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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
COUNTY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this the 22 day of November A. D. 19 63

personally appeared Jim Braden, Address 621 S. Barington Dr.  
Apt. 6 Los Angeles, Calif.  
Age 49, Phone No. 4725301 Home Office 215 S. La Cienega Blvd.  
Beverly Hills, California

Deposes and says:-

I am here on business (oil business) and was walking down Elm Street trying to get a cab and there wasn't any. I heard people talking saying "My God the President has been shot." Police cars were passing me coming down toward the triple underpass and I walked up among many other people and this building was surrounded by police officers with guns and we were all watching them. I moved on up to the building across the street from the building that was surrounded and I ask one of the girls if there was a telephone that I could use and she said "Yes, there is one on the third floor of the building where I work". I walked through a passage to the elevator they were all getting on (freight elevator) and I got off on the third floor with all the other people and there was a lady using the pay telephone and I ask her if I could use it when she hung up and she said it was out of order and I tried to use it but with no success. I ask her how I can get out of this building and she said that there is an exit right there and then she said wait a minute here is the elevator now. I got on the elevator and returned to the ground floor and the colored man who ran the elevator said you are a stranger in this building and I was not suppose to let you up and he ran outside to an officer and said to the officer that he had just taken me up and down in the elevator and the officer said for me to identify myself and I presented him with a credit card and he said well we have to check out everything and took me to his superior and said for me to wait and we will check it out. I was then taken to the Sheriff's office and interrogated.

Jim Braden

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 22nd day of Nov A. D. 19 63

Eileen Cox  
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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WHO IS JIM BRADEN?

Jim Braden is a handsome, wealthy, middle-aged oilman with offices in Beverly Hills, California, and New Orleans, Louisiana. He is on speaking terms with some of the most important people in the oil industry. Jim Braden is also an embezzler, gambler, love swindler, con man and petty thief; a graduate of some of the toughest prisons in the United States.

But more important than those facts, Jim Braden was present in Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, the day President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was assassinated. And, quite probably, Jim Braden was inside or close to the Texas Book Depository, the building from which Lee Harvey Oswald fired the fatal shots at John Kennedy, according to the findings of the Warren Commission.

What is there to substantiate this claim that Jim Braden was present in Dealey Plaza on that day? The very pages of the Warren Report where the name of Jim Braden is listed twice. There is no mention of Braden's name in the index. But it can be found in Volume XIX of the Warren Report in Exhibit 5323. That is the exhibit presented to the Warren Commission by Bill Decker, the sheriff of Dallas County. On page 527 of Volume XIX, it shows that Jim Braden was one of 20 people questioned immediately after the assassination by deputy sheriff L. (Lummie) Lewis.

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