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MRS. CLEMMONS

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Q. Mrs. Clemmons, how long have you been living here in Dallas?

A. Ever since I was fifteen.

Q. And how many years is that, if I might ask?

A. Oh, around forty, I imagine, forty years.

Q. Forty years? Where were you on November 22, 1963?

A. I was workin' for Miss Smidtman, 327 East 10th.

Q. 327 East 10th-is that just down the block, or where -

A. Just down the block from where ~~Officer~~ Tippit was killed.

Q. Did you know Officer Tippit?

A. Yes, I saw him many - pretty many times.

Q. I see. And did you hear the shots?

A. Yes, I heard the shots.

Q. And what did you do?

A. I ran out into the street - and looked down into the street and I ran back down the street where he was lying, and I looked at him - I had to go back to the house; I had a patient.

Q. When you heard the shots, Mrs. Clemmons, and then you ran out of the house, did you see anyone there?

A. No, I didn't see anyone down there where he were layin -

Q. But did you see anyone at the scene at all?

A. The other lady who was shouting on the street.

Q. Did you see any men there?

A. No.

Q. Well did you see a man with a gun?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Well, all right. Now, when you heard the shots and you went out of the house, did you see a man with a gun?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. What was he doing?

A. Oh, he was re-loadin'... when I see he was re-loadin' his gun.

Q. And how would you describe that man?

A. Well, he was kind of chunky.

Q. On the heavy side?

A. Uh huh. He was kind of heavy. He wasn't a very big man.

Q. ~~Was~~ Was he tall or short?

A. Yee-es - a kind of short guy.

Q. Short and heavy?

A. Yes, kinda.

Q. And was there any other man there?

A. Ye-es - ~~xxxxxxx~~ there was one on the other side of the street, but I don't know what is with him, or not. All I know, he told him to gone.

Q. Now you saw this man on the other side of the street -

A. Uh huh.

Q. And did the man with the gun ~~xxx~~ talk to the man on the other side of the street?

A. I couldn't tell.

Q. Did he motion to him?

A. He just looked at him and went on.

Q. Mrs. Clemons - er- the man who had the gun - uh- did he make any motion at all to the other man across the street?

A. No more'n told him to ~~xxxx~~ go on.

Well,
Q./He waved his hand and said "go on".

A. Yes, said "Go on".

Q. And then what happened with the man with the gun?

A. Er - he unloaded and reloaded.

Q. And what did the other man do?

A. Man kept going....straight down the street.

Q. And then did they go in opposite directions?

A. Yes, they were - they ~~xxxx~~ weren't together, they went this way from each other: the one done the shooting went this way; other went straight down past street that way.

Q. I see. What was the - uh - the man who did not do the shooting but the man who went in the other direction

from the man with the gun, what was he wearing -
if you remember?

A. Well, as far as I can remember he had on ^{looked} a light -
khaki-color white shirt.

Q. And was he tall or short?

A. He ^{was} tall.

Q. And was he heavy or thin.

A. He was thin.

Q. But the one who did the - the one who had the gun
seconds after Tippit was shot, he was short and heavy?

A. Yes, he was short - kinda heavy.
I see.

Q./Now, did you testify before the Warren Commission a-
bout this....

A. I haven't said anything to anyone.

Q. Did anyone come to see you after the murder of Officer
Tippit?

A. Yes, there was a man came with some cameras and talked
to me and I wouldn't talk to him and he lef' away.

Q. Yes. Did a police officer come to visit you after Of-
ficer Tippit was killed?

A. I don't know what he was. He came to my house and ~~he~~
talked to me, but I don't know what he - looked like
a policeman to me.

Q. ~~He did~~ Did he have a gun?

A. Yes, he wore a gun.

Q. And did he say anything to you?

tuh-
A. He just told me/it'd be the best if I didn't say anything because I might get hurt.

Q. It'd be best if you didn't say anything about -

A. Uh huh... I haven't said anything -

Q. Did he tell you it would be best if you didn't say anything about seeing Officer Tippit killed or see the man with the gun?

A. No, no - he just said it would be the best if I didn't say I seen anything.

Q. I see. And, did he say he was from the Police Department?

A. He didn't say; I didn't ask him.

(background conversation)

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Q. Mrs. Clemons, what did you actually see and hear on November 22nd?

A. I saw some shots, and I ran out into the street t' see, and I saw a man with the gun. He was re-loading his gun. One man was on the other side of the street. He waved toward him to go ahead on. And after that, I went down the street. I don't know what happened after that.

Q. Did a man come to talk with you?

A. A man came to talk with me and told me it would be best ~~me~~ for me to don't talk (xxxxxxxxxxxx)

And I didn't say anything to him that I would or - what I wouldn't

Q. Did he tell you what might happen if you did talk?

A. Said that I might get hurt - or someone might hurt me if I would talk.

Q. About what you saw?

A. - what I saw.

(background conversation)

Q. Mrs. Clemmons, how long after Tippit was shot did this man with the gun come to visit you?

A. Uh - 'bout two days. It was about two days.

(background conversation)

(you don't have to answer)
Mrs. Clemmons, what did you hear and see on November 22nd , 1963? What did the man who had the gun in his hand, what did he look like?..had a gun in his hand, Mrs. Clemmons, what did he look like? Was he tall, or was he short? Was he tall, or was he short? Was he thin, or was he heavy? How long after you saw Officer Tippit killed, did the man come to your home with the gun and tell you it would be best that you didn't talk about that? Did you know Officer Tippit? What did the man wear, the man who ran in the opposite direction from the man with the gun?

(background conversation)