

Mr. BALL. I offer this as "B," then. Mark it as "B" so that we have "A" and "B" now.

Officer, this will be written up and submitted to you for your signature and you can read it over and change it any way you wish, or you may waive your signature at this time, which do you prefer?

Mr. FOSTER. Well, it doesn't matter.

Mr. BALL. Suit yourself. You make the choice.

Mr. FOSTER. I would just as soon go ahead and sign it.

Mr. BALL. All right. We will notify you and you can get in here and sign it.

Mr. FOSTER. All right.

Mr. BALL. Thank you. One moment, please.

Who gave you your assignment, Mr. Foster?

Mr. FOSTER. Sergeant Harkness.

Mr. BALL. You did permit some railroad employees to remain on the over-pass?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, sir.

Mr. BALL. How did you determine they were railroad employees?

Mr. FOSTER. By identification they had with them. Identification they had and the other men that was with them verifying that they were employees.

Mr. BALL. Okay.

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### TESTIMONY OF J. C. WHITE

The testimony of J. C. White was taken at 11:45 a.m., on April 9, 1964, in the office of the U.S. attorney, 301 Post Office Building, Bryan and Ervay Streets, Dallas, Tex., by Mr. Joseph A. Ball, assistant counsel of the President's Commission.

Mr. BALL. All right, will you stand up and be sworn.

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. WHITE. I do.

Mr. BALL. All right.

Mr. BALL. Will you state your name, please.

Mr. WHITE. J. C. White.

Mr. BALL. What is your residence?

Mr. WHITE. 2803 Klondite.

Mr. BALL. And your occupation?

Mr. WHITE. Policeman.

Mr. BALL. Did you receive a letter from the Commission?

Mr. WHITE. No, sir.

Mr. BALL. For a request to—

Mr. WHITE. No, sir.

Mr. BALL. You were asked to come here by your—

Mr. WHITE. Captain.

Mr. BALL. Which captain?

Mr. WHITE. Lawrence.

Mr. BALL. Now, the Commission was established to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy. We want to ask you some questions about information that you might have that might aid us in that investigation.

I am a Staff officer of the Commission named Ball. Joseph A. Ball. I am authorized to administer the oath to you, to make this inquiry. During the course of our investigation in Dallas we discovered that you and the man that you were working with that day, Mr. J. W. Foster, knew of some facts that might aid us in the investigation. We asked Chief Curry if we could have you come up here and testify, and I guess that is the reason you are here.

You are willing to testify, are you not?

Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.

Mr. BALL. Tell us whatever you know about it.

Mr. WHITE. I don't know.  
Mr. BALL. Well, I can ask you.  
Mr. WHITE. Okay.  
Mr. BALL. I will ask you questions. Where were you born?  
Mr. WHITE. Van Alstyne, Tex.  
Mr. BALL. Where did you go to school?  
Mr. WHITE. Van Alstyne, Tex.  
Mr. BALL. How far through school?  
Mr. WHITE. Ninth grade there.  
Mr. BALL. Then what did you do?  
Mr. WHITE. I went into the Army.  
Mr. BALL. And how long were you in the Army?  
Mr. WHITE. About 3 years.  
Mr. BALL. And what did you do?  
Mr. WHITE. Went to driving a city bus.  
Mr. BALL. How long did you drive a city bus?  
Mr. WHITE. 6 years.  
Mr. BALL. Then what did you do?  
Mr. WHITE. Joined the Police Department.  
Mr. BALL. How long ago?  
Mr. WHITE. 1956.  
Mr. BALL. And what are you now?  
Mr. WHITE. Accident investigator.  
Mr. BALL. And your rank is a patrolman?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. Now, on November 22, 1963, did you have an assignment?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. Where?  
Mr. WHITE. On the triple underpass.  
Mr. BALL. And were you there with someone?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. Who?  
Mr. WHITE. J. W. Foster.  
Mr. BALL. Where were you?  
Mr. WHITE. Standing on the west side of the overpass.  
Mr. BALL. On the west side of the overpass?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes.  
Mr. BALL. Where were you with reference to Elm, Main or Commerce as they go underneath the overpass?  
Mr. WHITE. Approximately at the north curb of Main Street.  
Mr. BALL. Approximately the north curb of Main on the corner of the north curb of Main? That would be——  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. On the west side of the overpass?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes.  
Mr. BALL. I'm going to get another copy of this map. Let me see. I can use this. Mark this as Exhibit A to your deposition. Now, a diagram that was drawn by a patrolman, Joe Murphy, and he has made some marks and other witnesses have, but don't pay any attention to that. I want you to look at this drawing and take a pen and mark your position on the railroad overpass in a circle, and put your initials beside it.  
You have made an "X".  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. And you have initialed J. C. White, is that right?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. Over the—what would be the west curb of Main?  
Mr. WHITE. North curb of Main.  
Mr. BALL. The north curb?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes.  
Mr. BALL. North curb of Main?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. And west side of the overpass?

Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. Is there a rail there?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. How many people were on that overpass that day?  
Mr. WHITE. On the same side I was on?  
Mr. BALL. Yes.  
Mr. WHITE. None.  
Mr. BALL. None? Any people attempt to come up on the overpass around noon?  
Mr. WHITE. Not on my side.  
Mr. BALL. They did not?  
Mr. WHITE. No, sir.  
Mr. BALL. Had you seen your partner send any people away from the overpass?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. You had certain instructions, didn't you?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. What were they?  
Mr. WHITE. Not to let any unauthorized personnel on top of the overpass.  
Mr. BALL. Now, you did permit some people to stay on the overpass, didn't you?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. Who were they?  
Mr. WHITE. Workers of the railroad company.  
Mr. BALL. Were they people you knew?  
Mr. WHITE. No, sir.  
Mr. BALL. Well, how did you know they were workers with the railroad company?  
Mr. WHITE. Majority of them were there when we got there, working on the rails.  
Mr. BALL. And you let them stay there?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. Did you see the President's car come into sight?  
Mr. WHITE. No, sir; first time I saw it it has passed, passed under the triple underpass.  
Mr. BALL. You were too far away to see it, were you?  
Mr. WHITE. There was a freight train traveling. There was a train passing between the location I was standing and the area from which the procession was traveling, and—a big long freight train, and I did not see it.  
Mr. BALL. You didn't see the procession?  
Mr. WHITE. No, sir.  
Mr. BALL. Before the train went by, did you see some railroad personnel over on the—would it be the—  
Mr. WHITE. East side?  
Mr. BALL. East side of the overpass?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. How many people?  
Mr. WHITE. About 10, approximately. I didn't count them.  
Mr. BALL. Did you hear any shots?  
Mr. WHITE. No, sir.  
Mr. BALL. Didn't?  
Mr. WHITE. No, sir.  
Mr. BALL. First time you saw the President's car it was going underneath?  
Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.  
Mr. BALL. What did you do after that?  
Mr. WHITE. As soon as the train passed I went over and on the northwest side of the Depository Building. On the northwest side of the book store up there with the rest of the officers and after about 30 minutes they told me to go out and work traffic at Main and Houston, and I stood out there and worked traffic.  
Mr. BALL. All right, now, you heard no sound of no rifle fire or anything?  
Mr. WHITE. No, sir.

Mr. BALL. Freight train was going through at the time?

Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.

Mr. BALL. Making noise?

Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir; noisy train.

Mr. BALL. Mr. White, Mr. Foster was on the east side of the overpass?

Mr. WHITE. Yes, sir.

Mr. BALL. This deposition will be written up and submitted to you for your signature if you wish to sign it, or you can waive your signature. Which do you wish to do?

Mr. WHITE. You said a while ago to him it would be written up like this? Is that correct?

Mr. BALL. No, it will be written up in the form of a deposition.

Mr. WHITE. I will waive.

Mr. BALL. You waive it. Okay. Fine.

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### TESTIMONY OF JOE E. MURPHY

The testimony of Joe E. Murphy was taken at 9:50 a.m., on April 8, 1964, in the office of U.S. attorney, 301 Post Office Building, Bryan and Ervay Streets, Dallas, Tex., by Mr. Joseph A. Ball, assistant counsel of the President's Commission.

Mr. BALL. Will you raise your right hand and be sworn?

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give before the Commission will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. MURPHY. I do.

Mr. BALL. Will you state your name and address for the record?

Mr. MURPHY. Joe E. Murphy, 2509 Winthrop; (spelling) W-i-n-t-h-r-o-p, Drive.

Mr. BALL. And what is your occupation?

Mr. MURPHY. Police officer.

Mr. BALL. How long have you been with the Department?

Mr. MURPHY. I am in my 21st year.

Mr. BALL. With the Dallas Police Department?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes.

Mr. BALL. Where were you born?

Mr. MURPHY. Dallas.

Mr. BALL. Where did you go to school?

Mr. MURPHY. High school—St. Joseph High School here in Dallas.

Mr. BALL. You went all through school here in Dallas, did you?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, sir; that's right.

Mr. BALL. What did you do after you got out of high school?

Mr. MURPHY. Well, I played pro baseball for about 2 years, Class D—West Texas and New Mexico League. After that I went to work for the Humble Oil and Refining Co. in Baytown. I was down there about 2 years and came back to Dallas and then I went to work on the police force.

Mr. BALL. And you have been there ever since?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes.

Mr. BALL. You are a patrolman, are you?

Mr. MURPHY. That's right.

Mr. BALL. Do you have a three-wheeler?

Mr. MURPHY. A three-wheeler—yes.

Mr. BALL. On November 22, 1963, did they assign you to some post?

Mr. MURPHY. Yes, I was assigned to the overpass—the Stemmons Freeway overpass northbound at Elm Street—over Elm.

Mr. BALL. What instructions did you have?

Mr. MURPHY. It was to keep anyone and everyone off of the overpass and to keep traffic moving until the motorcade arrived.

Mr. BALL. Now, you have a map here which you have drawn for us to show