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MR. DODD

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Q. Where were you on November 22, Mr. Dodd?

A. I was standin' on the Underpass - Commerce Underpass in Dallas, Texas.

Q. Were you there alone?
along

A. No, I was ~~xxxx~~ with three friends of mine.

Q. Railroad men?

A. Yeah, all railroad men.

Q/ Mr. Holland was one of them?

A. That's right.

Q. And what did -
Mr.-

A./Mr. Reilly was another one, and Mr./Sims (Simmons probably-M.G.)

was the other one, all employees of the Terminal there in Dallas.

Q. And when the shots were fired, ~~xxxx~~ ^{as} the car moved through Dealey Plaza, what did you hear; what did you see?

A. Well, I saw the President roll over. And then I saw Governor Connally roll over. And Mrs. Kennedy stood up in the car an' ^a -uh- Secret Service man come off the fender and shoved her down in the car, and I thought they was shot. But later found out that he was just

(Background conversation)

Q. On November 22, Mr. Dodd, what did you see? What did you hear?

A. Well I thought, when it started, it was fire-crack-

'N 'en
ers. ~~Then~~, I looked again, and I seen the Pres-
ident roll over in - slump over in his seat. 'N
'en I saw Governor Connally slump over. And Mrs.
Kennedy, she raised up, stood up 'n the Secret Ser-
vice man came off the fender - bumper - an' shoved
her down in the car and fell in on top of her. And
they went on (xx)the Underpass where I couldn't see
any further. They headed for Parkland Hospital.
And that's about as far as I could tell you anything
on that particular deal.

Q. How many shots did you hear, Mr. Dodd?

A. Actually I don't know. They're soundin' more
like fire-crackers than it did three shots - they's
claimed three shots but - seemed to me like there
were more than that happened.

Q. And did you see anything which might indicate to
you where the shots came from?

A. Well - uh - we all three seen - four seen about the
same thing as the shots.... the smoke came from behind
the hedge on - uh - north side of the Plaza. And a mo-
torcycle policeman dropped his motorcycle in the street,
with his gun in his hand and run up the embankment to
the hedge. And 'nen I went north to look around the
corner to see if there was anyone behind the hedge, and
met special agent of the Katy Railroad and he went down
there and I walked along with him to see if there were

any tracks there, an' which there were tracks and cigarettesbutts were layin' where someone had been standin' on the bumper lookin' over the fence or something. And I don't know - then they scattered out and went around the buildings and - this place and that place and I don't know.

Q. Mr. Dodd, were you ever questioned by agents of the Secret Service or the FBI on November 22?

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Q. Were you questioned by agents of any Government Agency on November 22, Mr. Dodd?

A. Yes, we were. We were taken over to the Court House and questioned by I suppose Secret Service men of some kind. And then released, and later I was questioned by someone - I don't know who they were - that came out on the job and questioned me quite a bit. Uh - later, when - uh - the Warren Commission were in there questioning ~~the~~ people, and I was on a job that I couldn't turn loose, and they sent a couple of men down there - but I don't recall their names. And - uh - asked me quite a few questions, about the same as I've told you in here today.

Q. But you were never called as a witness by the Warren Commission?

A. No, I never was called.

Q. Isn't that rather curious since you were in such a key position and you saw so much?

A. Well I don't know. I'm - I like to stay out of the public's eye, and I just dodge 'em, if possible. When I told 'em what I saw that's about all there was to be told.

Q. But you did tell the Government Agents that you

thought there were more than three shots-

and that they came from behind the fence? (two men speaking at once)

A. Yeah, I did. I told them I thought they was more than three shots.

Q. And then they ne - they never called you as a witness?

A. ~~My~~ Never called me as a witness.

Q. Because here's the Warren Report, and in the Index your name is not listed, and there is no reference in the whole 888 pages to the fact that you were up there and you saw what you saw and heard what you heard.

A. Well, uh - I don't know 'bout that.

Q. No, neither do I.

A. But - uh - there was somethin' that - uh - looked to me like it - uh - goin' on there that somebody should have found out somepin. A man walk up and chewed a man hand-cuffed to a couple of policemen ^{can} and get away with it, why, I figure there's somepn else goin' on besides what should be. And I believe that's about all I can give you any information on.

(background conversation. Cut. ...that's just perfect)

Ex Mr. Dodd, where were you on November 22? Were you questioned by agents of the Secret Service on the very day of the assassination? What did you see, and what did you hear? And yet you were never called as a witness by the Warren Commission, is that correct?

A. That's right.

Q. For here is the Report, published by the Warren Commission
(background conversation - Do that again, Bob.)

Q. For here is the Report, published by the Warren Commission, and your name is not even listed in the index, and in the entire 888 pages there is no indication that you were up on the Overpass, and that you saw what you saw, and that you heard what you heard.

(background conversation: One more time. Same thing? etc. etc. the whole thing. etc. Repeat)

Where were you on November 22, Mr. Dodd?

(Do you want me to repeat there? - I was on the Underpass
No, I'm just going to ask Oh Sorry...Again...
.... pause in between them. Yeah.)

And where were you on November 22, Mr. Dodd?

(take it again)

Where were you on November 22, Mr. Dodd?
(I was on the Underpass --- I'm sorry)
don't answer any more)

And what did you see, and what did you hear? Were you questioned by Federal Agents on the very day of the assassination? And did you tell those agents just what

you told us here: that you heard more than three shots, and that you thought the shots came from behind the wooden fence? And yet you were never called as a witness by the Warren Commission for here in the entire 888 page document

(background instructions)

And yet you were never called as a witness by the Warren Commission, for here in the 888-page document there is no reference to your name, nor to the fact that you were on the Overpass, nor that you -