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FRANCES GAYLE NEWMAN, 718 W. Clarendon Street, advised that at the time President KENNEDY was assassinated and Governor CONNALLY was wounded she was standing on the north curb of Elm Street between the triple underpass and Houston Street. Also standing there were her two children, ages 2 and 4, and her husband, WILLIAM EUGENE NEWMAN, Jr. She estimated that when the limousine backing the Presidential party was about 50 feet from them she heard reports and the President seemed to rise up in his seat. A few seconds later she heard another shot and saw that the President had been hit in the head because she saw blood flowing from his body. She said a man had been standing back of them on a pedestal near an arcade taking photographs and there were a couple of people east of them on the north side of Elm Street.

She stated that after the President was shot officers and probably Secret Service men started running toward the arcade near the point where the photographer was taking his pictures. She believed there were first two shots in succession, a pause, then another shot was fired which struck the President. She said the limousine was a three seated one carrying Governor CONNALLY and his wife in the middle seat and the President and Mrs. KENNEDY in the back seat. She did not notice the occupants of the front seat as she had her eyes on the President whom she had come to see. After the shots were fired, she and her husband each grabbed a child and lay down on the grass fearing that they might be hit by gunfire. She noticed that Governor CONNALLY seemed to be lying down in the front seat holding his stomach when he passed directly in front of them. She was taken with her husband to the WFAA Studio where they waited a short time after the announcement came that the President was deceased, she and her husband were interviewed. They later made statements to Deputy Sheriffs concerning their eye-witness account of the assassination of the President and the wounding of Governor CONNALLY.

The shots were fired at the President and Governor CONNALLY about 12:30 p.m. on November 22, 1963. She said she did not see LEE HARVEY OSWALD during that time.

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WILLIAM EUGENE NEWMAN, Jr., 718 W. Clarendon, who is an unemployed electrician, advised that at the time of the assassination of President KENNEDY he and his wife, GAYLE, and their two children were standing on the north side of Elm Street about mid-way between Houston Street and the triple overpass. There were very few people on that side of the street. One man was standing on a pedestal near an arcade to the rear of them taking movies and he believed that two women were a few steps up the street from him. He believed that when the President's car was approximately 50 feet from him proceeding in a westerly direction on Elm Street he heard the first shots fired. It was his belief that two shots were fired in rapid succession which he thought at the time was a firecracker.

The car was proceeding toward him and it seemed that the President's arms went up and that he raised up in his seat and started to look around. The car proceeded to a point about even with him and he could see Governor JOHN CONNALLY was holding his stomach. About that time another shot was fired which he estimated was ten seconds after the first shot was fired. At that time he heard the bullet strike the President and saw flesh fly from the President's head. He noticed that Governor CONNALLY was lying back in the seat of the car and that his eyes "were real big." NEWMAN first thought the President and Governor were playing some kind of a game and suddenly realized they had been shot and that he was perhaps in the line of fire because officers started running toward the arcade directly back of him and his wife. He grabbed one child and his wife the other. They both lay down on the grass until after the procession passed. He stated he did not see any blood on Governor CONNALLY or President KENNEDY and that the limousine in which they were riding was a three seated limousine with Governor CONNALLY and President KENNEDY sitting on the side nearest him and the side nearest the Texas School Book Depository building from where he learned later the shots had been fired. President KENNEDY was seated in the back seat with his wife and Governor CONNALLY and his wife were in the middle seat of the limousine. He could not recall any of the bullets hitting the car but he said the report of the rifle was very loud and clear. He was later taken to the offices of WFAA Studio in Dallas and they interviewed him concerning his eye-witness account of the assassination of the President and the shooting of Governor CONNALLY.

He was also interviewed by Deputy Sheriffs and gave a statement as to what happened. He recalled that when the President

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was shot Mrs. KENNEDY seemed to grab him and pull him toward her. He was positive this occurred because when all shots were fired at the President he had his eyes directly on him. He could not state whether Mrs. CONNALLY was helping her husband or not but he seemed to be lying down when he passed them.

He said the President was hit on the right side of the head with the third shot and he heard the thud when the bullet struck the President. He did not see any rifle in the possession of anyone whom he thought might be responsible for the shooting. He has seen pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD on television and stated he had never seen him insofar as he knows.

The assassination of the President occurred about 12:30 p.m. on November 22, 1963.

JEAN (Mrs. PURSER EDWARD) NEWMAN, 3893 Clover Lane, telephone PL 2-4222, advised that she is employed by Rheem Manufacturing Company which Company as of November 22, 1963, was in the process of moving from Lofland Street to 1222 Profit Drive. She stated that as the company was in the process of moving she left work at about 11:30 a.m. and drove to Oak Cliff taking a friend home and r turning through the downtown Dallas area to her home in north Dallas. As she proceeded through the downtown area, she noticed crowds gathering in connection with President KENNEDY's visit to the area. She stated she, on the spur of the moment, decided she would like to see the President so she parked her car in Simmons Parking Lot #2 located at the northwest corner of the Dallas County School Book Depository Building. She then walked in front of the building and turned right on Elm Street and stood on the curb on the north side of the street immediately west of the Stearns Expressway sign. A car carrying the President and other persons had just passed her when she heard a report and saw the President jump, raising his hands to his chest area. She stated she assumed the report to be a firecracker and thought how "human" the President was that he too would react by jumping at a sudden noise. She stated the car had proceeded to approximately 12 feet to her right when she heard a second report and saw the President slump to the front of the car. She said the only other person in the Presidential car that she recognized was Mrs. JACQUELINE KENNEDY who immediately jumped to her knees over the President when he slumped.

Mrs. NEWMAN stated she only heard the two shots but cannot definitely state that additional shot or shots were not fired as people around her realizing what had happened began milling around and screaming. She stated that when she realized the reports were shots she immediately turned and looked up the hill to the north toward the parking lot but did not see anything after which she proceeded back up the hill and walked in front of the Dallas County School Book Depository Building to the parking lot to get her car where she was questioned by an officer and eventually taken to the Dallas County Sheriff's Office where she made a statement.

Mrs. NEWMAN stated that after the shots were fired she was in the area of the school Book Depository Building for some minutes and actually walked immediately in front of the building in returning to the parking lot but did not see or hear any person emerging from the building in such a manner as to attract her attention but pointed out all persons in the area were very excited at the time.

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