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EXT. 253 ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD RELEASES A.P. WIRE COPY DETAILING KENNEDY
ASSASSINATION, OSWALD SHOOTING, JFK FUNERAL The Assassination Records Review Board announced today
that it is releasing the minute-by-minute account contained in the Associated Press (A.P.) wire copy of the
events of November 22 through November 26, 1963, chronicling the first news reports of the shooting of
President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby shooting Oswald, and the
funeral of President Kennedy. The wire copy was donated by Richard Barnes, a former A.P. reporter. Barnes
was assigned to A.P.'s San Francisco Bureau at the time of the assassination of President Kennedy. A few
weeks after the assassination, he asked the news editor if he could have the A.P. wire copy from November 22
through November 26, when it was time to be thrown out. The news editor agreed. Barnes took possession of
the wire copy approximately one month after the assassination and has had the materials ever since. Barnes
has donated a complete copy of the wire reports to the Review Board for inclusion in The President John F.
Kennedy Assassination Records Collection (JFK Collection) at the National Archives and Records
Administration. Barnes still has the original wire copy that was received by teletypewriter in the A.P. San
Francisco Bureau newsroom. The Associated Press wire copy is a very valuable addition to the JFK Collection
at the National Archives," said Dr. Anna K. Nelson, a member of the Review Board. "This material, which
recounts all of the events of those tragic days in November 1963 as they became known and were reported to
the world, will allow future generations to share in the unfolding drama of those terrible few days. The A.P.
wire copy begins on the morning of Friday, November 22nd with a series of stories unrelated to President
Kennedy's trip to Dallas. A story on Vietnam states that "Administration officials who met in Honolulu
two days ago with American diplomatic and military leaders from South Vietnam agreed cautiously that things
are going reasonably well so far. Another item discusses popular entertainer Vaughn Meader's desire to
get away from Kennedy impersonations. A report out of Washington announces that Congress had
granted President Kennedy the record-breaking \$315 billion national debt ceiling he asked for the next
seven months. Then a bulletin flashes at 12:39 p.m.: BULLETIN DALLAS, NOV. 22 (AP)-PRESIDENT KENNEDY
WAS SHOT TODAY JUST AS HIS MOTORCADE LEFT DOWNTOWN DALLAS. MRS. KENNEDY JUMPED UP AND
GRABBED MR. KENNEDY. SHE CRIED, OH, NO! THE MOTORCADE SPED ON. Reports continue to come out of
Dallas regarding the shooting. Later, there is the first report that the President is dead: FLASH DALLAS--
PRESIDENT KENNEDY DIED AT 1:00 P.M. (CST) Soon there is a report with the first description of a suspect and
Record

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