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DAVID V. HARKNESS, 719 North Buckner Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, telephone (214) 328-2217, date of birth: July 24, 1921, was interviewed by Special Agent GARY L. GERSZEWSKI, Dallas Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and Detective KENNETH LYBRAND, Intelligence Division, City of Dallas Police Department, regarding his involvement in the apprehension of GUS W. ABRAMS, HAROLD DOYLE, and JOHN FORRESTER GEDNEY on November 22, 1963, near Dealey Plaza. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and detective, HARKNESS provided the following information:

HARKNESS was a City of Dallas Police Officer from 1946 until his retirement in 1973. On November 22, 1963, HARKNESS was assigned to secure the Presidential parade route from the intersection of Main and Field Street to Elm and Houston Street. The security precautions regarding the parade route were initiated as a result of the discovery of hundreds of "Wanted for Treason" posters bearing President Kennedy's picture. It had been speculated by some that protestors might try to block the parade route.

Initially, HARKNESS stationed himself at the intersection of Main and Houston Street. After the Presidential motorcade had turned onto Elm Street from Houston, HARKNESS began to drift west from his original position into the plaza.

At the time the shots rang out, HARKNESS was looking directly at the President. HARKNESS returned to his motorcycle, drove down Main Street to the intersection of Main and Industrial in order to look for any individual who might be escaping the plaza area. HARKNESS quickly circled the intersection of Industrial and Main Street and then returned to Dealey Plaza; HARKNESS returned to the Plaza approximately two minutes after the assassination.

Upon returning to the Plaza, HARKNESS utilized his motorcycle to conduct a search of the area near the DALLAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY (DSBD). During that search, HARKNESS found a

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witness, AMOS EUNIS, who indicated that he (EUNIS) had seen the shots come from a window in the DSBD. At the time of the assassination, EUNIS was standing just west of the DSBD on the area known as the "Grassy Knoll." HARKNESS had EUNIS accompany him on the motorcycle to the main entrance of the DSBD where HARKNESS turned EUNIS over to Inspector HERBERT SAWYER.

SAWYER directed HARKNESS to take some other officers over the railyard located to the west of the DSBD and to "check the boxcars." HARKNESS then was in charge of directing the activities of several officers involved in the search of the railroad cars. HARKNESS recalls officers BILL BASS and MARVIN WISE removing three individuals from one of the cars. Because Sheriff DECKER's office was located on Dealey Plaza, HARKNESS made the decision to have all of the individuals taken from the railroad cars over to Sheriff DECKER's office for initial interview.

HARKNESS had an opportunity to view four photographs of the three individuals identified as ABRAMS, DOYLE, and GEDNEY. HARKNESS identified them as three of the individuals who were removed from the train on November 22, 1963. HARKNESS also identified officers BASS and WISE as being the officers accompanying the three hobos. (A copy of that photograph is attached hereto.) HARKNESS could not recall the type of car from which they were taken. He does not recall any of the personal information regarding the three.

On the day of the assassination there were several individuals removed from the train other than the three individuals previously identified.