

Date 3/18/641

Mr. CLEMON EARL JOHNSON, Box 211 (Belt Line Road), Kleberg, Texas, was interviewed at 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, Texas, and furnished the following information:

Mr. JOHNSON stated he was employed as a machinist for Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, and was so employed on November 22, 1963. On this date, he took up a position on the Elm Street viaduct overlooking the route taken by the Presidential motorcade on that date. Mr. JOHNSON stated his attention was attracted to the motorcycle escort and the automobile carrying President KENNEDY as this section of the motorcade came into his view. He stated he first realized something was wrong when the motorcycles began moving from their regular course and at or just before this he heard sounds that could have been shots. Mr. JOHNSON stated at that time he did not know that it was shots and he could not say how many shots he heard. His attention remained on the vehicle carrying President KENNEDY and he observed this car until it sped away. Mr. JOHNSON stated that white smoke was observed near the pavillion, but he felt that this smoke came from a motorcycle abandoned near the spot by a Dallas policeman.

Mr. JOHNSON stated he did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD and had never met or seen JACK RUBY.

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EWELL WILLIAM COWSERT, 1217 Arawo Circle, Irving, Texas, was interviewed at the Union Terminal Company, 500 South Houston Street, Dallas, Texas. COWSERT advised that he is a switchman for the Union Terminal Company and on November 22, 1963, he was standing on the Elm Street viaduct with a group of fellow employees watching the motorcade with President JOHN F. KENNEDY. COWSERT advised that just as President KENNEDY's car passed the Texas School Book Depository Building he heard two or three shots ring out and saw President KENNEDY slump forward in his seat. COWSERT said he has no idea where the shots came from and as the area near the Texas School Book Depository Building was a scene of extreme confusion he could not recall having noticed any one person. He stated he does recall seeing several people and a motorcycle policeman run up the grassy area near the Texas School Book Depository Building.

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