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The deposition of SAUNDRA KAY SPENCER, called
for examination by counsel for the Board in the
above-entitled matter, pursuant to notice, at
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Q: Would you swear the witness, please.

Q: Would you state your full name for the record, please.

Q: Ms. Spencer, were you employed in November of 1963?

A: Yes, I was.

Q: What position did you have in November of 1963?

A: I was on the shooting crew for the President.

Q: Where did you work at that time?

A: I worked at the Photographic Center in a special unit for the Naval Aide to the President.

Q: Did you take all of those courses during the time that you were in the Navy?

A: Yes.

Q: Was your principal area of work was in photography?

A: Yes.

Q: Prior to 1963, had you had any experience in photography prior to the time that you joined the Navy?

A: Yes, since the time I was about 11 years old, dad insisted we have family hobbies, and photography was one of them, so I learned photography. Then, in my senior year of high school, the photographer that was scheduled to do our annuals passed away, and so I took over the photographic shooting and everything for our school annual.

Q: Did you take the photographs yourself?

A: Yes.

Q: Did you also develop the photographs?

A: Yes.

Q: Approximately, how many persons did you take photographs of who were deceased?

A: Probably around 10, 12 during the two years I was on the shooting crew.

Q: I would like to go now to the Naval Photographic Center in 1963. Could you describe in...
Q: When you say, "they left you alone," you mean that you pretty much left them alone, did your own thing.
A: Yes.

Q: When and what kinds of occasions did you develop color transparencies in the White House lab?
A: Yes.

Q: Do you know of any other lab that typically handled White House photography in 1963?
A: No.

Q: Did you have the capability of developing color transparencies in the White House lab?
A: No.

Q: Did the color division, separate from the White House lab, have any capability of developing color transparencies?
A: Yes, they did.

Q: Did you ever work yourself developing color transparencies in the color lab at NPC?
A: Yes.

Q: Was there a White House lab or a White House section in the NPC building?
A: Yes.

Q: Was that the area that you worked in?
A: Yes.

Q: Do you know why the White House lab was separate from the Photographic Center the first time, I went to camera repair school, and then I returned, and at that time, they had placed a lot of mechanized equipment in, so I started working over there and stuff. You don't have any hands-on, but you load the reels and put them in the baskets, and it travels through until it bumps into the doors.
A: Yes.

Q: Do you know what kinds of films were capable of being developed, color transparencies in November of '63?
A: It was the Ektachrome. Anything like Kodachrome was sent out to Kodak directly.

Q: So Kodachrome would be sent to Kodak, but Ektachrome could be developed?
A: Ektachrome could be in-house, and we were working with E-3, E-4s right around that time.

Q: You mentioned earlier a person by the name of Knudsen. How often did you see Mr. Knudsen?
A: Not that often. When he needed a back-up photographer, we would go over. Usually, most of his film come by courier to us or we would go out to Andrews to pick up from the courier planes, and he would call us on the telephone, usually daily, and we would again courier or take his proof prints over and drop them off, and we would just get them back by courier circled with what he wanted.

Q: Do you remember who the supervisor of the color lab was in November of '63?
A: Oh, I can picture his face, but I can't remember his name. It was a Lieutenant.

Q: Does the name Vincent Madonia ring a bell?
A: Yes, that's him.

Q: How often would you interact with Mr. Madonia around 1963?
A: Oh, I would have seen him on a daily basis.

Q: Now I would like to go to November 22nd of
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2. I only thing I remember is Kirk was on his name.

11. Q: Do you remember the names of any of the other people who stayed?

A: Carol Bonito was the only one I can identify. There was a 2nd Class that had come aboard just recently, but I didn't remember. The only thing I remember is Kirk was on his name.

11. Q: When you say they moved all the personnel out of NPC except "our area," do you mean the White House area or the color lab area?

A: They secured the regular color lab crews and we stayed.

11. Q: So approximately, how many people stayed when the rest of NPC closed down?

A: There was about three of us up there.

11. Q: Do you remember the names of any of the other people who stayed?

A: Carol Bonito was the only one I can identify. There was a 2nd Class that had come aboard just recently, but I didn't remember. The only thing I remember is Kirk was on his name.

11. Q: Ms. Spencer, I am going to hand you a document that has been marked Exhibit No. MD 144, which appears on its face to be an Enlisted Distribution and Verification Report. It appears to be dated between June '63 and October of '63. Could you first look at the document and see whether you are familiar with that type of document?

A: The first time I had seen a document like this is when you had sent me the photocopics of it. I would like you to turn, if you would, to the seventh page where the first name at the top of the page is Ashton Thomas Larr. Do you see that page?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you see the name Carol Bonito?

A: Yes.

Q: - down approximately six names or so?

A: Yes.

Q: Is this the Carol Bonito that you were referring to just a moment ago?

A: Yes.

Q: Could you look through this list - and take as much time as you need - to see if you are able to identify any other names of personnel who were in the White House lab on the days after November 22nd of '63?

A: Look at the 2nd Class, the gentleman I was talking about was a 2nd Class. No, I don't see his name on there.

Q: Okay. Let me show you one name and see if it looks familiar to you. This is on the fourth page.

The first name at the top of the page appears to be Somers, So-me-rs, Joseph M. You do see your name immediately under there?

A: Right.

Q: Do you see the name Stover?

A: Yes. Somers was in the color lab side.

Q: But not in the White House area?

A: No.

Q: Is that right?

A: Richard Stover, Smoky Stover was there. Strickland was a chief. He was down in the black and white division. Usually, in the color lab, we had a high number of 1st and 2nd Class and a few Airmen and 3rd Class, but they - Leo Marshall was the Chief in Charge of the color lab.

Q: Ms. Spencer, did you have any work after November 22nd, 1963, that was related to the death of President Kennedy?

A: Yes. We were requested to develop 4" by 5" color negatives and make prints of an autopsy that was - we were told it was shot at Bethesda after the President's body was brought back from Dallas.

Q: I would like to come to that in a minute.

11. Q: Prior to that, did you have any other work or responsibilities related to the death of President Kennedy?

A: We were trying to put together the prayer cards. Mrs. Kennedy had selected a black and white photograph, and so we needed a number of them. What we did was take four prints, 4" by 5" prints, and do the vignetting on those, and then they were copied to a master negative, and we took it downstairs and put it on the automatic black and white printers to print out the required numbers. Then, we brought them back and we did not cut them here. We brought them to the White House. They took them to the printers and evidently they were printed and cut there.

Q: Did you bring with you today some examples of those prints that you made?

A: Yes. I brought just two on a sheet.

Q: What is your best recollection as to when you started working on the prints?

A: I think the count was supposed to be around 10,000, but I am sure we went over.

Q: What is your best recollection as to when you started working on the prints?

A: It was after the President's body had been brought back because Mrs. Kennedy personally selected the print. Chief Knudsen told us which one, and then we went ahead and pulled it, and started the process of producing the -

Q: President Kennedy's body arrived at approximately 6:00 p.m. in Washington, D.C. Does that help you determine approximately the time when you began work on the black and white prints?

A: No.

Q: Do you remember whether it was on the evening of November 22nd?

A: It seems to me like we had gotten word the following day, which would have been a Saturday.
Q: So on Friday, November 22nd, 1963, did you do any work related to either the funeral of President Kennedy or to autopsy photographs that you mentioned?

A: No, we were primarily in a standby position.

Q: Approximately, how long did it take for you to work on the black and white prints?

A: It took most of the day. It seemed to me it was late, maybe 2 o'clock in the morning, by the time we got them over to the White House after we got the indication of which ones we needed to print.

Q: So this would be, then, you worked on them on Saturday, November 23rd, until approximately 2 o'clock in the morning on Sunday, November 24th, is that correct?

A: I can't remember the day. All I remember is that it was after the President's body had been taken up to the Rotunda, because as we went to the White House, the lines were forming for the Rotunda.

Q: Just to make sure that I understand this correctly, that you took prints over to the White House, the black and white prints, and at that time, you noticed lines that were forming to go to the Rotunda on Capitol Hill?

A: Yes.

Q: And at the time that you took the prints to the White House, do you remember whether the body was at the White House or whether it was at the Rotunda?

A: It had to be up at the Capitol Rotunda at that time.

Q: Now, a few minutes ago you mentioned some work related to the autopsy photographs of President Kennedy. When did you first receive information that you would be doing some work on that issue?

A: We received a call from the quarterdeck, and they said an agent was there, and we were supposed to perform, photographic work for him. They logged him in and brought him up.

Q: When you say he called from the quarterdeck, where was the quarterdeck?

A: The quarterdeck is on the first floor of the White House, the black and white prints, and at that time we heard about the telephone call from the quarterdeck.

Q: Did you remember approximately when the telephone call happened, which day of the week?

A: No, I don't. It seemed like it was in the morning.

Q: Do you remember approximately when the telephone call happened, which day of the week?

A: No, I don't. It seemed like it was in the morning.

Q: Were you working on the developing of the black and white prints, did it interrupt that, or was it before or after?

A: No, it was after.

Q: So it was after you had finished the prints. Had you done any other work between the time that you worked on the black and white prints and that you received a call from the quarterdeck?

A: We were finishing up job orders that we had, that had been requested from the White House.

Q: Do you remember the name of the agent who came with the film?

A: No, I don't. The only thing I remember, I think he said he was with the FBI.

Q: Do you remember we spoke earlier, you and I spoke on the telephone in December of 1966?

A: Yes.

Q: At that time you mentioned the name of an agent. Do you remember the name that you used at that time?

A: No, I don't, because I really couldn't verify that that was the agent, so I just - he was an agent.

Q: In December of 1966, you spontaneously said to us that you recalled the name was Fox, but that you weren't certain. Does that ring a bell?

A: Yes.

Q: When Mr. Fox or the person came to the White House lab, approximately, how many other people were working in the lab at that time?

A: Two others.

Q: Do you remember who they were? Was one Ms. Bonito, for example?

A: Yes, and the 2nd Class. The day crew was on. We had two, usually two 2nd Class that worked the evening shift.

Q: Now, when you say that the agent had 4 by 5 film holders, what do you mean by that?

A: It means they either used a 4 by 5 press camera, or a view camera, and a film holder is a two-sided container that holds two sheets of film, insert it in the camera, pull the dark slide, do your photograph, reinsert the dark slide, turn the holder over, and you are ready - and pull the dark slide, and you are ready for a second shot.

Q: So there is two sheets of film in each of the holders.

Q: When you refer to a press camera or a view camera, are those also known as large format cameras?

A: Yes, large format cameras.

Q: Now, if I recall correctly, you said that your recollection was that he had four or five of these duplex film holders, is that correct?

A: Correct.

Q: Did the agent speak to you directly or did he speak with somebody else?

A: To me directly.

Q: What did he ask you to do?

A: He said he needed the film processed and a print of each of them.

Q: What did you then do?

A: We took them and then checked our chemistry, brought it up to temperature, and processed the negatives. We put the negatives in the drying cabinet, and when they were completed, we brought them out. We went into the dark room and made a test print on them, which we processed and color corrected, and made the final print, at which time we took all scraps and anything related to that job, and put it in an envelope and gave it to the agent, returned his film holders to him.

Q: Did you keep any material at all related to the collection?
Q: To the development of those photographs?
A: Absolutely not. The agent was very specific that he wanted everything, any test scraps or anything that we might use.
Q: What type of film did you develop?
A: It was a color negative C-22 process.
Q: Could you describe for me briefly what a C-22 process is?
A: It is a standard color - well, it was a standard color negative at the time, and it's a three-layer image, reverse image of each of the three basic primary colors with a reddish yellow masking material that is incorporated into the negative to prevent bleedover of the various layers when printing.
Q: Did you develop those negatives in the White House lab or did you go into the color lab to develop them?
A: They were processed in the White House section in the Calumet Unit in the small off-room.
Q: We had the color negative processing capability plus the print processing.

Q: When you developed the first test print, what kind of paper did you put that onto?
A: It's the standard color print material.
Q: Now, you brought with you today a photograph of President Kennedy that you said it was your understanding was taken approximately two weeks before the assassination, is that correct?
A: Yes, the Black Watch performed at the White House, and these were brought to us, so I would estimate this print was probably made about a week to 10 days prior to the printing of the autopsy material, so the chemical content within the paper should be fairly close to what the autopsy photo chemical content was.
MR. GUNN: What I would like to do is to mark the print that you brought with you as MD No. 147.

[Exhibit No. MD 147 was marked for identification.]

BY MR. GUNN.
Q: Now, for MD 147, if I am understanding you correctly, that the paper that Exhibit 147 was developed on is the same material as you used for the test prints, is that correct?
A: Yes, at the Photographic Center, when we ordered our paper, we ordered an entire run, and they cut it to the various sizes that we needed, so that we could make a 4 by 5, an 8 by 10, or a 16 by 20, all from the same color pack, and make them totally match, so that that paper should be the same batch that was used.
Q: When you said you made a test print, how many test prints did you make of each negative?
A: The general rule was for us to make a test print of each, but I am not sure that we tested all of them, because, you know, they were all the same subject matter. It was general practice, though, to go ahead and prepare one test print of each.
Q: Do you know whether more than one test print was made of any of the negatives?
A: No.
Q: That is, there were no prints -
A: No, there were no - just one test print was made of each.

Q: After the color correction, how many prints were made of each negative?
A: One.
Q: So would it be fair to say that, at maximum, there were two prints made of each negative?
A: That is correct.
Q: And were the final prints also developed on the same paper as Exhibit No. 147?
A: Correct.
Q: And so you would expect that on the original test print, as well as the original color-corrected print, there would be the same type of markings that are on the back of Exhibit No. 147?
A: Yes, it should have the same watermarks and markings plus the same border pattern.
Q: When you say the 'same watermarks,' what do you mean?
A: On the back of all Kodak paper, they print their Kodak label, and it changes from year to year, but it just says Kodak paper.
Q: So on the Exhibit No. 147, it appears that there is either a delta figure, or appears a delta figure, and then Kodak paper, is that what you are referring to?
A: Yes.
Q: Do you know the difference between a negative and an inter-negative?
A: Yes.
Q: What is the difference in just a very general way?
A: A negative is an original piece of film. An inter-negative is an intermediate negative material designed to go from a transparency to a print.
Q: Would you have been able to tell, at the time that you developed the duplex films, whether the film was a negative or an inter-negative?
A: Yes, because the inter-negative cannot be processed C-22.
Q: So that you are certain then that they were not inter-negatives that you developed?
A: No, they were original.
Q: Approximately, how much time did it take between the time that you first saw the 4 by 5 duplex holders and the time that the agent left?
A: It takes - it was 30 minutes for the processing on the negative, approximately 45 minutes to dry the negatives, and then the printing, the other print process was 18 minutes, and then on the drying drums probably about 3 minutes, so less than two hours.
Q: Did the agent leave immediately after the final prints had been dried?
A: Yes.
Q: So he did not stay around and talk at all or say anything?
A: No.
Q: Did he talk to you at all about where he had obtained the photographs?
A: No. When he gave us the material to process, he said that they - had been shot at Bethesda and they were autopsy pictures, for us to process them and try to not observe too much, don't peruse.
Q: Did he say anything that you now recall other than what you have just mentioned?
A: No.
Q: Have you ever signed a form like that previously?
A: It pretty much followed like for a classified piece of material.
Q: Did you develop photographs previously that had classified information in them?
A: No, we just treated everything that we got as semi-classified and just kept it within the unit.
Q: Was there a reason of which you were aware for treating most of the material as if it were semi-classified?
A: Because the only people that had the right to release it was the White House.
Q: After the agent left, did you do any additional work related to any autopsy photos?
A: No.
Q: Did you do any other work related to the death of the President?
A: No. At that point, we started to gather all the negatives and started to make two, 5 by 7's.

of every negative that we had in the library, and then we would start to package them and they were taken away. They were going to take them to the Kennedy Library when it was built. I left before that project was completed.
Q: By the way, approximately, when did you leave the NPC for the first time?
A: Let's see. It was within two or three months after the assassination.
Q: Did you ever see any other photographic material related to the autopsy in addition to what you have already described?
A: Just, you know, when they came out with some books and stuff later that showed autopsy pictures and stuff, and I assumed that they were done in—you know, down in Dallas or something, because they were not the ones that I had worked on.
Q: Do you recall any books that you have seen with autopsy photographs in them?
A: I can't quote the titles of them.
Q: But you have seen commercially published books with what appear to be autopsy photos in them?
A: Yes.
Q: Did you ever hear of any discussion related to autopsy photos at NPC?
A: No.
Q: Did you ever discuss the fact that you had processed those with Mr. Madonia, for example?
A: No.
Q: Did you ever discuss it with anyone else your own work?
A: No.
Q: Or did you hear of anyone else at NPC who had worked on any other autopsy photographs?
A: No.
Q: Did you have any opportunity to observe the content of the negatives and the prints as you were working on them?
A: Yes, I did.
Q: Can you describe for me what you saw as best you can recollect?
A: Briefly, they were very, what I consider pristine for an autopsy. There was no blood or opening cavities, opening or anything of that nature. It was quite reverent in how they handled it.
Q: If I can just ask for some clarification. Do you mean that the body appeared to be clean, had been washed? Is that what you are suggesting?
A: Yes.
Q: And that was different from what you had seen in other autopsy photographs, is that right?
A: Yes. In other autopsies, they have the opening of the cavity and the removing of vital organs for weighing and stuff of this nature. The only organ that I had seen was a brain that was laid beside the body.
Q: And that was in the photograph of President Kennedy?
A: Yes.
Q: So there was a brain in the photograph beside the body, is that correct?
A: Well, yes, by the side of the body, but it didn't appear that the skull had been cut.
Q: Did you see any photographs that focused principally on the head of President Kennedy?
A: Right. They had one showing the back of the head with the wound at the back of the head.
Q: Could you describe what you mean by the "wound at the back of the head"?
A: It appeared to be a hole, inch, two inches in diameter at the back of the skull here.
Q: You pointed to the back of your head.
Q: When you point back there, let's suppose that you were lying down on a pillow, where would the hole be in relationship to the back of the head that would be on the pillow if the body is lying flat?
A: The top part of the head.
Q: When you say the "top of the head," now, is that the part that would be covered by a hat that would be covering the top of the head?
A: Just about where the rim would hit.
Q: Are you acquainted with the term "external occipital protuberance"?
A: No. I am not.
Q: What I would like to do is to give you a document or a drawing, and ask you, if you would, on this document, make a mark of approximately where the wound was that you noticed.
MR. GUNN: We will mark this Exhibit No. 148.
Q: Are your observations based upon the photographs taken?
A: Yes. Like I said, the negatives have been pressed in.
Q: About how much time were you able to look at the photographs, did you get a good observation of them, was it fleeting? How would you describe that?
A: It was - they traveled. You placed them on the drum, they would travel around, so after you place it on, probably about 15 seconds or so, they start underneath and it rotates around, and then they drop off, and you grab them and stack them. So probably just 10 or 15 seconds.
Q: Are your observations based upon the prints rather than the negatives?
A: No, they have electric drum, and it puts the ferrotype finish to it. That was before RC papers when you can air-dry them.
Q: What is your best recollection of the approximate size of the wound on the throat that you identified before?
A: Just about like that, just like a finger, half-inch.
Q: Do you remember whether the wound was jagged or how that appeared?
A: No, just - it appeared just indented.
Q: And you have put some hash marks in there on the diagram, is that correct?
A: Yes.
Q: Did you see any biological tissue, such as brain matter, extruding from the hole that you saw in the back of the head?
A: No.
Q: Was the scalp disturbed or can you describe that more than just the hole?
A: It was just a ragged hole.
Q: And it was visible through the scalp, is that correct?
A: Yes.
Q: Did you see any photographs with the scalp pulled back or reflected?
A: No.
Q: Did you see any other wounds on the head in addition to the one that you have identified?
A: I don't remember any additional.
Q: Did you see any photographs that would have shown the right profile of President Kennedy's head?
A: I don't remember.
Q: Did you see any photographs that would have shown any wounds in either the neck or shoulders or back?
A: It seems like I seen - there was at the base of the neck.
Q: When you are pointing, you are pointing to the front of your neck to the right side?
Q: Do you remember approximately how large the wound was?
A: Probably about two to three minutes by the time it goes on, it goes around the drum.
Q: And that is all entirely on the drum?
A: Yes.
Q: So the prints themselves would not hang from a wire or anything?
A: No, they have electric drum, and it puts the ferrotype finish to it. That was before RC papers when you can air-dry them.
Q: What is your best recollection of the approximate size of the wound on the throat that you identified before?
A: Just about like that, just like a finger, half-inch.
Q: Do you remember whether the wound was jagged or how that appeared?
A: No, just - it appeared just indented. It was, again, clean, pristine, no - you know, it wasn't an immediate wound, it had some cleaning done to it or something.
Q: Were you able to observe any characteristics of the room in which the photographs were taken?
A: No.
Q: Do you remember what the walls looked like or whether they -
A: No, everything basically concentrated straight on the body. It didn't appear like the normal medical setting, you know. I don't know whether they did it in a separate room or they used special coverings on their tables or what, but I don't remember, you know, hospital stainless-steel gleaming or anything, or people running around in green scrubs or anything.
Q: It was just, like I said, it looked a very reverent laid out arrangement.
Q: What is your best recollection as to how long after the autopsy you received the photographs? Let me try and put it in terms of some other events that happened. Do you remember whether you developed the photographs before or after the funeral, for example?
A: It was before.
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[1] attempting to keep all sensationalism out of the
[2] funeral and maintain the President's dignity and
[4] Q: Are you able to - let's start with a
[5] conjecture as to whether the photographs that you
[6] developed, and the photographs that you observed
[7] today, could have been taken at different times?
[8] A: I would definitely say they were taken at
[9] different times.
[10] Q: Is there any question in your mind whether
[11] the photographs that you saw today were photographs
[12] of President Kennedy?
[13] A: There is not doubt they are pictures of
[14] President Kennedy.
[15] Q: Is there any doubt in your mind that the
[16] photographs that you saw in November 1963 also were
[17] of President Kennedy?
[18] A: No, that was President Kennedy, but
[19] between those photographs and the ones that we did,
[20] there had to be some massive cosmetic things done
[21] to the President's body.
[22] Q: Do you have an opinion as to whether the

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[1] the side is not there, and again, there are hands
[2] in the background. This is not a photograph that
[3] was in the set that we produced.
[4] Q: In terms of the locations of the wound, do
[5] you see any differences or similarities with those
[6] that you developed in November 1963?
[7] A: No, there is no similarity.
[8] Q: Could we look now at the seventh view
[9] described as missile wound at entrance and
[10] posterior skull following reflection of scalp
[13] see any images corresponding to the seventh view
[14] that you have in front of you now?
[16] Q: Are you able to identify what that view
[17] is?
[18] A: It appears to be the opening of the
cavity, top of the head, with the brain removed.
[19] Q: Could you look once again at the paper for
[20] the color print and tell me whether that is the
[21] paper that were using in 1963 at the NPC?

[1] Q: Ms. Spencer, you have now had an
[2] opportunity to view all of the colored images, both
[3] transparencies and prints, that are in the
[4] possession of the National Archives related to the
[6] Based upon your knowledge, are there any
[7] images of the autopsy of President Kennedy that are
[8] not included in those views that we saw?
[9] A: The views that we produced at the
[10] Photographic Center are not included.
[11] Q: Ms. Spencer, how certain are you that
[12] there were other photographs of President Kennedy's
[13] autopsy that are not included in the set that you
[14] have just seen?
[15] A: I could personally say that they are not
[16] included. The only thing I can determine is that
[17] because of the pristine condition of the body and
[18] the reverence that the body was shown, that - this
[19] is speculation on my part - that perhaps the
[20] family had the second set shot and developed as
[21] possible releases if autopsy pictures were
demanded, because at that time, Mrs. Kennedy was

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Q: Ms. Spencer, there is one other question I would like to ask you about and this is in reference to a document that is labeled Exhibit MD 121 that appears on its face to be a cover sheet and a memorandum signed by James Fox dated February 16, 1967.

A: Yes, I did.

Q: Can you tell me, if you wouldn't mind going through the document and telling me anything that you perceive in the document either to be accurate, that is, as you recall, or inaccurate and different from what your own recollection is?

A: Okay. During the time that I saw Agent Fox, he did not have any black and white film with him. The only thing he had in his possession was color film, and he remained with us while we processed it and printed it. It was not printed on different days.

Q: Mr. Fox says that this happened on November 27th, 1963, which would be approximately five days after the assassination. Does that correspond with your recollection as to when he came to or when an agent came to the NPC?

A: No. My recollection was before the burial of President Kennedy.

Q: And in the statement by Agent Fox, he refers to color positives. From what you have said before, that would not be- A: No.

Q: - correspond with what you yourself observed, is that correct?

A: Right. The only thing that we processed was color negative material.

Q: Mr. Fox also refers to going with Chief Robert Knudsen. You knew Mr. Knudsen, is that correct?

A: Yes. Chief Knudsen was our liaison boss between the White House and the Photographic Center, he was not with the agent when the agent came, and if he was in the building, he would have come up.

Q: So to the extent that Mr. Fox is correct in what he makes on the statement, this is not the event that you yourself witnessed, would that be fair to say?

A: That is correct.

MR. GUNN: Thank you very much.

[Signature not waived.]

[Whereupon, at 11:40 a.m., the deposition was concluded.]
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