

Tracing JFK's final moments



1 Nov 22, 1963
11:40am: U.S. President **John Fitzgerald Kennedy** arrives at Dallas airport

11:45am: JFK and wife **Jackie** take back seat of open-topped Lincoln Continental limousine, Governor **Connally** and wife **Nellie** sit in jump seats

2 12:22pm: Motorcade reaches downtown Dallas

3 12:29pm: Motorcade drives into Dealey Plaza. 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



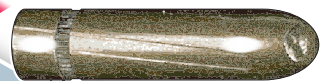
4 12:30pm: Three shots ring out from 6th floor of Texas School Book Depository

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

8 Bullet hits Kennedy, entering back of neck and exiting through throat. Wound is not fatal

It then hits Connally, entering right side of back, travels down through chest and exits below right nipple
Bullet then passes through Connally's right wrist and enters left thigh, causing superficial wound



"Magic bullet" – Warren Commission exhibit CE-399 – later found in pristine condition

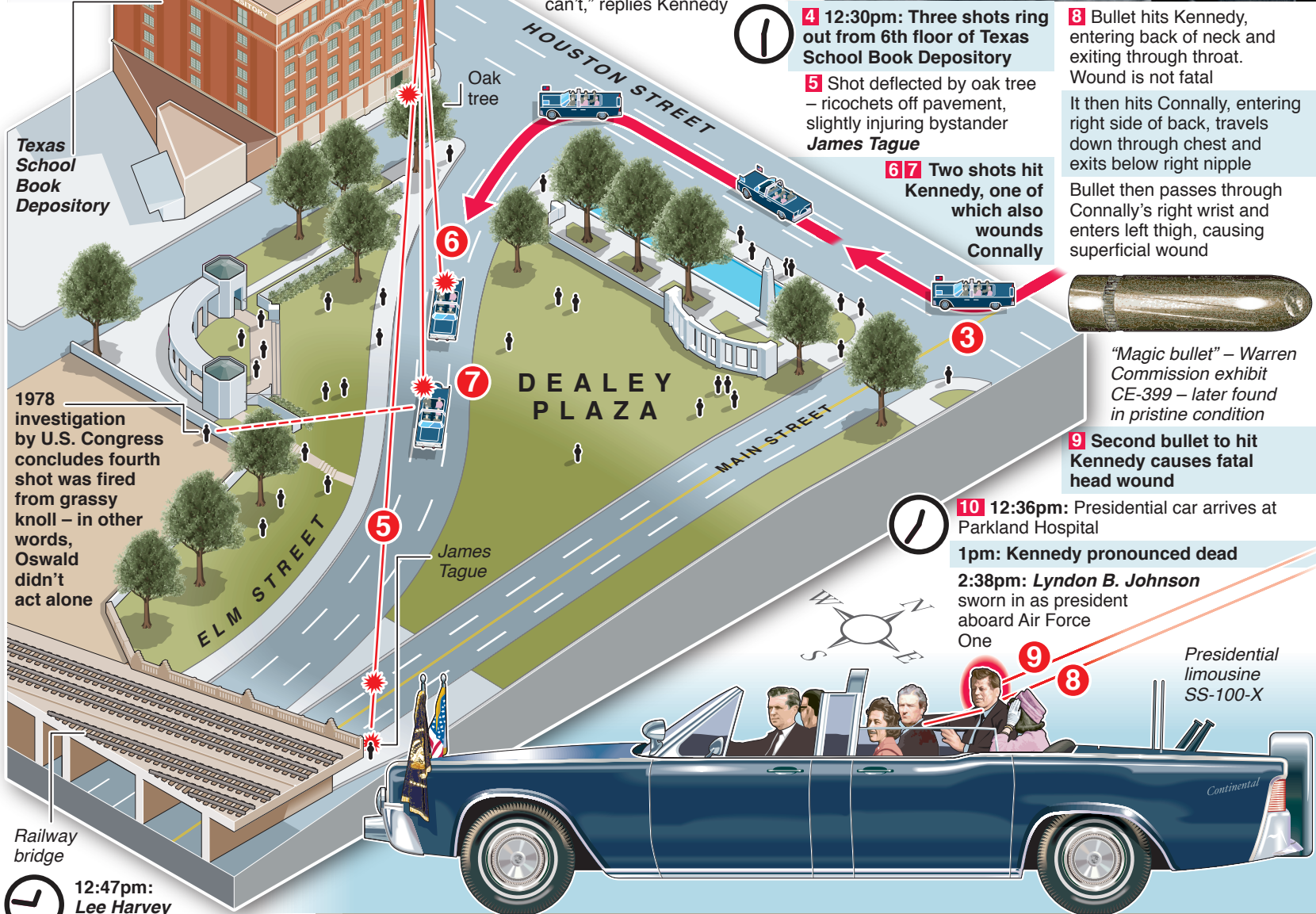
9 Second bullet to hit Kennedy causes fatal head wound

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

Presidential limousine SS-100-X

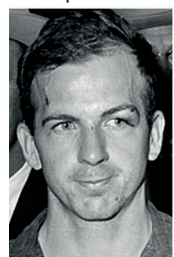


1978 investigation by U.S. Congress concludes fourth shot was fired from grassy knoll – in other words, Oswald didn't act alone

Railway bridge

12:47pm: **Lee Harvey Oswald** (bottom left) takes cab to his apartment. Leaves minutes later with pistol

1:15pm: Oswald stopped by police officer **J. D. Tippit** (bottom right). Tippit shot dead. Oswald seen running with pistol in his hand



6.5mm Mannlicher Carcano rifle



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:** President Kennedy is killed by right-wing Cuban exiles, after botched CIA-mounted Bay of Pigs invasion to remove President **Fidel Castro** in 1961. Failure blamed on JFK's refusal to provide U.S. air support

■ **Mafia:** Outraged at administration's crusade against organised crime, mob leaders have President Kennedy killed to remove his brother, Attorney General **Robert Kennedy**, from power

■ **U.S. government:** Disgruntled CIA / Pentagon faction kills Kennedy for going soft on communism and for sacking of CIA director, following Bay of Pigs fiasco

■ **1967-69:** New Orleans District Attorney **Jim Garrison** charges **Clay Shaw** with conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy with help of Oswald and **David Ferrie**. Shaw is acquitted