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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

May 14, 1964

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 SKEEP
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 MOTOR CADE, 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
 SHOOT THAT HIT THE BOSS ABOUT
 4 INCHES DOWN FROM THE RIGHT
 SHOULDER. A SECOND SHOOT
 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
 11-22-63) [initials]

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