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Place _____

City/State Dallas, Texas

Telephone 214/331-4565

Date of Birth _____

M or S _____

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Children _____

2. Physical Description:

Height _____

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Investigator Jack Moriarty

Date August 23, 1978

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 Address 3025 El Tovar Street Place _____
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Interview: Retired Sergeant Ellis recalled the rain suits required by the motorcade detail the morning of November 22, 1963, but the weather cleared while they were at Love Field prior to the arrival of Air Force One. Ellis also recalled the limousine's bubble top being removed before they headed for town.

The Sergeant was in charge of the motorcycle detail and as such remained in the vicinity of the first vehicle which contained Chief Curry, Sheriff Decker and SAC Sorrells of the Secret Service. He changed positions periodically to see all was proper with the spacing of the vehicles, which was to be greater when the speed increased on open stretches and close to one another in congested areas. He recalled one minor incident between Love Field and the Dealey Plaza near Inwood and Lemon when a group of school girls stepped into the roadway as JFK's limousine approached. With reduced clearance, the limousine stopped, much to the delight of the girls but to the apparent dismay of the Secret Service agents. The motorcade resumed after a brief period but the agents seemed to exert more force than the situation called for.

Interviewer Signature _____

Typed Signature Jack Moriarty

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This caused the Sergeant to respond to the scene and later to catch up with the first car and report to the Chief. Otherwise, the trip to the Dallas Police Department seemed routine.

Ellis places himself some one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five feet in front of JFK's limousine alongside the first vehicle, when the first report sounded. He remembers they had started down the hill on Elm Street and were preparing for the different tempo. He turned to give the signal for increased speed and more spacing, as the first shot was fired.

He knew some type of weapon had been discharged inasmuch as he saw the debris scatter from the edge of the curb. His first impression was that of a fragment grenade. He looked right at JFK, who had turned and looked over his right shoulder. As the President turned back, the Governor started to turn the same way but the next shot was fired and the President seemed to slouch down and Connally flinched. The third shot blew the President's head up.

Chaney came up to his position, advising that the President had been shot. Ellis advised the Chief who ordered the hospital run.

During this period of time he saw his wife's niece, her husband and their two small children on the grassy knoll. They pushed the children to the ground and covered them with their bodies. (He mentioned someone took a picture of this

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and it had been published many times over the years.)

The subsequent trip to Parkland was made with all speed, but it was evident the President had been killed. As it developed, Governor Connally benefitted from the expedient run as it afforded him prompt medical attention.

Ellis recalls using his transmitter frequently but cannot remember if he used it riding from D.P. to Parkland. He had no occasion to park nor cut the engine off until arriving at the hospital.

There was considerable record of malfunction with three-wheeler radio gear, chiefly sticking transmitters.

Ellis recommends checking "Martino" or "Marino." The second in command of the Texas School Book Depository was a man of Cuban decent who actually hired Lee Harvey Oswald.

Ellis suggested that Reitred Sgt. D. V. Harkness should also be interviewed about Oswald passing out leaflets in Dallas. Harkness investigated this complaint.