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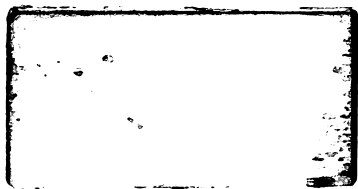
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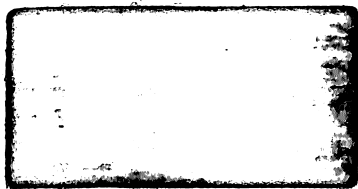
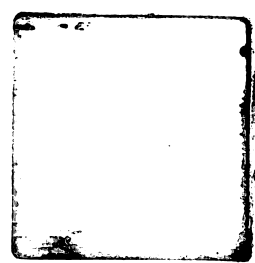
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INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

1. Identifying Information:

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Date 10/22/77

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Place Howard Johnson's Restaurant  
Central Expy., Dallas TX

City/State Dallas Texas

Telephone 214-826-5800

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Physical Description:

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME George L. Lumpkin Date Oct. 22, 1977 Time 10 A.M.  
 Address 6546 Patrick Drive Place Howard Johnsons Restaurant  
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Mockingbird Lane,  
Dallas, Texas  
 Interview: Former Deputy Chief of the  
 Dallas Police Department  
 Phone: 214-826-5800

Chief Lumpkin was involved in the planning of the JFK motorcade in Nov. 1963 and it was primarily about this matter that he was questioned. He told us that he was in charge of service and police administration although his career had touched on nearly all the facets of the Dallas P.D. He came into the department on July 31, 1933 and retired Sept. 29, 1973. When he left the department he was Captain of Detectives, having been downgraded to his permanent rank after an IACP survey. Lumpkin, who is now 65 yrs. of age, is understandably bitter about that arrangement.

He told us that he was not that deeply involved in the planning of the motorcade in November 1963. Chief Curry, the Secret Service and the White House called the shots. Asked whether there was an alternate route plan prepared he said "the alternate was Main Street all the way (i.e., no turn at Houston to Elm) but it was considered undesirable to go via Industrial Blvd. The neighborhood was filled with

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winos and broken pavement. Can you see taking the presidential motorcade that way? Kennedy wanted exposure. He wanted the crowds.

Lumpkin told us that at the meetings "I went to the meetings but I was like a sixth finger on a hand. I was useless. Most of concentration was on traffic." Secret Service Agent Lawson called the shots and Curry. Curry would say to the men "you do this!" or "you do that'." The Secret Service rode the motorcade with Dallas P.D. and Lawson would say a man here and a man there and mark off numbers on a pad or clipboard.

When the President's plane landed at Love Field it looked like rain, it was grey and overcast. Suddenly it cleared up. They decided not to use the bubbletop on JFK's limousine.

We asked Mr. Lumpkin why the S.S. and D.P.D. didn't get military help for the motorcade. "There was never any discussions of military help. I had a friend Col. George Whetmeyer who was in the Army Reserve with me. We were connected with a U.S. Army Reserve School for North and East Texas. I asked George to come with me in the pilot car on the motorcade and that's how he got in the parade. I think he came as my guest to one of the planning meetings, too". Lumpkin said most of the meetings took place in the conference room at Police Headquarters. Forrest Sorells the SAC of Secret Service in Dallas worked very closely with the Police Department and was liked by Lumpkin. A man named Puterbaugh represented the White House. Deputy Chief Batchelor was involved with them in the planning.

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Lumpkin was in the FDR motorcade in 1936. He guarded FDR at the Adolphus Hotel on Main Street then.

After the JFK shooting Lumpkin went to Parkland Hosp. with the pilot car. Then I went back to the Texas School Book Depository "the scene of the crime". Chief Lumpkin said he told Col. Whetmeyer that he could not bring him into the building and said goodbye at the door. Inspector Sawyer was at the door and Lumpkin told him to seal off the building and not let anyone in or out.

He spoke to Mr. Truly, the manager of the TSBD who told him that only one of his employees was unaccounted for, a man named Oswald. I directed the police officers who were there to search the building thoroughly. It was a busy scene. Fritz was there with some of his men. After the search was over I went back to Police Headquarters. The scene there was like a mad-house. You wouldn't believe the way the press had taken over. I spoke to Captain King about getting the press out of there. King said "no, the Chief (Curry) said 'leave them alone'. Our press relations's aren't too good!" I locked up my office and took the keys,

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The writers did not question Mr. Lumpkin about the calling of Ilya Mamantov, whom the Dallas P.D. used to interpret for the questioning of Marina Oswald because we did not have the reference with us. This writer however called George Lumpkin at his home in Dallas this date and asked him about Mamantov. Lumpkin said that either Chief Curry or Stevenson, Chief of Detectives, asked him to get someone who could interpret Russian. Lumpkin called Jack Crichton, an independent oil operator whom he know from Army Intelligence and asked him if he could find someone to do the work. Crichton called Mamantov who agreed to interpret. (See Mamantov's testimony before the Warren Crichton in Dallas p. 102, Vol. 9). Lumpkin doesn't recall if he called Mamanton himself or whether someone else did but the call was made and Mamantov was used. Lumpkin doesn't recall if he knew then it was specifically for Marina's questioning or not.

Lumpkin retired from both the Dallas P.D. and the Army Reserve (rank of Colonel). He teaches Criminal Justice courses at Abilene Christian College in Dallas

Lumpkin never appeared before the Warren Commission but he is refered to fairly often in various volumes.