential car, and about that same time she observed a plainclothes officer jump on the rear part of the Presidential car just before it was rushed away.

She said she did not look toward the Texas School Book Depository building, and after thinking the eventover, she doubted that she could have seen the window from where the assassin is alleged to have fired the shot that killed President KENNEDY. She said the only person that she recalled that was present while she was watching the shooting of the President was SAM PATERNOSTRO.

Mrs. THORNTON said she has never known LEE HARVEY OSUAID or JACK RUBY. She saidshe had never visited either the Carousel or the Vegas Club and that she knows of no association between OSMALD and RUBY except that released by the news media subsequent to the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

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