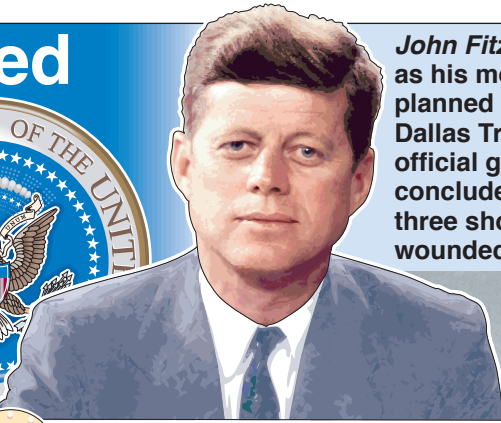


# The day JFK died



**John Fitzgerald Kennedy** was killed on November 22, 1963, as his motorcade wound past Dealey Plaza en route to a planned political luncheon with Texas businessmen at the Dallas Trade Mart. In 1964, the **Warren Commission** – the official government inquiry into the assassination – concluded that **Lee Harvey Oswald**, acting alone, had fired three shots which killed the 46-year-old president and wounded Texas Governor **John Connally**



**1** 11:40am: Air Force One arrives at Love Field airport.  
11:45am: **JFK** and his wife, **Jackie**, take back seat of Lincoln Continental limousine, **Governor Connally** and his wife, **Nellie**, sit in jump seats



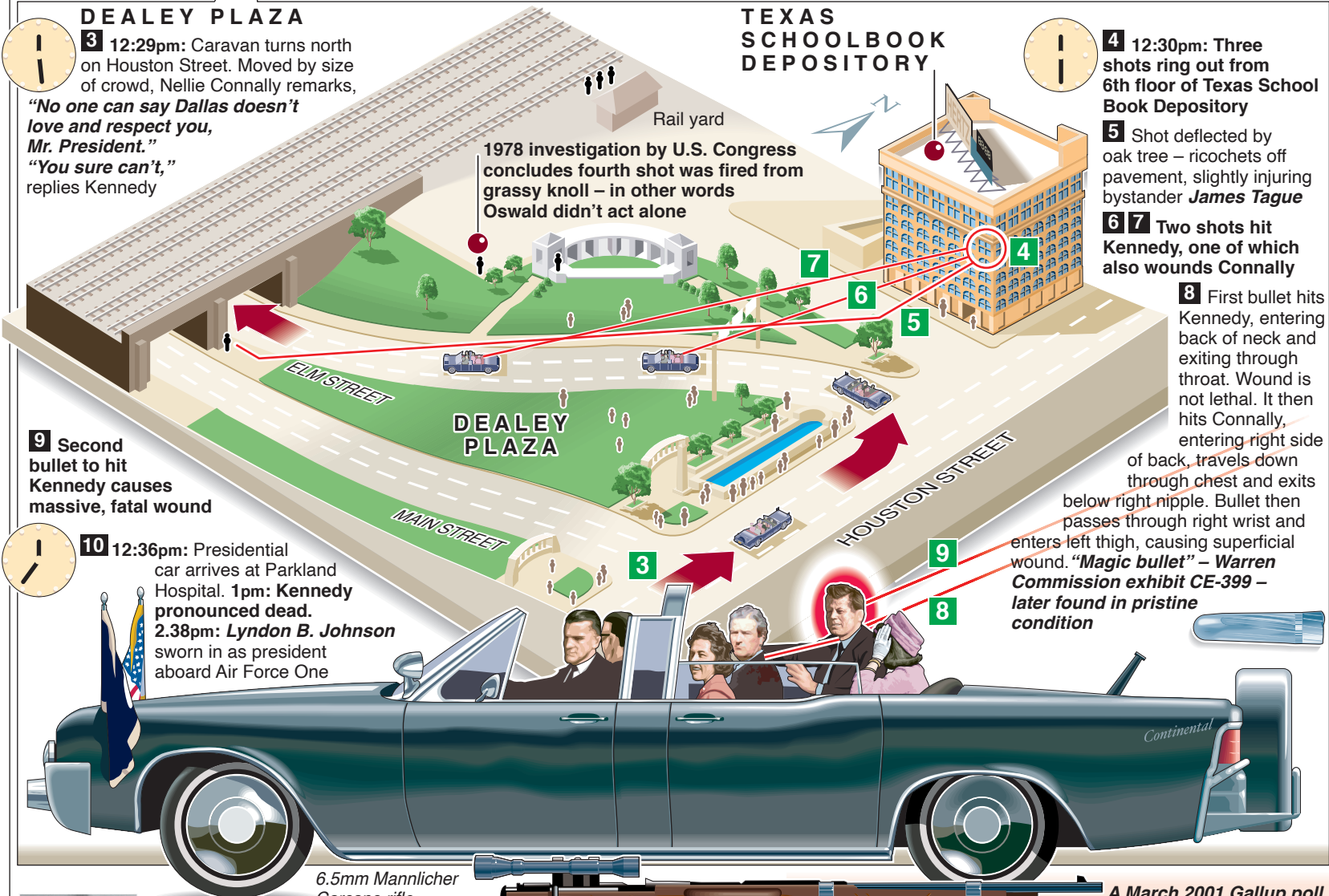
**2** 12:22pm: Motorcade reaches downtown Dallas

## DEALEY PLAZA

**3** 12:29pm: Caravan turns north on Houston Street. Moved by size of crowd, Nellie Connally remarks, **"No one can say Dallas doesn't love and respect you, Mr. President."** **"You sure can't,"** replies Kennedy

## TEXAS SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY

**4** 12:30pm: Three shots ring out from 6th floor of Texas School Book Depository  
**5** Shot deflected by oak tree – ricochets off pavement, slightly injuring bystander **James Tague**  
**6 7** Two shots hit Kennedy, one of which also wounds Connally



**9** Second bullet to hit Kennedy causes massive, fatal wound

**10** 12:36pm: Presidential car arrives at Parkland Hospital. 1pm: Kennedy pronounced dead. 2.38pm: **Lyndon B. Johnson** sworn in as president aboard Air Force One

**8** First bullet hits Kennedy, entering back of neck and exiting through throat. Wound is not lethal. It then hits Connally, entering right side of back, travels down through chest and exits below right nipple. Bullet then passes through right wrist and enters left thigh, causing superficial wound. **"Magic bullet"** – Warren Commission exhibit CE-399 – later found in pristine condition



6.5mm Mannlicher Carcano rifle

12:47pm: Oswald (left) takes cab to his apartment. Leaves minutes later with pistol  
1:15pm: Oswald stopped by police officer **J.D. Tippett** (below left) shot dead. Oswald seen running with pistol in his hand  
1:22pm: Police find rifle and three cartridge cases on 6th floor of Depository  
1:50pm: Oswald arrested at Texas Theatre. Two days later he is murdered while in police custody by mafia-linked **Jack Ruby**



## Key conspiracy theories

**Cuba:** JFK is killed by right-wing Cuban exiles over his refusal to allow U.S. forces to take part in CIA-mounted **Bay of Pigs** invasion. Thousands of emigres are killed in failed 1961 plan

**Mafia:** JFK and his brother, Attorney General **Robert F. Kennedy**, fiercely prosecute Mafia leaders in crusade against organized crime. **RFK is also assassinated, five years later**

**U.S. government:** Disgruntled CIA/Pentagon faction kills Kennedy for going soft on Communism and for sacking of CIA director, his deputy and planning chief following Bay of Pigs fiasco

A March 2001 Gallup poll found that 8 in 10 Americans believe there was a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy