

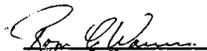
During the time we were waiting for the President to return to the plane, we were getting reports from various individuals who were listening to the radio, both pocket transistor radios and radios aboard the nearby airplanes, and were therefore able to gather information about the progress of the President to Parkland Hospital.

In a short period of time, I observed two automobiles pull up to the airplanes and persons boarding Air Force I. I then subsequently observed Special Agent Rufus Youngblood closing the door on Air Force I and knew the new President Johnson had boarded the airplanes.

Approximately ten minutes later, word was received that the coffin containing the body of President Kennedy was returning to the airfield; that Mrs. Kennedy had requested no photographs or persons be allowed near the area where she would board Air Force I. It was also suggested at this time by unknown persons that Air Force I and II be moved to the far side of Love Field. This suggestion was not complied with for the reason that security had been established in the original landing area and it would involve a number of movements to return the planes to the other side of the field and again provide substantial security.

About ten minutes later, a motorcade containing the body of the President in a bronze colored casket and Mrs. Kennedy appeared and were loaded aboard ship. At this time no photographs were taken with the exception of one photographer who had climbed to the roof of a warehouse approximately 200 yards from the airplane. This photographer was restrained from taking further photographs.

After Mrs. Kennedy and the body of the President were loaded aboard Air Force I, security was maintained until I met with Special Agent James E. Howard who had driven from Fort Worth to the Love Field area in company with Special Agent William Duncan. Special Agent Howard stated that a suspect had been captured by Fort Worth Police and that he wished me to accompany him to Fort Worth to question this suspect. I informed Special Agent Patterson and other Secret Service agents who had accompanied the deceased President Kennedy to the airport that I was about to depart with Agent Howard to question this suspect and they concurred and gave permission to depart. I then left with Agent Howard and traveled to Fort Worth Police Station where we questioned Donald Wayne House, 404 Lulu, Ranger, Texas. At the time SA Howard and I left for Fort Worth to question the suspect, the Air Force I had not departed Love Field.


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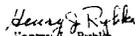
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Duty Assignment Upon Arrival At Dallas, Texas On November 22, 1963.

Upon arrival at Love Field, Dallas, Texas aboard Air Force ONE (26000) at 11:35 am, I proceeded to the follow-up car 679-X and stationed myself at the right front fender of 679-X and the rear of 100-X. There I stopped everyone from going in between the cars. Once the motorcade began to move I moved along with it, until the motorcade picked up speed. From this point I returned to the immediate area of Air Force ONE.

Once the motorcade left the airport, approximately fifteen minutes later I proceeded to the Airport Restaurant for a sandwich and coffee. Upon completion of my meal, I saw the crew from the Pan-American chartered plane leaving in a hurry. One of the crew members stated they received word to return to their craft immediately at which time I also left the restaurant and went to the area of Air Force ONE.

After receiving information of what has happened, I assisted other Agents in enforcing security at the Airport. When word was received that the body was to be brought back on the plane I took the post at the rear ramp of the plane, and remained there until departure time. At this time I boarded Air Force ONE and departed at 2:45 pm.


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FIELD OFFICE - Dallas, Texas
 AGENT - William H. Patterson
 DATE - November 22, 1963

On November 22, 1963, I was assigned to drive the Vice President's car in Fort Worth, Texas, and was therefore not assigned a post during the Dallas visit.

Upon completion of my assigned duties in Fort Worth, Texas, which occurred sooner than anticipated, I departed Carnival Air Force Base in Secret Service car 720-S, and proceeded to Dallas Love Field to assist in the general security in that area. I arrived at Dallas Love Field at approximately 12:20 P. M., and assisted the local police and Special Agents Warner and Lawton in the security of Air Force I and II.

At approximately 12:30 P. M. the crew of Air Force I was alerted to stand by for immediate departure and this was the first indication I received that some trouble had occurred with the Presidential visit. Succeeding information was obtained at various intervals from the plane crew and over a packet radio carried by one of the local police officers. It was by this means that I learned the President had been assassinated.

Upon learning of the President's death, I assisted SA Lawton and SA Warner in direction of local police officers in applying strict security to Air Force I and II and the general landing area and buildings in this vicinity.

I remained in close proximity of Air Force I during the arrival of Vice President and Mrs. Johnson, the President's coffin, and Mrs. Kennedy. I stayed in the vicinity of Air Force I until it departed, at which time I returned to the Dallas Field Office.


 William H. Patterson

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THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
 ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Statement of Special Agent John J. O'Leary, United States Secret Service, concerning his activities and official duties on November 22, 1963, in Dallas, Texas.

On the morning of November 22, 1963, I departed Fort Worth, Texas, with the Presidential Party aboard Air Force One (U. S. Air Force Plane No. 26000). Departure time from the Fort Worth Airport was at 11:25 a.m. Air Force One arrived at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, at 11:40 a.m. My official duties as a Secret Service agent in connection with this trip of the President was to supervise the handling and security of all luggage aboard Air Force One. This would include all the personal effects of the President, such as his suitcases, loose clothes, hanging bags, bed mattress, Presidential Seal, etc. Baggage for Mrs. Kennedy, who was along on this trip to Texas, was also handled by me.

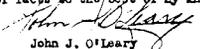
When we arrived at the Dallas airport I remained aboard the Presidential airplane or in close proximity of the plane during the time the welcoming ceremonies were in progress for the President and First Lady, and after the Presidential motorcade departed for downtown Dallas. None of the President's luggage was to be unloaded in Dallas as this was not to be an overnight stop. My instructions were to remain at the airport until the President's motorcade returned for departure for Austin, Texas. SA Don Lawton remained at Love Field with me.

My first knowledge that the President had been shot was when Colonel Swindlo, Presidential pilot, asked me if I had heard that the President and Governor Connally had been shot. I had seen the pilot of the Pan-American chartered Press plane running into the terminal building just before Colonel Swindlo told me of the shooting, so I felt that something was wrong. At this point, after learning of the incident, I boarded Air Force One and watched the television coverage of the events following the tragedy. I stayed on the plane until it departed Dallas at 2:47 p.m. Dallas time and arrived at Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D. C., at 5:58 p.m. that night (Washington time). Before departure from Love Field I was told that we were waiting for the President's body to be put on the plane.

Sometime before departure from Love Field, Dallas, I was asked to witness the swearing in ceremony of Lyndon Johnson as the 36th President of the United States. This was done aboard Air Force One at 2:38 p.m., and all passengers aboard Air Force One were invited to witness the swearing in.

Upon disembarking from Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base, I entered a White House car and followed the ambulance carrying the President's body to the Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland. Departure from Andrews Air Force Base was at 6:10 p.m. and we arrived at the hospital at 6:55 p.m. At the hospital I was present at the autopsy and the official picture taking of the President's body. I eventually departed the hospital about midnight and returned to the White House. This is a true statement of facts to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Above statement made on Nov. 30, 1963.


 John J. O'Leary
 Special Agent
 U. S. Secret Service

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