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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

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Mr. J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
President's Commission on the  
Assassination of President Kennedy  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

There is forwarded herewith a copy of the original notes made by Special Agent Bennett concerning his recollection of the incidents surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

A statement by SA Bennett was included in our original report to the Commission as Exhibit 18. The significance of the attached notes is that they were prepared by SA Bennett on the President's plane during its return flight to Washington on November 22, before the details of President Kennedy's wounds became general knowledge.

The notes have been marked as Secret Service Control 1496.

Very truly yours,

*James J. Rowley*  
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Attachments

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2112

AF 2 LANDED AT 11:35 AM.  
AT LOVE FIELD, DALLAS, TEXAS,  
I COVERED THE PRESS AREA  
UNTIL THE BOSS ARRIVED AT  
APPROXIMATELY 11:38 AM. I STAYED  
WITH THE BOSS AND FIRST LADY  
AFTER THEY DEPLANED. THEY, BOSS  
AND FIRST LADY, GREETED PEOPLE  
ON THE APRON AND ALONG THE  
FENCE FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 TO  
9 MINUTES. THE BOSS, FIRST  
LADY, GOVERNOR CONNELLY & MRS  
CONNELLY, ENTERED THE  
PRESIDENTIAL CAR AT APPROX-  
IMATELY 11:50. THE PRESIDENT'S  
AUTO WAS DRIVEN BY BILL GREEP  
AND THE COVERING AGENT  
WAS ROY KELLERMAN. I ASKED,  
WHILE MOVING TO THE FOLLOW-  
UP CAR, EMERY ROBERT WHAT  
POSITION I SHOULD TAKE IN  
THE FOLLOW-UP CAR. MR. ROBERT  
SAID HE WANTED ME TO BE  
SEATED IN THE REAR SEAT OF  
THE FOLLOW-UP CAR. I TOOK  
THIS POSITION AND HELD THIS  
POSITION WITH THE EXCEPTION  
OF LEAVING THE FOLLOW-UP AND  
ASSISTING IN DISBANING WET  
WISHERS WHO RAN FROM THE  
CROWD AND ATTEMPTED TO

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SHAKE HANDS WITH THE  
 PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT'S  
 CAR, THE MOTORcade, HAD  
 BEEN TRAVELING FOR APPROX-  
 IMATELY 30 MINUTES ENROUTE  
 TO THE TRADE-MART WHERE  
 WE MADE A LEFT HAND TURN  
 AND THEN A RIGHT. THE  
 PRESIDENT'S AUTO MOVED DOWN  
 A SLIGHT GRADE AND THE  
 CROWD WAS VERY SPARSE.  
 AT THIS POINT I HEARD  
 A NOISE THAT IMMEDIATELY  
 REMINDED ME OF A FIRE CRACKER.  
 IMMEDIATELY, UPON HEARING  
 THE SUPPOSED FIRE CRACKER,  
 I LOOKED AT THE BOSS'S CAR. AT  
 THIS EXACT TIME I SAW A  
 SHOT THAT HIT THE BOSS ABOUT  
 4 INCHES DOWN FROM THE RIGHT  
 SHOULDER. A SECOND SHOT  
 FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY AND  
 HIT THE RIGHT REAR LEG  
 OF THE BOSS'S HEAD. I IMMEDI-  
 ATELY ROLLED TO SPECIAL  
 AGENT HICKS, SEATED IN THE  
 SAME SEAT, TO GET THE  
 ARMS. I DREW MY REVOLVER  
 AND LOOKED TO THE REAR  
 AND TO THE LEFT. I WAS

UNABLE TO SEE ANY  
 ONE PERSON THAT  
 COULD HAVE RENDERED  
 THIS TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.  
 THE PRESIDENT'S AUTO  
 IMMEDIATELY KICKED INTO  
 HIGH GEAR AND THE  
 FOLLOW-UP CAR DEPARTED  
 THE SCENE. THE PRESIDENT  
 WAS TAKEN TO A NEAR-  
 BY HOSPITAL AND WAS  
 KILLED THEREIN. AT THIS  
 TIME, I WAS INSTRUCTED  
 TO PROTECT THE VICE  
 PRESIDENT WHO FOLLOWED  
 THE PRESIDENT'S AUTO  
 AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE  
 HOSPITAL. I THEN  
 HELPED IN ACCOMPANYING  
 THE VICE PRESIDENT TO  
 A ROOM ON THE GROUND  
 FLOOR OF SAID HOSPITAL.

Ed. J. Rennie,  
 Written on  
 Plane (5:30 PM  
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