

Did Lee Harvey Oswald kill the President of the United States in November 1963, or was it somebody else? „I never killed anybody!“ he told the police, many times.

Was he working for someone else? The government of Cuba, perhaps, who did not like Kennedy? Or the Russians? Oswald had once left America to live in Russia for a short time. Did the Mafia kill Kennedy? They certainly wanted him dead, because he was making life difficult for them. Even today, the questions go on. Will they ever be answered?

1963. In the morning of 22nd November, the President of the United States of America arrived in Dallas Airport. It was a beautiful sunny day. John F. Kennedy and his wife were on an official visit. When they left the airport, the people were standing along the streets to cheer at the young president and his charming wife. Millions more watched on television. In the same car were John Connally, Governor of Texas, his wife, and two bodyguards from the Secret Service.



„You can't say Dallas doesn't love you,“ Mrs Connally told the Kennedys, as they listened to the shouts and saw the smiling faces.

At 12.30 the car turned into Elm Street. One of the buildings which had a view over Elm Street was a large building full of schoolbooks.

There was the sound of a gun shot. The president's hand stopped waving at the people. Then, as a second shot was heard, Kennedy's hand went to his neck. There was a third (and perhaps a fourth) shot. Kennedy's head was covered with blood. John Connally, who was also hit by one of the bullets, fell to the floor of the car.

The car immediately raced away to the hospital, with Jacqueline Kennedy holding her husband's wounded head in her arms.

“Oh my God, they killed my husband!” she cried. “They've killed the president,“ the crowd repeated. At one o'clock America and the rest of the world heard the news that President John F. Kennedy was dead.

to cheer at
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Where is Dallas?

- in California
- in Texas
- in Canada

What did Kennedy do in Dallas?

- Buy schoolbooks for his kids.
- He was on an official visit.
- He visited the Mafia.

Who was with Kennedy?

- His wife Jacqueline.
- His girl-friend Marilyn.
- His brother Robert.

What happened to John Connally?

- He was also shot at, but survived.
- He was arrested by the police.
- He saw the assassination on TV.

Did the people of Dallas like the young president?

- We can't say, because nobody went to see him.
- Yes, it seemed so.
- No, because nobody waved at him.

The two bodyguards

- shot the murderer.
- couldn't save the life of the president.
- ran away after the first shot.