

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 2/20/64

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ROBERT LEE OSWALD, also known as ROBERT L. OSWALD, 1009 Sierra, brother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, advised that on January 13, 1964 THOMAS HERBERT MARTIN, business manager for MARINA OSWALD, told him that MARINA had told MARTIN that when RICHARD NIXON visited Dallas, date unknown, MARINA found out that LEE HARVEY OSWALD intended to shoot NIXON.

MARTIN indicated to ROBERT OSWALD that MARINA had locked LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the bathroom the entire day that he planned to shoot NIXON to prevent him from doing so.

ROBERT OSWALD stated that on the same date that MARTIN related the above information to him MARINA also told him the same thing during a trip to the cemetery to visit the grave of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

ROBERT OSWALD does not know where LEE HARVEY OSWALD and MARINA were living at the time that LEE HARVEY planned to shoot NIXON and does not know when this incident occurred but vaguely recalls NIXON's visit to Dallas as being in the summer or early fall of 1963.

ROBERT OSWALD stated he does not recall MARINA stating how she knew that LEE HARVEY planned to shoot NIXON.

CITY OF DALLAS  
TEXAS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

July 17, 1964

President's Committee  
on the Assassination of President Kennedy  
200 Maryland Avenue Northeast  
Washington D. C. 20002

Attention: Mr. J. Lee Lamkin  
General Council

Dear Sir:

The following information is furnished as requested in your letter of July 3, 1964.

1. Officers from the Dallas Police Department stationed in the vicinity of Houston and Elm Streets at the time of the assassination are as follows:

Sergeant D. V. Harkness	-	Main and Houston
Officer W. K. King	-	Main and Houston
Officer C. E. Lewis	-	Commerce and Houston
Officer Joe Murphy	-	Stemmons Freeway Service Road Overpass atop Overpass
Officer J. B. Allen	-	Main and Houston
Officer W. H. Denham	-	Main and Houston
Officer W. E. Barnett	-	Elm and Houston
Officer J. M. Smith	-	Elm and Houston
Officer E. L. Smith	-	Elm and Houston
Officer J. W. Foster	-	East side of Elm and the Railroad Overpass
Officer J. C. White	-	West side of Elm and Railroad Overpass
Officer J. A. Lomax	-	T & P Overpass across Stemmons Freeway just north of Elm Street
Officer E. V. Brown	-	T & P Overpass across Stemmons Freeway just north of Elm Street

on 2/19/64 at Denton, Texas File # DL 100-10461  
by Special Agent BARDWELL D. ODUM/tll Date dictated 2/19/64

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A map is attached showing location of each officer together with a copy of a statement from each officer.

A statement from Captain P. W. Lawrence is attached which sets out the instructions which he gave to these officers prior to their assignment in which they were told to closely observe the crowd for any unusual activity or anyone attempting to throw anything that might constitute a threat to the President. They were told that their primary duty was crowd control. These instructions were given to the men between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. in our Detail Room on the morning of November 22, 1963.

2. You also asked for a copy of any written standing instructions or General Order of procedure which the Department may have issued governing these matters.

Since Presidential visits happen so infrequently, no General Order has ever been issued on this particular subject; however, crowd control is one of the major responsibilities of a police officer and one in which he engages frequently. We do have a special course of instruction on crowd control. A copy of one of the instruction pamphlets is attached for your information.

It should also be noted that at 12:19 p.m., 289 requested an ambulance for the 100 block of North Houston, an epileptic seizure. The epileptic seizure occurred in front of the explanade on Houston, approximately halfway between Elm and Main on the west side of Houston. The ambulance departed from the 100 block of North Houston with the epileptic seizure just prior to 12:23 p.m.

The following officers working in the vicinity of Elm, Main and Houston were drawn from their assignments to give assistance to the epileptic and to clear the ambulance through the crowd: Sergeant D. V. Harkness, Officers J. B. Allen, W. K. King, J. M. Smith and W. H. Denham. These officers returned to their posts after the ambulance left - not more than 5 minutes before the Presidential motorcade came through.

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3. There are no written standing instructions or General Orders on procedure which would apply to the practice of a police patrol car moving toward an adjacent district when the car assigned to that district becomes otherwise engaged; however, it is recognized procedure within this Department for patrol cars to cover off adjoining districts whenever the patrol car on the adjoining district become engaged in some activity which prevents them from patrolling their district. It is also the policy within this Department for any squad to assist in major police incidents whenever the officer feels that he is in a position to do so as for instance to move into an adjoining district to aid in the search for robbery and burglary suspects.

In the case of Officer Tippit moving from District 78 to District 91, it should be pointed out that between 12:37 p.m. and 12:45 p.m., the dispatcher requested all squads to report to Elm and Houston in the downtown area, Code 3.

Numerous police squads checked out to the downtown area upon receiving these instructions. Between 12:45 and 12:46 p.m. Squads 87 and 78 (which was Officer Tippit) were specifically requested by the dispatcher to move into the Central Oak Cliff area which does include District 91.

At 12:54 p.m. on Channel 1, police radio, the dispatcher requested 78 (Officer Tippit) to give his location and Officer Tippit replied, "Lancaster and Eighth", and the dispatcher then told Officer Tippit that he would be at large for any emergency that might come in and by this he meant at large in the Oak Cliff area.

It might further be pointed out that Officer Tippit remained on his district until the dispatcher had requested all squads to report to Elm and Houston between 12:30 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. as he had checked out on an investigation in the 4100 block of Bonneyview at 12:17 p.m. and returned to service at 12:20 p.m. The 4100 block of Bonneyview is in District 78 to which he was assigned.

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4. Attached is a copy of General Order #81 governing police dealings with press representatives and a copy of a memorandum dated February 7, 1963, issued to all members of the Department calling attention to the policy set forth in General Order #81.

You also asked for a collected set of instructions on policy and procedure to be followed in the absence of specific orders to the contrary. Attached is a copy of our General Order book, a copy of our Code of Conduct and a copy of Departmental Operating Procedure.

None of these instructions has been modified since November, 1963, as a result of the assassination. The copies attached are up-to-date manuals.

There were a number of deputy sheriffs in the crowd near the scene of the assassination; however, as far as we know, they did not have any specific assignments but were available for assistance. Information on their assignment and location may be obtained from Sheriff Bill Decker.

Yours very truly,

  
J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

JBC:JHS:mw

- Enclosures: 1. Map - location of officers  
2. Twelve statements from officers  
3. Crowd control instruction pamphlet  
4. A copy of General Order #81-press relations  
5. Memorandum dated February 7, 1963 - press relations  
6. General Order book  
7. Code of Conduct  
8. Departmental Operating Procedure

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Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Officer W. E. Barnett  
Statement

Sir:


I made detail at 9:00 a.m. on November 22, 1963. I received my instructions from Captain Lawrence who instructed us to work traffic; watch the people in the crowd to see they didn't throw anything at the President or his motorcade and that it was lawful for people to carry placards but not throw them. Captain Lawrence told us to stop the cars when the motorcade came through.

I was assigned to Elm and Houston not later than 10:00 a.m. and stayed on my assignment until the motorcade came through. I was on my assignment at 10:00 a.m. I was on the northwest corner of Elm and Houston.

I checked the Texas Depository Building around 11:00 a.m. and it was raining and all windows were closed. I talked to some people from the building who wanted to know what time the motorcade would come by. They stated that the building was full of people and they wanted to see the President and Mrs. Kennedy. I advised them to come out on the corner at 11:45 a.m. and at that time close to 100 people came out and lined the sidewalks. When the motorcade came through, I helped stop Elm Street and the Southbound traffic on Houston. I also stopped traffic on the small street which runs directly in front of the Depository Building which dead-ends into the railroad track from Elm and Houston.

When the shots were fired, I looked up and could not see anyone or anything extending out of the windows. I thought the shots were coming from top of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

  
W. E. Barnett  
Patrolman, Traffic Division

WEB:mw

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Mr. J. B. Curry  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Officer W. H. Denham -  
Statement - November 22, 1963

Sir:

I had a Grand Jury subpoena for 8:30 a.m. this date. On completion of the Grand Jury assignment I returned to the City Hall to the Traffic Office and received my assignment from an unknown sergeant who informed me that I was to work traffic at Main and Houston.

I arrived at Main and Houston about 9:45 a.m. Officer Allen was standing on the northwest corner on my arrival and I went over and spoke to him. We stood on the northwest corner looking at the buildings and at the crowd waiting the arrival of the President.

Officer W. K. King arrived later in the morning on a 3-wheel motorcycle and we asked him what the position was at that time. At approximately 12:15 a.m. an unknown witness hollered at us that a man was having an epileptic seizure. Allen and I rushed to the man's assistance and Officer King radioed for an ambulance. The man was approximately 100 to 150 feet north of Main Street on the west side of Houston on the grass. After the ambulance was loaded and gone, I went to the northeast corner of the intersection to help with crowd control and watch for any unusual incidents. The motorcade came west on Main Street, made a turn north into Houston. The motorcade was approximately halfway past my position when I heard the first shot. I did not know where it was coming from.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. H. Denham*  
Officer W. H. Denham  
Traffic Division

WHD:ms

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 1358—Continued

July 16, 1964

Mr. J. B. Curry  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Statement of D. V. Harkness

Sir:

On November 22, 1963, I was working 260 and was assigned to crowd control for the parade. I was assigned on the parade route from Main and Field to Main and Houston. At approximately 12:19 p.m. an ambulance was dispatched to 100 N. Houston for an epileptic seizure victim who was on the west side of the 100 block north Houston. The ambulance departed from this location just a little before 12:25 p.m. To the best of my knowledge, the parade was in the downtown area at this time. The parade was crossing Lamar at Main at 12:26 p.m.

When the first shots were fired, I was with Officer W. K. King and we were walking with the crowd west on Main on the north side, just west of Houston Street. We heard 3 shots. We were unable at that time to determine where the shots originated from.

Our instructions regarding our assignments were for crowd control and keeping the way clear for the motorcade.

Respectfully submitted,

*D. V. Harkness*  
D. V. Harkness  
Sergeant of Police  
Traffic Division

DVH:ms

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July 16, 1964

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Statement of J. M. Smith

Sir:

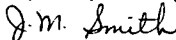
On the morning of November 22, 1963, instructions were to make detail at 8:45 a.m., which I did, and then I received my assignment to work traffic at Elm and Houston and also assist in the control of the crowd in that vicinity. I was to report to my assignment no later than 10:00 a.m.

My instructions were from Captain P. M. Lawrence to hold all the traffic up when the motorcade was approaching. I was to assist in handling of the crowd - more specifically to be on the lookout for anyone throwing things from the crowd.

At approximately 11:50 a.m. there was a white male who had an epileptic seizure on the esplanade which was between Elm and Main Street on Houston. I went from my assignment down to see if my assistance was needed. After the man was put into the ambulance and sent to the hospital, I reported back to my assignment.

I was standing in the middle of Elm Street from the southeast curb of Elm and Houston Streets at the time of the shooting. I heard the shots and thought they were coming from bushes of the overpass.

Respectfully submitted,



J. M. Smith  
Traffic Division

JMS:mw

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Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

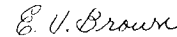
SUBJECT: Statement of Officer E. V. Brown

Sir:

On the morning of November 22, 1963, which was on Friday, I made 9:00 a.m. detail. My assignment was the railroad overpass over the Stemanns Expressway, and I got specific instructions from Sergeant Harkness to walk the south cat-walk on this overpass and not let anyone on the railroad right-of-way or overpass. I arrived at that assignment about 9:50 and where I remained during the shooting and after.

I heard the shots and they seemed like they were coming high from the direction of the Book Depository Building. There was a terrific echo.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Officer E. V. Brown  
Traffic Division

EVB:mw

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July 16, 1964

Mr. J. B. Curry  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Officer W. K. King -  
Statement

Sir:

On November 22, 1963, I was working 289 patrolling Main Street from Houston to Field and was clearing all delivery trucks and passenger cars. I had assignment to cut all traffic off of Main Street, west of the Triple Underpass. This was later changed by Sergeant Harkness because his radio was out and I had Channel 2 on my motor. Officer R. M. Williams took my assignment on Main Street, west of the Triple Underpass and I worked intersection of Main and Houston.

At approximately 12:10 p.m. I called for an ambulance in the 100 block north of Houston for an epileptic seizure. The ambulance departed approximately 12:25 p.m.

When the first shots were fired, I was with Sergeant Harkness at the intersection of Main and Houston. We both ran into the park west of Houston between Elm and Main. At this point I do not know where Sergeant Harkness went. I went on over to Elm Street to try to control the crowd. About this time emergency units were running and I returned to the intersection of Main and Houston and was there approximately 2 hours before relieved and my instructions in detail were to clear Main Street of all parked vehicles and to work crowd control.

Respectfully submitted,

  
W. K. King  
Traffic Division

WKM:mv

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July 17, 1964

Mr. J. B. Curry  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Statement of Officer J. B. Allen

Sir:

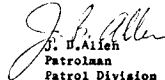
On November 22, 1963, I made detail at 9:00 a.m. at the downtown Police Department where we received instructions from Captain Lawrence and I was assigned to the corner of Main and Houston and received instructions at that time to keep the traffic back, hold the crowd back, watch for anything unusual or suspicious in the crowd and the buildings in our area and to keep anybody from throwing at the cars.

I reported to my assignment a few minutes before 10:00 a.m. At that time I checked the crowd to see if anybody looked suspicious and looked over the buildings in the surrounding area and did not see anything that looked out of the ordinary.

At approximately 12:15 p.m. a white male had an epileptic seizure on the west side, in front of the esplanade of the 100 block of north Houston Street. I administered first aid and returned to my assignment at approximately 12:25 p.m.

At the time the President passed I was in the middle of Houston Street on the south side of Main holding back the crowd and I heard the shots. I did not know where they came from.

Respectfully submitted,

  
J. B. Allen  
Patrolman  
Patrol Division

JBA:mv

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Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Statement of Officer J.E. Murphy

Sir:

On the morning of November 22, 1963, I was assigned to the parade route of President Kennedy to assist him in the protection of the President and for crowd control. My assignment was for 10:00 a.m. on the Stearns Overpass northbound at the Elm Street entrance and my assignment was to keep all persons from gathering on the bridge and to not allow any cars to stop as the motorcade came under the underpass.

The assignment was given to me by Captain P. W. Lawrence. Nothing did stop - no cars or persons were on the bridge until after the shooting had occurred, because traffic had backed up from below me where the motorcade came onto Stearns.

I could see the President's motorcade from my position and heard the shots but did not see from where they came. There were two other officers on the overpass with me. I do not know who these officers were but think they were three-wheel motorcycle officers. They were assigned 100 feet to 150 feet south of my position to slow northbound traffic on Stearns as the motorcade entered the freeway.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Officer J. E. Murphy  
Traffic Division

JEM:ms

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July 16, 1964

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

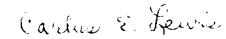
SUBJECT: Statement of Carlus E. Lewis

Sir:

On the morning of November 22, 1963, I made detail at the Police Assembly Room and received an assignment to the intersection of Main and Houston for traffic and crowd control during the Presidential Parade. I arrived at the location of Main and Houston at approximately 10:45 a.m. and stood at the southeast corner on the sidewalk until approximately 11:30 a.m. at which time Sergeant D. V. Harkness instructed me to move to the intersection of Commerce and Houston to cut the northbound traffic. I went to this intersection and was there at the time the President was shot.

I was unable to see the motorcade at the time of the shooting; however, I heard the shots but could not tell where they were coming from. I remained at this location and worked traffic for the rest of the day.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Carlus E. Lewis  
Traffic Division

CEL:ms

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 1358—Continued

July 15, 1964

Mr. J. H. Curry  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Presidential Motorcade Assignments -  
November 22, 1963

Sir:

Before the individual traffic assignments were given to each man on the morning of November 23, 1963, I personally talked to the men assembled in the Detail Room.

I told the officers the approximate time of the arrival of the President at Love Field, where he would arrive and the approximate number of vehicles in this motorcade. I also advised them that Chief Lupkin would be in a white Ford with the Secret Service personnel, approximately eight or ten blocks ahead of the motorcade and that all officers on assignment should be alert for this vehicle and pull Chief Lupkin's vehicle through any lights and block off all traffic for the approaching motorcade. I then stated that the motorcade would have an advance motorcycle escort; that the first one in the escort would be Chief Curry's vehicle, followed by the President's vehicle, and that motorcycle escorts would be just to the rear of the President's car on each side. I advised them that the last vehicle in this motorcade would be a white marked AFD car; also, that all officers operating motor vehicles should remain on Channel 2 for radio communications.

I then went over the route of the motorcade from Love Field through the downtown area and stated that some of the officers would have assignments before and during the parade and some officers on assignments at the start, near Love Field, would then have assignments in the Trade Mart area; also that other assignments would be made after the President left the Trade Mart and that Lieutenant W. F. Southard would give each officer his individual assignment. I also advised these officers that supervisors would be available in their particular area for any problems that might arise.

I then told the officers that their primary duty was traffic and crowd control and that they should be alert for any persons who might attempt to throw anything and although it was not a

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violation of the law to carry a placard, that they were not to tolerate any actions such as the Stevenson incident and arrest any person who might attempt to throw anything or try to get at the President and his party; paying particular attention to the crowd for any unusual activity. I stressed the fact that this was our President and he should be shown every respect due his position and that it was our duty to see that this was done.

At the time of these instructions Deputy Chief W. H. Lunday was present in the Assembly Room. I then left the individual detail assignments to Lieutenant W. F. Southard and requested that all of the solo-motorcycle supervisors and solo-motorcycle officers meet with me outside the Assembly Room for special instructions on their position in the Presidential motorcade.

I then went outside the Assembly Room and reviewed with the solo supervisors and all of the solo officers their motorcade assignments with instructions that they were to keep the crowds back from the President's car and other vehicles in this motorcade; specifically instructing the officers on each side to the rear of the President's car to be alert for any unusual movements in the crowd so that they could move their motorcycle up into position alongside the President's vehicle if necessary for his safety. The solo supervisors were then handed copies of the assignments for their men.

Respectfully submitted,

*P. W. Lawrence*  
P. W. Lawrence  
Captain of Police  
Traffic Division

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July 17, 1964

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Officer R. L. Smith, Jr. -  
Statement of

Sir:

I made detail in the basement of the City Hall at approximately 9:00 a.m., November 22, 1963. I was assigned traffic at the corner of Houston and Elm Streets by Captain P. W. Lawrence. Captain Lawrence also gave instructions to keep the crowd back from the street so as to allow the motorcade to pass through. He also stated to keep an eye out for suspiciously acting people and to check the windows of the buildings for any suspicious activity. He told us that it was legal for citizens to carry placards but to be on the alert for anyone, should they attempt to throw them at the President.

I got to my traffic corner at approximately 10:00 a.m. and took a position at the east corner of Houston Street approximately thirty feet south of Elm. Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. I remained at my corner checking the crowd and the windows of the Texas School Book Depository for any suspicious activity but did not see any.

Up to the time the President passed by at approximately 12:30 p.m., I had noticed nothing irregular. I heard the three shots but was unable to determine the location they came from.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. L. Smith, Jr.*  
R. L. Smith, Jr.  
Traffic Division

RLS:rw

December 1, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment on Date of President  
Kennedy's Assassination

Sir:

On November 22, 1963, I was assigned, along with another officer, to work the railroad tracks over the triple overpass. I was given this assignment by Lt. W. F. Southard. As I recall, he instructed me to keep all persons off the overpass at this location during the parade. It was my understanding that I was to keep all unauthorized persons away from this location; however, I do not recall whether Lt. Southard used the word "unauthorized." Sgt. D. V. Harkness told one of us to get on the East side of the overpass, and the other on the West side, and for us to keep all unauthorized persons off the overpass. I was on the West side of the overpass.

A Texas and Pacific freight train was traveling North on the railroad tracks between the parade and me. I did not hear the shots. I did not see any of the parade until some motorcycles and a couple of cars out of the parade went West from under the overpass. There was no one on the West side of the overpass watching the parade, but there were some railroad employees on the East side of the overpass watching the parade. As soon as the train cleared the tracks, to where I could cross to where the search was being made, I went to the location to help block off the building.

Respectfully,

*J. C. White*  
J.C. White  
Patrolman, #1365  
Traffic Division

JCS/ch

December 4, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Assignment on Date of President  
Kennedy's Assassination

Sir:

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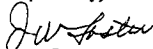
There were several railroad employees working on the railroad tracks at this location when I arrived on my assignment. Several of these employees came to the Overpass just prior to the parade's arrival, and were standing near me along the east side of the Overpass banister. I do not recall any specific instructions regarding railroad employees; however, I checked all of these persons to be sure they were working for the railroad yards. After I had checked with them, I assured it to be permissible for them to stand at this location. I was standing in back of them so I could watch them.

Since the railroad employees were working in the vicinity and some of them were working directly on the Overpass, it did not occur to me that there would be anything wrong with my allowing them to go to the banister at the side of the tracks to watch the parade, because I knew that this was railroad property.

While I was on assignment at this location, some other persons, who were not railroad employees, attempted to come on this Overpass, but I would not allow them to do so.

After the motorcade turned from Houston Street to Elm Street, I was watching the railroad employees very closely so that I would be in a position to prevent any incidents. When I heard the shots, I was standing directly in back of these railroad employees and I then moved to the railroad Overpass banister to see what was happening. I then saw the President slumping over in the car and other persons falling down on the grass in the vicinity of the President's car. The President's car and a couple of other cars left the scene immediately at a high rate of speed with a motorcycle escort. I then observed some officers running toward the building on the northeast corner of Elm and Houston. I immediately ran towards the same building and assisted in blocking off the building.

Respectfully,

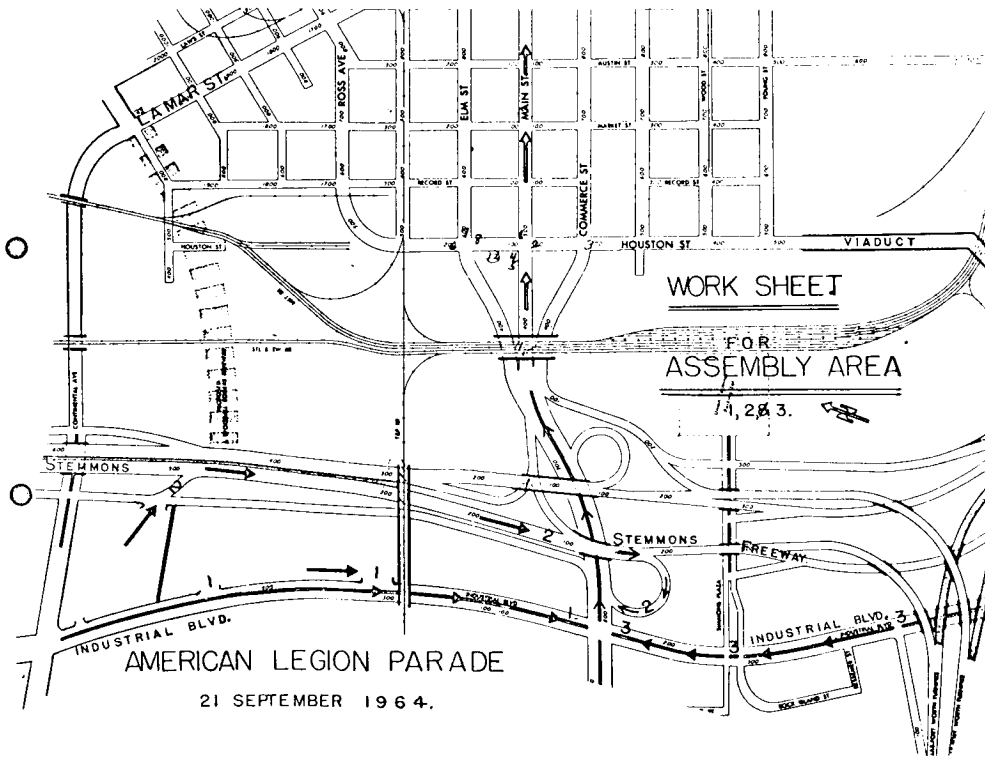
  
J. H. Foster  
Patrolman, 4119h  
Traffic Division

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1. W. H. Donham
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3. C. E. Lewis
4. W. R. King
5. Sgt. D. V. Harkness
6. W. E. Barnes
7. J. H. Smith
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