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Memorandum

U. S. Secret Service

TO : Chief

DATE: December 10, 1963

FROM : Gerard B. McCann, Inspector

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SUBJECT: Conduct of Special Agents in Fort Worth, Texas, as Alleged in Newspaper Column of Drew Pearson, Monday, December 2, 1963

Attached hereto is memorandum report dated December 5, 1963, covering inquiry made at Fort Worth, Texas, by this Inspector, in company with Special Agent in Charge Sorrells, from December 1 through 4, 1963. This inquiry relates to the above-captioned matter.

As instructed, all members of the White House Detail, who made the trip to Fort Worth, Texas, were contacted and written statements obtained from those Special Agents who either attended the Fort Worth Press Club reception or "The Cellar Coffee House," both in Fort Worth, Texas. The statements, in effect, substantiate the findings at Fort Worth that no Special Agent was intoxicated while at Fort Worth. Nine (9) Special Agents readily admit attending the Press Club reception, the consumption of refreshment ranging from one mixed drink to three beers. Ten (10) Special Agents admit being in "The Cellar Coffee House" consuming coffee or fruit juice (no alcoholic beverage of any type dispensed at this club).

It is noted that of the 28 members of the White House Detail who accompanied the President to Fort Worth, only nine off-duty agents attended the Press Club reception, three (3) of whom were on the 4:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight shift and who had been relieved and not scheduled for further duty until 12:00 noon at The Trade Mart in Dallas, prior to the arrival of the President. A review of statements made by Special Agents who were at the Press Club reception indicates the latest time of departure as 1:45 a.m., however, one statement by Reporter Phil J. Record places the approximate time of departure as approximately 3:00 a.m.

Attached hereto are the following:

1. Column by Drew Pearson, December 2, 1963.
2. Statements by members of the White House Detail involved.
3. Copies of statements by (a) Calvin Sutton, Sunday Editor, Star-Telegram, Fort Worth, Texas; (b) Barbara Richardson, Reporter; (c) Phil J. Record, Reporter; (d) Richard J. Mackie and Pat Kirkwood, Cellar Coffee House, Fort Worth, Texas.
4. Letter from Miss Barbara Richardson, dated December 3, 1963, complimentary in nature.

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5. Letter, dated December 3, 1963, from Donald C. Bubor, Attorney-at-Law, Fort Worth, Texas, highly complimentary, and offering to come forward with at least 30 others to praise this Service for the manner in which all of our men conducted themselves and discharged their duties.
6. Letter to Chief Rowley, dated December 6, 1963, from Mr. James W. Mangan, Texas Bureau Assistant, The Associated Press, Dallas, Texas, complimentary to our agents, and in which he states, "I was disturbed that certain accounts indicated the Secret Service was carousing, because that was not what I saw." Copies of this letter were sent by Mr. Mangan to Senator Young of Ohio.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Chief

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FROM : Inspector Gerard B. McCann
and SAIC Sorrels - Dallas

SUBJECT: Conduct of Special Agents in Fort Worth, Texas, as Alleged in
Newspaper Column of Drew Pearson, Monday, December 2, 1963

This report is submitted to cover an investigation made at Fort Worth, Texas, by Inspector Gerard B. McCann, Washington, D. C., and Special Agent in Charge Forrest V. Sorrels of the Dallas Office.

This investigation was predicated on remarks made by News Commentator Drew Pearson over radio station WTOP (CBS) on Saturday, November 30, to the effect that the night before the incident at Dallas, Texas, six Secret Service Agents spent the night drinking until 3:00 a.m. at the Press Club of Fort Worth; that several of the Agents later went on to a beatnik "joint" called the "Cellar". A similar remark was also made by Pearson in his syndicated newspaper column of December 1, 1963, with the additional statement that "One of them was reported to have been nebriated."

On Sunday, December 1, 1963, in company with SAIC Sorrels, interviewed at Kirkwood and R. J. "Dick" Mackie at the home of Mr. Kirkwood, 220 Cortez Road, Fort Worth, Texas, (CI 4-2336). Pat Kirkwood is the proprietor of the night club called "The Cellar Coffee House", 10th and Main Streets, Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Mackie acts as Manager of this club at times and is employed also by the "B. C." Remedy Company. He resides at 5317 Purington, No. 1, Fort Worth, Texas, (JEfferson 5-7636).

When interviewed, both Kirkwood and Mackie spoke in complimentary terms to all members of the White House party. Mackie stated that he was working in the capacity as Manager on the night of November 21 and morning hours of November 22, 1963, (this club operates from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 or 6:00 a.m., depending on the condition of business). He stated that he had a telephone call shortly after the residential party arrived in Fort Worth from a member of the press. This person told him that various members of the party desired to come down to the "Cellar", i.e., White House Press, White House Staff, and some Secret Service personnel. He stated that as the club is usually busy about this time he (Mackie) made necessary accommodations for use when and if they arrived. He stated that during the night, up until at least 4:30 or 5:00 a.m., numerous White House guests arrived and left. As each arrived they were brought over to Mr. Mackie, introduced as a member of the White House Party or press. He then escorted them to tables.

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Mr. Mackie stated that no one entering was intoxicated or disorderly; that he could not differentiate whether a person was a press member, White House staff guest, or Agent of the Secret Service. (He stated that if there were Secret Service Agents in the room, they certainly were not intoxicated, as each person was introduced to him as they entered.) He advised that all guests left his club in the same condition as they entered as they serve no alcoholic drinks, the only refreshments being coffee, coke, and various fruit drink concoctions bearing unique names, some with an imitation rum flavoring.

On December 2, 1963, Mr. Calvin Sutton, Sunday Editor and Assistant Managing Editor of the Morning Star-Telegram, Fort Worth, Texas, was personally interviewed. Mr. Sutton is also President of the Press Club of Fort Worth. Mr. Sutton advised that he was aware of the remark made by Drew Pearson and was very much disturbed as to their uncomplimentary reference to the Secret Service as he felt they were grossly inaccurate. In his article Drew Pearson stated that the Press Club was supposed to close at 10:00 p.m. This is not correct, as the Press Club has a closing curfew of 12:00 midnight. In a statement, Mr. Sutton admitted that he kept the Press Club open several hours after the curfew but felt obligated as a good host to extend his courtesy to the visiting White House Press and staff. He stated that he felt all would have had a long and hard day and he thought they would welcome a bit of refreshment. No alcoholic beverages were available outside of State liquor stores in compliance with State liquor laws, with the exception of private clubs.

Mr. Sutton advised that this entire matter originated on or about Wednesday, November 27, 1963, when he received a long-distance phone call from Drew Pearson. Pearson advised him at that time that he (Pearson) had been told by White House reporters that several Secret Service Agents were at his Press Club party on November 22, 1963, and one of them could have been inebriated. Mr. Sutton told Drew Pearson at that time that this information was erroneous; that none of the individuals he thought might be Secret Service Agents were inebriated. Further, that he would be unable to identify specific individuals at the Press Club as being Secret Service Agents, White House Press, or White House staff.

During the interview Mr. Sutton stated the only person he was told was a Secret Service Agent was one Andrew Berger. Shortly after midnight, November 21, 1963, Special Agent Berger, accompanied by another person about his same age, entered the Press Club and approached Mr. Sutton. He told Mr. Sutton that he was with the White House party and asked if he would be able to have a personal check cashed. Not having the cash on hand, \$189.40, Mr. Sutton took the check to The Texas Hotel cashier and had it cashed; returning to the Press Club, he turned the proceeds

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over to the person known as Andrew Berger. Mr. Sutton was interested in verifying that the check was good, and as he did not want to embarrass this person for identification before cashing it, he made inquiry later through another person and was told that the person presenting the check was a member of the Secret Service, as well as the person accompanying him. These two persons had a drink or two at the club, remained for a short period and then left the Press Club.

A review of the records indicates that Special Agent Berger had worked the 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight shift, which shift was on duty until approximately 11:50 p.m. at the Texas Hotel; that he and his shift were relieved of duty at approximately 11:50 p.m., November 21, 1963, by the midnight shift and was not scheduled for further duty with his shift until approximately 12:00 noon, November 22, 1963, at the Trade Mart in Dallas, Texas, at which time he would report for duty prior to the arrival of the Presidential party.

Mr. Sutton went on to state that about 2:00 a.m., November 22, 1963, he ordered the bar at the Press Club closed as guests were leaving and no others were entering. About this time a party of about four persons arrived, later identified as Secret Service Agents. Mr. Sutton requested the bartender to serve them one drink, after which the bar was again closed and they left.

During the interview with Mr. Sutton he stated he has been a newspaper man for many years and that he has attended many parties such as the above; that at no time did he see any person who was identified to him as a member of the Secret Service who was intoxicated, disorderly or ill-mannered. Further, that as a citizen of the United States, and knowing the responsibility of Secret Service Agents, there was no activity on the part of any Secret Service Agent at the Press Club which could have interfered with their performance on protection duties. Mr. Sutton stated that at no time did he know of any Agent who had more than one or two drinks. He stated that he felt it very unfair for anyone to infer by innuendo, or other means, that the vicious attack on the President at Dallas could be charged to the dereliction of duty on the part of any member of the Secret Service.

On December 2, 1963, I interviewed Miss Barbara F. Richardson, Reporter, Star-Telegram, Fort Worth, Texas. She stated that while covering the President's arrival in Fort Worth, Texas, on November 21, 1963, she had occasion to talk to several of the Secret Service Agents assigned to the airport pursuant to their protection duties pertaining to security limitations of the press covering the President's arrival. She was later introduced to several of these Agents at the Press Club party. She stated that at no time did she see any person known to her as Secret Service Agents who were intoxicated or conducting themselves in any other than a gentlemanly manner. She further stated that, to her knowledge, none of those she met ordered any alcoholic drink as he paid no attention to what any person ordered.

On December 2, 1963, Mr. Phil J. Record, Police Reporter and part-time night City Editor, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, was personally interviewed. He advised that he could not identify any specific person he saw at the Press Club as being a member of the Secret Service, or White House Press, unless he had been so introduced. The only Secret Service Agent known personally to him was Special Agent Duncan, who made the advance arrangements and was in town about one week prior to the arrival of the President. He stated that Special Agent Duncan was not at the Press Club on November 22, 1963. (Mr. Record did say that during his short stay at the Press Club he had occasion to be introduced to several persons as Secret Service Agents, and that none so introduced could be in any manner classed as drinkers.) Mr. Record stated that all persons acted in a congenial manner and in full control of their faculties. Only one person he met indicated any sign of having been drinking. This party introduced himself to Mr. Record as a member of the White House staff. He was wearing a round red-white identification lapel button, unlike the bar-type badge that he had been told was being worn for identification by Secret Service personnel. He stated that this person, although he showed some indication of drinking, could not be classed as intoxicated. Mr. Record stated that in his opinion no one in the entire White House party was intoxicated, but that some slight qualification might be made as it concerned the man with the round red-white lapel button.

On December 2, 1963, Chief Cato Hightower and Deputy Chief R. R. Howertor were personally interviewed. Chief Hightower expressed surprise at any derogatory remarks made relative to the Secret Service. He expressed his highest regard for our Special Agents and was most complimentary of the advance security arrangements made at Fort Worth by Special Agent Duncan and for the arduous work required by the Agent. He was quite familiar with the minute details made by the Secret Service preparatory to the President's visit, and stated that, based on his knowledge of the security survey made, he would question the motive of anyone who spoke disparagingly about the Secret Service with relation to the security of the President.

On December 2, 1963, Mr. Liston W. Slack, Manager, Hotel Texas, was personally interviewed. He praised in a complimentary manner the work performed by Special Agent Duncan pertaining to security arrangements made at his hotel. Mr. Slack stated that he was more than surprised to learn the details required in making such security arrangements. He described Special Agent Duncan as a most dedicated Special Agent and that he was a person of high repute and that his demeanor was most mannerly. He stated that he would not question his sobriety; that in his official relations with Agent Duncan for a period of the one week prior to the President's visit he had, on several occasions at the day's end, invited Agent Duncan to be his guest for a drink but on each

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occasion he graciously declined. Mr. Slack also spoke in a complimentary manner concerning the entire Secret Service party who remained at his hotel during the visit of the President. He stated that the entire group conducted themselves as gentlemen at all times.

On December 4, 1963, Special Agent James M. Howard, assigned to the Dallas, Texas, Office, and who assisted in the advance arrangements at Fort Worth, Texas, advised that he was on duty at the Texas Hotel from the time the President arrived until 4:00 a.m. on November 22, 1963; that he was representing the Dallas Office and had occasion to meet and to talk to many of the Special Agents accompanying the President from Washington in the lobby, at the President's suite and in the Agents' rooms. He stated that at no time did he ever see any Special Agent of his Service in an intoxicated condition; that he himself was not at the Press Club. This Special Agent's remarks are worthy of comment, as it is known that he does not drink intoxicants of any kind, and it is believed that any remarks by him would be unbiased.

In summary, the facts disclosed the following:


1. That no one who was interviewed at Fort Worth, who was in a position to know, would make any statement to indicate that any Secret Service Agent was intoxicated or acted in any other than a proper manner.
2. That the only person whose sobriety was questioned was a person who represented himself to be a member of the White House staff and that this person was wearing a round red-white lapel identification button, unlike the bar-type worn by Secret Service Agents.
3. That Andrew Berger, the only Secret Service Agent whose identity became known, was off-duty when at the Press Club and that he was not scheduled for further duty until approximately 12:00 noon, November 22, 1963, at the Trade Mart in Dallas.
4. The Press Club remained open from 12:00 midnight until 3:00 a.m., November 22, 1963.
5. That the "Cellar Coffee House" is the only place, outside of the Texas Hotel, which is open after midnight, that serves coffee. That this same "Cellar" serves no alcoholic beverages.

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6. An inquiry of White House Detail personnel disclosed that nine Special Agents were in the Press Club at various times, the latest leaving by 1:45 a.m. The amount of beer or liquor consumed did not exceed more than one or two drinks or an equivalent amount of beer.
7. Only nine members of off-duty shifts were in attendance at various time intervals at the Press Club. Only three of the 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. shift were in the Press Club. They advise they had but two glasses of beer and left at 1:45 a.m. for the "Cellar Coffee House" where they had some coffee.
8. Inquiry also indicated that during the night ten Secret Service Agents had occasion to drop in at the "Coffee House" for coffee or fruit drinks. (No alcoholic beverages dispensed.)

The inquiry failed to establish that any Special Agent of the Secret Service was inebriated, as reported in the attached news item.


Gerard B. McCann
Inspector


Forrest V. Sorrels
SAIC - Dallas

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The Secret Service FBI and Dallas Police

Brown Pearson

THERE ARE three agencies of Government which are sacrosanct as far as congressional investigation or criticism is concerned—the FBI, the Secret Service, and Central Intelligence. In the interest of protecting the life of the President, however, it is my belief that a rigorous investigation should be undertaken regarding the first two.

Here are some facts which should be investigated:

THE SECRET SERVICE—Six Secret Service men charged with protecting the President were in the Fort Worth Press Club the early morning of Friday, November 22, some of them remaining until nearly 3 a.m. This was the same day President Kennedy was assassinated. They were drinking. One of them was reported to have been inebriated. When they departed, three were reported en route to an all-night beatnik rendezvous, "The Cellar."

Obviously men who have been drinking until nearly 3 a.m. are in no condition to be trigger-alert or in the best physical shape to protect anyone.

It has been stated that it was impossible for the Secret Service to check the occupancy of every building along the route. While this is true, it is also true that warehouse type buildings, such as that in which the assassin hid, should be searched, and the extra time spent by Secret Service men at the Fort Worth Press Club could have been spent in so doing.

THE FBI—In Dallas, the police stated that the FBI had interviewed Lee

Oswald but had not informed them about the interview. In Washington, the FBI denied that it had interrogated Oswald recently.

Regardless of whether he was interviewed recently or a long time ago, it is the job of the protective agencies of Government to check on every suspect in any city which the President visits and make sure where he is at the time of the visit.

A man who had been head of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, who had professed Marxism, and whose record showed a mixed-up, unsteady emotionalism, should have been kept under careful watch on the day the President entered his city—one of the most lawless and intolerant cities in the United States.

The Secret Service keeps a file of people who have written threatening letters to the President or who are otherwise suspect. If Oswald was not on their list, the FBI should have communicated with the Secret Service after they interviewed him.

THE DALLAS POLICE—Newsmen who were on the scene in the basement of the Dallas Police Station when the alleged assassin, Lee Oswald, was shot informed me that it is inconceivable the police did not know Jack Ruby was inside.

Most newsmen had to show their credentials to two police guards to enter the basement. It was more difficult to get in than into the White House. Yet a striptease night club operator with a police record of arrests for assault and for carrying concealed weapons was let inside.

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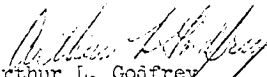
I, Arthur L. Godfrey, shift leader of the 12am-8am section on duty at the Texas Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, on November 22, 1963, do attest to the following:

Special Agents Gerald S. Blaine, Kenneth S. Giannoules, Paul A. Burns, Gerald W. O'Rourke, and Robert R. Faison were on duty at the Texas Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, on the above date.

This section reported for duty at 10:00 p.m. at the hotel entrance (ATSAIC Godfrey and SA Blaine), the hotel lobby (SAs Giannoules and O'Rourke), and the President's suite (SAs Burns and Faison).

Upon the President's arrival, this section moved to the President's floor to secure it for the remainder of this section's tour of duty.

During the night some of the above agents went from the President's floor for coffee during their relief periods. This section was alert throughout their tour of duty, and had nothing stronger than coffee to drink.


Arthur L. Godfrey
Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge
White House Detail

April 29, 1964

Statement of Roy H. Kellerman, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, White House Detail, U. S. Secret Service, pertaining to the night of November 21, 1963, at Fort Worth, Texas:

On November 21, 1963, I, Roy H. Kellerman, was in charge of the White House Detail during the visit of the late President Kennedy to the State of Texas.

President Kennedy arrived at the Texas Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, at about 11 p.m. After the President entered his suite at the hotel and I felt he would not leave his suite during the rest of the night, I retired to my room in the neighborhood of 1 a.m., November 22, 1963. I did not leave the hotel at any time during the night.

I can further attest to the physical condition of Special Agents William Greer, Samuel Kinney, William Duncan, Ned Hall and David Grant. They were not intoxicated, were in full control of their physical and mental capabilities and able to conduct their assignments properly and effectively.



Roy H. Kellerman

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

April 28, 1964

Statement of Emory P. Roberts, Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge, White House Detail, U. S. Secret Service.

On November 22, 1963, I was in charge of the 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. shift of Special Agents and in charge of the special agents that worked the Secret Service follow-up car.

This shift consisted of Special Agents John D. Ready, Donald J. Lawton, William T. McIntyre and Glen A. Bennett, who reported to me for duty at the Texas Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, at 7:20 a.m., on November 22, 1963.

Special Agents Clinton J. Hill and Paul E. Landis who were assigned to the First Lady's Detail (Mrs. John F. Kennedy) reported for duty at the Texas Hotel at approximately 8:05 a.m.

I hereby attest to the fact that I observed all of the above-named special agents before they went on duty and while on duty on November 22, 1963, and none of them showed any indication, whatsoever, that they had been drinking any intoxicating beverages. Each of the special agents assigned to my shift reported on or before the time allotted for their reporting. There was no question in my mind as to their physical and mental capacity to function effectively in their assigned duties.

Special Agents Ready, Lawton, McIntyre, Bennett and myself arrived at the Texas Hotel on November 21, 1963, at approximately 11:50 p.m., (which was a few minutes after the President arrived) and I went directly to my room where I remained until I got up to report for duty on the morning of November 22, 1963.

Special Agents Samuel A. Kinney and George W. Hickey, Jr., were not in Fort Worth, Texas, as they had driven the presidential car and the Secret Service follow-up car to Dallas Airport. SAs Kinney and Hickey were at Dallas when the presidential plane arrived; SA Kinney drove the Secret Service follow-up car and SA Hickey rode in same.

Emory P. Roberts



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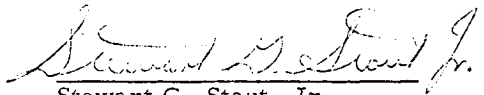
April 29, 1964

Statement of Stewart G. Stout, Jr., Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge, White House Detail, U. S. Secret Service, pertaining to the night of November 21, 1963, and morning of November 22, 1963, at Fort Worth, Texas:

On the night of November 21, 1963, we were working the 4 p.m. to 12 midnight shift, and arrived at the airport at Fort Worth, Texas, at 11:15 p.m., with the late President Kennedy. We drove directly to the hotel with the President where we were relieved by the mid-night to 8 a.m. shift. SA Sulliman and I were sharing a room and we immediately went to our room and to bed. We did not leave the room at the Texas Hotel at any time during the night.

At 7 a.m., November 22, 1963, Special Agents Samuel Sulliman, Richard Johnsen, Ernest Olsson and Andrew Berger and myself reported to the parking lot across the street from the Texas Hotel for our post assignments. The President was scheduled to speak there at 8:30 a.m.

At this time all of the above-mentioned agents were sober, alert, and ready for the performance of their duties.


Stewart G. Stout, Jr.

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April 29, 1964

Statement of Rufus W. Youngblood, U.S. Secret Service,
Concerning Members of the Vice Presidential Detail
in Ft. Worth and Dallas, Texas, on November 21 and 22, 1963

The following statement is being made this date in compliance with the verbal request of Inspector Gerard B. McCann, U.S. Secret Service, on April 28, 1964.

On November 21, 1963, at approximately 11:45 p.m., Vice President and Mrs. Johnson arrived at the Texas Hotel in Ft. Worth and went to their suite.

They were accompanied from Carswell Air Force Base to the Texas Hotel by the following members of the U.S. Secret Service Vice Presidential Detail: ATSAIC Rufus W. Youngblood, ATSAIC Thomas L. Johns, SA Jerry D. Kivett, and SA Warren W. Taylor.

Special Agent Michael J. Shannon of the Vice Presidential Detail was on duty at the suite upon our arrival. He had previously come to Ft. Worth from the LBJ Ranch for the purpose of working the midnight to 6 a.m. shift at the Texas Hotel. His post of duty was in the hallway just outside the door to the Vice Presidential suite.

Special Agent Kivett and myself roomed together in a double room located just a few feet down the hall from the Vice Presidential suite. ATSAIC Johns and SA Taylor roomed together in a double room on another floor of the same hotel.

ATSAIC Johns and SA Taylor, along with myself and SA Kivett, remained on the floor of the Vice Presidential suite and conferred relative to our respective assignments, schedules, etc. for the following day.

Sergeant Paul Glynn, U.S. Air Force, a personal aide to the Vice President, came into our room and notified us when the Vice President retired.

ATSAIC Johns, SA Kivett, and SA Taylor then remained in the hotel and later retired in their respective rooms.

After informing all of the aforementioned personnel of my intentions and my whereabouts (including a phone number), I departed the hotel accompanied by Sgt. Paul Glynn with Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas to make a brief visit to their residence (about 10-12 minutes drive from the hotel). I have known Mrs. Thomas approximately 25 years, as she is a childhood acquaintance from my home town, and I have known Mr. Thomas for approximately 12 years. Mr. Thomas is an employee of the U.S. Weather Bureau and is presently assigned to the Ft. Worth area.

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We visited with them in their home for awhile and then returned to the hotel. Sgt. Glynn went immediately to his room and I stopped for a few minutes in the coffee shop of the hotel with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Shortly thereafter, I said goodbye to them and went upstairs. I stopped and chatted briefly with SA Shannon and then went to my room and retired.

Our first movement with the Vice President on November 22, 1963, was at 8:25 a.m., when he departed his suite. All of the aforementioned Secret Service personnel were on duty that morning. SA Taylor was specifically assigned to remain with Mrs. Johnson at any time she did not accompany the Vice President, and to work jointly with the rest of us when the two were together.

SA Shannon completed his tour of duty in Ft. Worth prior to the Vice President's first movement on November 22. He was instructed to return to Johnson City, Texas, where he would be available to work the midnight shift at the LBJ Ranch on November 23.

In my opinion, all of the aforementioned Secret Service personnel of the Vice Presidential Detail were in condition, mentally and physically, to perform their duties on November 22, 1963.

The foregoing account of events is true and accurate to the best of my recollections.

Rufus W. Youngblood
Rufus W. Youngblood
ASATC - White House Detail
April 29, 1964.

A STATEMENT, BY SPECIAL AGENT
GLEN A. BENNETT, U.S.S.C. - CONCERNING HIS ACTIVITIES
ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963

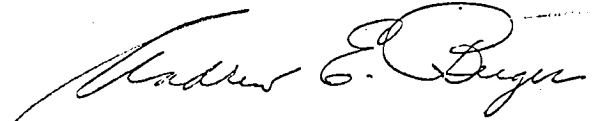
After being on duty for 16 hours on 11/21/63, I arrived, with ATSAIC Emory Roberts' shift, at the Texas Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, about 12:00 midnight. I went to my room and started to prepare for bed. About 12:10 AM, 11/22/63, Special Agent Donald Lawton, U.S.S.C., telephoned my room and asked if I would like to go for a sandwich and beer; that the agents and press had been invited to the Fort Worth Press Club. I asked my roommate, Tim McIntire, if he cared to go; he declined. I met S/A Lawton in the lobby of the hotel and proceeded to the Fort Worth Press Club, located about three blocks from the hotel. I arrived at the Press Club about 12:30 AM and joined agents at a table. The waitress was asked if they were serving any food, she answered in the negative; I then ordered a beer. I had two beers, thanked the hostess for the Club's hospitality and departed about 1:30 AM. I was in the company of two agents upon departing the Press Club; we then decided to go to a place called the Cellar - reputed by the manager at the Press Club to be a coffee house with guitar music/entertainment - no drinks. I arrived at the Cellar at approximately 1:40 AM and had two grape fruit drinks. I departed the Cellar at approximately 3:00 AM and went directly to the hotel.

Glen A. Bennett
Glen A. Bennett
Special Agent, U.S.S.C.

tatement of Special Agent Andrew E. Berger, 1-16 relative to my activities of the night of November 21, & the morning of November 22, 1963 in Fort Worth, Texas.

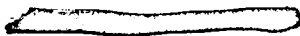
On November 21, 1963 the reporting agent, a member of the 4-12 shift arrived in Fort Worth, Texas via USA# 6970 at 11:00 P. M. I then proceeded to the Texas Hotel in a Fort Worth detective car arriving there at approximately 12:30 P.M. At app. 12 midnight after being told that there would be a buffet at the Fort Worth Press Club I walked to that location. I arrived at this Club at app. 12:20 AM. I consumed exactly 2 bottles of beer while at this club. I then departed this club at app. 1:20 A.M. and proceeded to a so-called coffee shop called the "Cellar". I arrived there at app. 1:40 A.M. While at this location I consumed one beverage which was grapefruit juice. I departed this establishment app. 2:15 A.M., went directly to the Texas Hotel and retired at app. 2:30 AM

For the continuation of the performance of my duties please see my prior memorandum addressed to the Chief.



Andrew E. Berger
Special Agent, 1-16

December 6, 1963


Gerald S. Blaine do make the following statement:

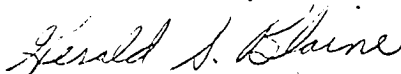
In Fort Worth, Texas, I worked the 12:00PM - 8:00AM shift at the Hotel Texas on November 22, 1963.

During my stay in Fort Worth, Texas, I consumed no Alcoholic beverages either the Press Club or at the Cellar Inn.

Before my tour of duty started I had stopped by the Press Club for about 15 minutes. This was prior to 11:00PM on the 21st of November.

At 5:00AM to 5:10AM I was at the Cellar Inn for a coffee break, but had no beverage at all, coffee or otherwise.

Respectfully Submitted,



COMMISSION EXHIBIT 1020—Continued

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Chief

DATE: December 8, 1963

FROM : SA Paul A. Burns

SUBJECT: Activities, Fort Worth Texas, 11-21 & 11-22, 1963

The following is a statement of activities of my actions in Fort Worth Texas, on November 21 & 22, 1963.


I reported for duty at the Texas Hotel for the 12:00N to 8:00AM Shift, at 11:00PM (11-21-63). I remained on the Presidents Floor until about 3:15AM, when I departed the Hotel, and walked to the Cellar Door Coffee House. I remained at the Cellar Door for about 30 minutes, returning to the Presidents Floor at 3:45A.

During my stay at the Cellar Door, nothing was purchased, nor drank. including coffee, which was found to be \$.60 per cup.

During my stay in Fort Worth, Texas, I did not visit the Press Club, nor the Blackstone Hotel.

The following are statements, true to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

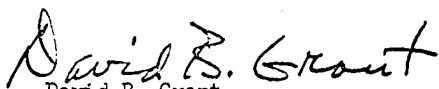

Paul A. Burns
Special Agent
1-16, WHD

December 9, 1963

Statement of David B. Grant

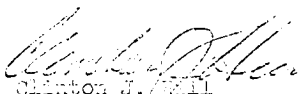
I entered the Dallas Press Club at approximately 1:15am - 1:30am the morning of November 22, 1963. At the Dallas Press Club I had one drink - a scotch and soda. I departed the Dallas Press Club at approximately 1:45am.

I entered the Cellar Club about 2:00am. At the Cellar Club I had nothing to drink. I departed the Cellar Club at approximately 2:45am - 3:00am.


David B. Grant
Special Agent
White House Detail

Statement of Special Agent Clinton J. Hill, regarding my activities
the night of November 21, 1963, and early morning of November 22, 1963,
in Fort Worth, Texas.

Clinton J. Hill, Special Agent, United States Secret Service, discontinued
ly at 12:30 a.m. on November 22, 1963, and went to my room in the Texas
tel. I departed the Texas Hotel between 1:15 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. and went
the Press Club, Fort Worth, arriving there about five (5) minutes after
departure from the Texas Hotel. While at the Press Club I consumed one
) glass of Scotch and water and purchased two (2) packages of cigarettes.
departed the Press Club at approximately 1:45 a.m. I then went to a
ace known as the "Cellar" arriving there at approximately 1:50 a.m. While
the "Cellar" I was served a beverage which I can best describe as grape-
fruit juice and soda. It was called a "Salty Dick". I did not drink the
sire drink. I departed the "Cellar" at approximately 2:45 a.m. and re-
turned to my room in the Texas Hotel.



Clinton J. Hill
Special Agent
United States Secret Service

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Chief

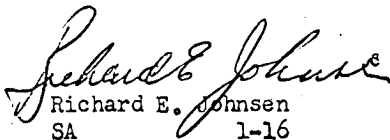
DATE: December 9, 1963

FROM : SA Johnsen - WHD

SUBJECT: Statement of My Activities in Ft. Worth, Texas.

I arrived in Ft. Worth, Texas aboard Air Force One at approximately 11:05 P.M. on Thursday, November 21, 1963. I worked the Secret Service follow-up car from the airport to the Texas Hotel. We arrived at the hotel at about 11:45 P.M. and soon thereafter our shift was relieved by the midnight to 8 A.M. section.

Upon going off duty I went to the press club in a hotel about two blocks from the Texas Hotel. I arrived at the club at about 12:10 A.M., had two beers and left at 12:45 A.M. I arrived at my room in the Texas Hotel at about 12:55 A.M. and shortly thereafter went to bed.


Richard E. Johnsen
SA 1-16

APPROVED:

Gerald A. Behn
SAIC 1-16

COMMISSION EXHIBIT 1020—Continued

Statement of Special Agent Paul E. Landis, Jr., United States Secret Service, concerning his early morning activities in Ft. Worth, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

arrived at the Press Club at approximately 1:15 AM, where I had one (1) Scotch & Soda. I departed the Press Club at approximately 1:45 AM.

arrived at "The Cellar" at approximately 2:00 AM, where I had two (2) drinks which I believe were called "Salty Dick". I departed "The Cellar" at approximately 5:00 AM.

Paul L. Hardis, Jr.

Paul E. Landis, Jr.
Special Agent
U. S. Secret Service

December 9, 1963

Statement of Donald J. Lawton, Special Agent, United States Secret Service, on my activities on the evening of November 21, 1963, and morning of November 22, 1963.

Friday, November 22, 1963, I left the Texas Hotel at about 12:20 a.m. and went to the Blackstone Hotel where the Press Club is located. I arrived at the Press Club at approximately 12:30 a.m. At the Press Club I had three glasses of beer. I left the Press Club at about 1:15 a.m. and went to the "Cellar", arriving there about 1:30 a.m. While at the "Cellar" I had two glasses of what I can best describe as grapefruit juice. I left the "Cellar" at approximately 3:00 a.m. and returned to the Texas Hotel, arriving there at 3:15 a.m.

Donald J. Linton

Donald J. Lawton
Special Agent

COMMISSION EXHIBIT 1020—Continued

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

United States Secret Service

Memorandum

TO : Chief James J. Rowley

DATE: December 8, 1963

FROM : SA Olsson, 1-16 White House Detail

SUBJECT: Activities at Fort Worth, Texas on the evening of November 21-22, 1963.

During the dates concerned I was assigned to the 4:00 P. M. to 12:00 Midnight shift of the Presidential Detail.

At 11:05 P. M. I arrived at Fort Worth, Texas via USAF Aircraft #26000 and accompanied President Kennedy to the Texas Hotel via auto. Shortly after arrival at the Texas Hotel at approximately 11:30 P. M. I and the rest of the 4:00 P. M. to 12:00 Midnight shift were relieved of duty by the 12:00 Midnight to 8:00 A. M. shift.

Upon being relieved, while looking for a place to eat, I was directed by several members of the White House and Local Press to a Press Club located in a hotel approximately two blocks from the Texas Hotel. I and several other Secret Service Agents walked to this Press Club and arrived there about 12:15 A. M. There was nothing to eat at the Press Club, however, I did consume one and one-half mixed drinks. At approximately 1:00 A. M. I departed the Press Club alone and walked back to the Texas Hotel where I went directly to bed.

I did not at any time go to an establishment called the "Cellar" nor did I see any Secret Service Agent in an intoxicated condition.

Ernest E. Olsson Jr.
Ernest E. Olsson, Jr.

Special Agent
1-16 White House Detail

APPROVED:

Gerald A. Behn

Gerald A. Behn
Special Agent in Charge
1-16 White House Detail

COMMISSION EXHIBIT 1020—Continued

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAIC Gerald A. Behn

DATE: December 6, 1963

FROM : SA Gerald W. O'Rourke

SUBJECT: Activities in Fort Worth, Texas.

I, Gerald W. O'Rourke, will make the following statement:

While in Fort Worth, Texas, November 21, 1963, and November 22, 1963, I did not consume any alcoholic beverage and I was at no time in the Fort Worth Press Club.

I worked from 10:00pm, November 21, 1963, until 8:00am, November 22, 1963, on a post at the Texas Hotel. I was relieved from my post and took coffee break at approximately 4:30am, November 22, 1963. I was directed by officers of the Fort Worth Police Department to the "Cellar Cafe". This cafe is located approximately one block from the Texas Hotel. However, due to the high prices in the "Cellar Cafe" I did not eat or drink anything. I was in the "Cellar Cafe" for about fifteen minutes, and at approximately 5:00am I once again assumed my post at the Texas Hotel.

Respectfully submitted, .

Gerald W. O'Rourke
Gerald W. O'Rourke

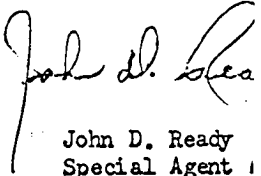
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TRIP TO FORT WORTH, TEXAS

I departed the Texas Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas at about 12:20 A.M., Friday, November 22, 1963, walking about 10-15 minutes to the Fort Worth Press Club. I went there expecting a buffet to be given by members of the press, but there were no sandwiches made available. While there I had two cans of beer and left this club between the time of 1:15 A.M. and 1:30 A.M.

I arrived at the Cellars, a Fort Worth coffee-house at about 1:45 A. Here I had two, a third which I consumed partially, fruit drinks. I remained here until about 3:15 A.M. then departed, and walked to the Texas Hotel.

The Cellars does not have a license to serve alcoholic beverages, and to the best of my knowledge none were served. I had no alcoholic drinks while here.


John D. Ready
Special Agent
1-16

COMMISSION EXHIBIT 1020—Continued

DONALD B. SUBAR
ATTORNEY AT LAW
302 MUTUAL SAVINGS BLDG.
FORT WORTH 2, TEXAS

December 3, 1963

Handwritten signature and initials

Mr. James Rowley
Chief
United States Secret Service
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Rowley:

The headlines in our local paper this morning tell of an intended Senate investigation respecting the conduct of the members of your organization while in Fort Worth on November 21 and 22.

I was one of thirty men chosen from the Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee here in Fort Worth to assist the Secret Service at the breakfast for President Kennedy at the Texas Hotel. I have nothing but praise for the manner in which all of the men in the Service whom I saw conducted themselves and discharged their duties. Our group had a memorial service for the late President last Tuesday, and I heard many expressions of admiration for the quiet efficiency of the men under whom we served. I was acting under the immediate direction of Mr. Bill Patterson.

After the presidential party had left the dining room, I went out the Eighth Street door of the Texas Hotel, where the cars were waiting to carry the party out to Carswell Air Force Base. Since the Fort Worth Police officers were having some little difficulty getting the crowd back on the sidewalk, I stopped out here to lend whatever assistance might be needed.

I noticed a young man with chin whiskers, an obvious beatnik, standing in the front line inside of the ropes. So I appointed myself to stand near him and engage him in conversation. He told me and a police officer, who edged up that way also, how he had spent the evening down at the Cellar at Tenth and Main Street the night before and that there were a number of Secret Service men who came down there late at night, he thought to relax. After the presidential party had driven off, I mentioned to the police officer that no doubt the members of the Secret Service were down at the Cellar trying to memorize the faces of all of the queer individuals down there. At least that would have occurred to me as a wise precaution.

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December 3, 1963

The only untoward incident which I was involved in that morning was in the Ballroom when a Brigadier General walked in without either a ticket to the breakfast or any other credentials except his uniform and decorations. When he first walked in, I was away, getting Congressman Thornberry taken care of by the person who was seating the special guests. When I got back to the door, the woman taking the tickets told me that a general had walked in without any identification, and walked over toward the next door. I communicated with Mr. Patterson at once to tell him about it, and he was interested in locating the general to identify him if possible. I was then told that someone in an officer's uniform had walked out the other door into the foyer.

Shortly after that, the general came back in the door where I was stationed, and the woman taking the tickets turned to me to report that this was the general who had come in earlier unidentified. I told him to wait a moment; that I would get a member of the Secret Service to identify him, since he had no ticket and no badge which we were instructed to acknowledge. He was quite incensed that he should be stopped, and told me that he was the President's Air Force Aide. I told him that that was fine, and I would get Mr. Patterson there in an instant to identify him. As soon as Mr. Patterson saw him, he told me that he was indeed the President's aide and should be admitted.

The General, however, seemed to feel that he had been humiliated in some respect, and told me that in his three years' experience (I suppose as the President's Aide), no one had ever before challenged his right of entry. I told him that I, myself, had served in the Air Force, and that it was there that I had learned to take orders and obey them, and that my orders from Mr. Patterson were that nobody got in without proper identification.

The General continued to press the point, telling me that it was strange that he would have to come back to his hometown to be treated in any such fashion. I reminded him that I could walk down to the Army store and buy a uniform, stars, and all the decorations he wore, and could very easily masquerade as a brigadier general. I was quite astonished that anyone in his position should have felt that he was above all security regulations.

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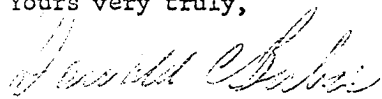
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I have given some thought about writing a letter to the Commanding General of the United States Air Force about the incident. If I do, I will forward you a copy of the letter.

Please know that if any committee of the Senate feels impelled to investigate the conduct of your subordinates while here in Fort Worth, there are at least thirty men that I know of who would be happy to come forward in the defense of your Service.

For your information, during World War II I was Assistant A-2 of the 26th Fighter Command, and later an Assistant Chief of Staff A-2 of the 6th Air Force, serving in Panama.

Yours very truly,



Donald C. Bubar

DCB/sdr

COMMISSION EXHIBIT 1020--Continued

Ft. Worth, Texas
Sunday, December 1, 1963

1. Richard J. Mackie, 5317 Purlington, No. 1, Fort Worth, Texas, make the following statement of my own free will to Inspector Gerard E. McCann in the presence of Mr. Vernon Sorrels, Special Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, relative to the conduct of Secret Service agents while in Fort Worth, Texas. I make this statement with a view of clearing up any statements by anyone that any Secret Service agents were observed by me conducting themselves in anyway but mannerly. On Thursday night, November 21 and Friday, November 22, 1963 I was acting as Manager of the Cellars Coffee House, 19th and Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas. This is an all-night entertainment establishment owned by Pat Kirkwood.

Shortly after the President arrived in Fort Worth, about midnight, Thursday, November 21, I had a call from a member of the press from the Press Club of Fort Worth, the person calling I cannot recall. It is our practice to be hosts to any celebrities coming into town as we operate a unique show place with continuous light entertainment all night. We serve only coffee, fruit juices and no hard liquors or beer. We do have some scantily clad girls who serve as waitresses and also entertain. There is not one allowed to dance as we have no license for such. Our place caters to very high calibre of customers who just like to sit around, listen to impromptu readings, music, etc., and generally enjoy themselves, also, those who like loud music.

The member of the press who called me stated that he was sending and taking members of the White House press, party or Secret Service agents to our place and would like to have them welcomed. As Mr. Kirkwood always desires to act as host to such persons, after I checked with him, I told the press representative to send any and all down for leisure and as our guests.

During the night of November 22, 1963 from midnight on various groups from the White House party came in. They only introduced themselves as the White House party or press party - I met them personally and had them escorted to their seats. I must say this that there was no one in the parties who came in who did not conduct themselves as gentlemen do. As to anyone being drunk I actually saw no one who could be so classed. I would not be able anyway to differentiate between individuals and thus I would not know a person as an agent or press or White House party. All conducted themselves in a most complimentary manner and I sum up by saying we were pleased to have them and all are welcome back.

At no time did any press man question me as to any Secret Service agent in my place, except an NBC cameraman whom I do not know did mention to me that I should be careful as "I (meaning the press) do not like those ba---ds, they just keep pushing us around". This was the only talk I had with any press as it concerns any member of the Secret Service.

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I consider those agents as well representative of your Service and no one, I do believe, could say that there were any drunks in this group and that also covers the members of the entire party.

/signed/ Richard J. Mackie

Pat Kirkwood

Witness:

/s/ F. V. Sorrels, SAIC, U.S. Secret Service
/s/ Gerard B. McCann, Inspector, U. S. Secret Service,
Washington, D. C.
December 1, 1963

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
TIMES-HERALD BUILDING
DALLAS 2, TEXAS

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December 6, 1963

Mr. James Rowley
Chief, Secret Service Division
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

At the request of Inspector Tom Kelly, I am writing to give you my first hand impressions of what occurred at the Fort Worth Press Club early on the morning the President was shot. I was there as part of the press corps covering the President.

We--newsmen and a scattering of secret service men--gathered at the club to relax after a hard day. We had been invited by Club President Cal Sutton to use the facilities. There was no revelry, no party. We sat around chatting. The agents kept by themselves, taking an obviously well-deserved breather.

I was disturbed that certain accounts indicated the Secret Service was carousing, because that was not what I saw.

Sincerely,

James W. Mangan
James W. Mangan
Texas Bureau Assistant

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CC: Sen. Young of Ohio, Washington, D.C.
Mr. Forrest Sorrels, Secret Service, Dallas

COMMISSION EXHIBIT 1020--Continued

Fort Worth, Texas
December 2, 1963

I, Phil J. Record, a part time Police Reporter and part time City Editor (night) 5533 Wheaton Dr., Fort Worth, Texas, hereby make the following statement to try to set the record straight as to my knowledge of any activity on the part of the Secret Service agents while in Fort Worth, Texas.

To begin with of the persons I met and had contact with from the White House I cannot make any statements that any were agents of the Secret Service. I had met Agent Duncan at the Press Club about a week before Nov. 21, 1963 and I secured a pass for him as he was to be here all week and we wanted to extend our invitations. I might say that Duncan was not at the Club on the 21st or 22nd of November.

About 2:30 AM on Nov. 22, 1963 I went to the Press Club. There I saw a man with another reported, Barbara Richardson. I was later told that this man was a Secret Service agent. I could not say whether this person was or had been drinking and from his demeanor did not affect me as one drunk. I visited with the White House press, then I went by a table containing several men identified by someone unknown as Secret Service agents. At the table also was one girl, dressed in red and a reporter Barbara Richardson. I believe Barbara said something about going to the "Cellar" to make arrangements (meaning me) for a table, etc. This was about 3 A.M. About this same time another fellow who had been at the table and was wearing a round red and white lapel badge, unlike the bar badge that I had been told was worn by Secret Service agents asked for the men's room and told me, after a brief conversation, that "I'm on the White House Staff."

About 3 A.M., or shortly thereafter this man who said he was on the Staff, Barbara Richardson, Bob Schieffer, a reporter, the other men at the table, about 4 in number and the woman in the red dress, with myself got on the elevator and left. Schieffer and I got off on the second floor to eat at the Coffee Shop and the others continued on to the "Cellar".

Shortly after 4 A.M. Schieffer and I went to the "Cellar" and saw there the man who said he was on the Staff, Barbara Richardson, the man whom I was told was a Secret Service Agent, and several other people at the same table. I do not know if these other men were at the Press Club nor whether they were Secret Service.

Of the persons I met I would not classify any as drunk, in fact the entire group appeared to be definitely sober and mannerly at the "Cellar". I will say that the only person who showed any sign of drinking at all of the entire group was the man who identified himself as on the White House Staff and wore the round red-white button.

I cannot say that any Secret Service or staff member, as I knew them, was drunk, disorderly or in any way obnoxious at the Press Club or "Cellar". The only person I would question as to conducting his affairs the next day, or then, would be the fellow with the red and white, round lapel button, identified

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as a White House Staff member.

I make the above remarks only to state in my opinion, as to the activities as I saw them at the Press Club and the "Cellar".

/signed/ Phil J. Record

Witnessed:

/s/ Gerard B. McCann, Inspector, U.S. Secret Service
/s/ F. V. Sorrels, SAIC, U. S. Secret Service

I, Barbara Faye Richardson, a reporter for the Morning Star-Telegram, would like to make the following statement relative to the conduct of any special agents of the Secret Service, whom I met or had occasion to be introduced to on Nov. 21 and 22 while in Fort Worth.

As a reporter, I attended the Press Club's reception for the Washington Press Corps, White House Staff or other invited persons. During the reception I met many press personalities and several gentlemen who were Secret Service Agents from Washington.

I arrived at 1 a.m. Nov. 22 after writing my story for the morning paper. Calvin Sutton, Press Club President, knowing I am single, introduced me to several of the persons there from Washington. I sat at the table with these persons and through a very bad fault socially and for a reporter, can't identify many of them by name now. Their faces I remember.

During the hour or so that I was there, I talked to several of the White House Press corps (some of whom I already knew) and Secret Service agents.

I had two or possibly three drinks while I was there, but saw no one introduced to me as a Secret Service agent who was inebriated or near it.

Later I moved to another table to meet some late arrivals who were friends of the persons I had just met. One drink was served.

After leaving the Press Club, the group went to the Star-Telegram to buy a morning paper which comes off the presses at 2 a.m., and then went to the Cellar, a night spot that poses as a beatnik place. The only two persons whose names I can recall in the party were Malcolm Kilduff and Andrew Berger. No one was inebriated. Mr. Berger was drinking an orange drink and I heard no one of the Secret Service order anything with alcohol content either at the Cellar or at the Press Club.

I personally believe that their activities that night and morning did not and could not have slowed or interfered with their effectiveness in their duties the following day.

Witnessed:

Gerard B. McCann, Inspector, U.S.S.S.
F.V. Sorrels, SAIC, U.S. Secret Service

/signed/ Barbara Richardson
2901 Travis Ave., Apt. 51
Fort Worth, Texas
Walnut 3-3335

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT 1020—Continued

I, Calvin Sutton, Sunday Editor and Assistant Managing Editor of the morning Star Telegram, Ft. Worth, Texas, desire to make the following statement of my own free will in the presence of Inspector Gerard E. McCann and Special Agent in Charge Forrest V. Sorrels, U.S. Secret Service, with a view of clarifying any activities known to me relative to the conduct of Special Agents of the Secret Service who were in Ft. Worth, Texas, on November 21 and 22, 1963.

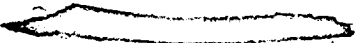
In addition to my regular employment I also serve as President of the Press Club of Ft. Worth. In conjunction with this duty I called our Bureau Representative in Austin, Harley Pershing and Sam Kinch on Thursday, November 21, who were traveling with the Presidential press party to Ft. Worth. They requested that I furnish complimentary passes to the Press Club for the use of the White House party when they arrived in Ft. Worth.

I have been put on notice of the article appearing by Drew Pearson in the December 2nd morning papers in which he makes certain accusations as to the Secret Service and the Ft. Worth Press Club and I would like to set forth to the best of my recollection just what transpired.

In order to clarify the statement made by Mr. Pearson that the Press Club was supposed to close at 10 P.M., I want to state that our Club has a midnight curfew pursuant to state laws. Along this line I also want to state that we realize, because of the importance of the party, and the fact that they did not arrive until after 11 P.M., that we might have stayed open longer than our curfew but we felt obligated to remain open to serve a few drinks and to be congenial hosts.

About midnight, November 21, our club started to receive various persons from the Presidential party, press, staff, etc. About this time a person who was not introduced to me entered with another man unknown to me and stated that he was with the White House party and wondered if I would cash a check for him in the amount of \$189.40. I took this check to the Texas Hotel as I didn't have that much money on hand and they cashed it for me. I returned and gave him the proceeds at which time I noticed that he was joined by four other persons whom I did not know. After giving him the money one of my associates indicated that these persons were probably Secret Service agents and that you could tell them by a lapel button. This party had a drink or two at the Club and no one of them could be classified as drunk or near drunk. In fact they were emphatically not drunk. About 2:00 AM November 22, I ordered a shut-off by the bartender of all further drinks as guests were leaving and there appeared to be no other guests arriving. Just about this time four to six other persons entered and a reporter friend of mine said this was another group from Secret Service. In this group were two ladies. Feeling that they had no time to be here earlier I told the bartender to serve them one drink each which was done and the bar was closed.

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Of the entire groups that I met, and I must say that the only person I could definitely identify was a Secret Service Agent was Mr. Berger because of the check incident. I saw none drunk or nearly drunk by any means. There was one person of the entire group who did appear to have had a drink or two before coming to the Press Club but even he could not be construed to be inebriated - I say this because I talked to him and he was certainly in full control of all his faculties.

During the course of time this reception was open several of the persons indicated that they intended to go to the Cellar, an all-night entertainment establishment bordering on the beatnik type and which night club serves only coffee and no alcoholic beverages.

During the reception I also had occasion to introduce one of my female reporters, Miss Barbara Richardson, to the various groups. As Barbara Richardson is single I felt that she might be good company for visiting guests. Miss Richardson left the reception with one of these groups.

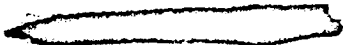
I want to say this particularly that I have been a reporter and newspaper man for many years. I have been involved in many parties held by the press and others and I think I can safely say that I am in a good position to state whether one is drunk or sober or incapable of performing a duty. Based on this experience I will say definitely that there was no one introduced to me or known to me as a Secret Service Agent who did not conduct himself as a gentleman and I also want to say that as a citizen and knowing the responsibility of these agents can state that no activity on the part of any Secret Service Agent in the Press Club would interfere with their performance of duty in connection with their protection work. Also, that this vicious attack on the President could be in no way connected with derelict of duty as far as I can see on the part of the Secret Service Agents traveling with the President.

On or about Wednesday, November 27, I had a telephone call from a person identifying himself as Drew Pearson, the columnist. Mr. Pearson told me that he was advised by White House reporters who were at the Press Club reception that several Secret Service Agents were at this party and one could have been drunk. I told Mr. Pearson at this time that this was erroneous and that any persons whom I believed were Secret Service Agents were not drunk, nor nearly drunk, and I considered them in complete control of their faculties.

Following this call, It may have been the next day, I called Mr. Kilduff on the phone in Washington at his home, and he not being in at the time, I left word with his wife to call me as soon as possible.

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Mr. Kilduff returned my call the following morning at which time I told him of my call from Mr. Pearson with a view of alerting him of this report.

On Monday, December 2, a person identifying herself as Marian Ottenberg telephoned me at my house from Washington, D. C., and she made reference to the article by Mr. Pearson and in her words indicated that she was a bit upset concerning this article and that she felt a bit on the defensive. I told her that I did not think that this had anything to do with Mr. Kennedy getting killed and that I did not tip Pearson but that I had talked to him.

/signed/ Calvin Sutton

Witnessed:

/s/ Gerard E. McCann, Inspector, U. S. Secret Service

/s/ F. V. Sorrels, SAIC, U. S. Secret Service

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

U. S. Secret Service *gfk*
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TO : Chief
Attn.: Inspector Kelley

DATE: May 19, 1964

FROM : SAIC Sorrels, Dallas *SS*

SUBJECT: Cellar, Coffee House, Fort Worth, Texas

Reference is made to LD phone call this date from Inspector Kelley wherein he instructed that it be determined whether or not customers of the Cellar, an all night coffee house in Fort Worth, Texas, are permitted to bring their own liquor to this place, and to also ascertain if there are any signs posted in the place regarding alcoholic beverages.

On 5-19-64 contacted by phone Mr. W. A. Phillips in charge of the Texas Liquor Control Board, Fort Worth, Texas, who stated it is permissible for patrons visiting night clubs, restaurants, etc., to take their own liquor and drink it as these places up to 12:15 A. M. on weekdays and 1:15 A. M. on Sundays. Mr. Phillips stated that no liquor is served by the Cellar employees as this place does not have a license to sell intoxicating beverages. Mr. Phillips stated that the Cellar does sell imitation drinks, but that such drinks are not considered as alcoholic beverages because the alcoholic content is too low. Mr. Phillips states that he sends undercover investigators to the Cellar from time to time to obtain samples of mixed drinks sold by the Cellar, but that so far he has not found that these imitation mixed drinks contain even the minimum requirements of alcohol for them to be classed as alcoholic beverages. Mr. Phillips stated that they also check this place to see if there are any minors who are drinking alcoholic beverages, but that they have not found any violations so far.

On 5-19-64 contacted by phone Pat Kirkwood who is the owner of the Cellar who again stated that they do not sell any drinks containing alcohol, other than the alcohol which is contained in the flavoring used in mixing the imitation cocktails, etc. He stated that customers are permitted to bring their own liquor and that they sell the setups to the customers. He stated that no customers are permitted to drink alcoholic beverages brought by themselves after 12:15 A. M. weekdays and 1:15 A. M. on Sundays; that at 5 minutes to 12 each night except Sunday mornings which would be at 5 minutes to 1 o'clock, that an announcement is made over the loud speaker system that it is "bottle time" which means that anyone having a bottle of liquor will have to take it to their cars or else check it at the cash register and pick it up when they leave the place, and that under no circumstances would he permit drinking of alcoholic beverages after the curfew time as to do so would mean that his place would be closed. He also stated that his employees are all instructed to keep a careful watch as to underage customers drinking liquor and that they do not permit them to do so in his establishment. He stated that the package stores close at 10 P. M. each night, and that usually there is an announcement made about 9:30 P. M. or shortly thereafter that liquor stores close at 10 P. M. and that anyone wanting to get a bottle should do so.

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Pat Kirkwood stated that he does not have any signs on the walls of his place regarding alcoholic beverages as it is known that they are not permitted to sell alcoholic beverages in his place of business.

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