President LBJ telephone call to J. Edgar Hoover

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JEH

Conrd the fact that you could fire those three shots... were fired... within three seconds. There had been some story going around in the papers and so forth that there must have been more than one man... because... no one man could fire those shots in the time that they were fired. We've just proved that by the actual test we've just made...

LBJ

How did it happen they hit Connally...

JEH

Connally turned... to the President... when the first shot was fired... and I think in that turning... it was where he got hit.

LBJ

If he hadn't turned... he probably wouldn't have got hit?

JEH

I think that is very likely.

LBJ

Would the President 've got hit the second one?

JEH

No, the President wasn't hit with the second one...

LBJ

I say, if Connally hadn't been in his way?

JEH

Oh... yes... yes... the President would no doubt have been hit...

LBJ

He would have been hit three times...

JEH

He would have been hit three times... on the fifth floor of that building, where we found the gun, and the wrapping paper in which the gun was wrapped... had been wrapped... and upon which we found the full fingerprints of this man Oswald... on that floor, we found the three empty shells that had been fired and one shell that had not been fired... in other words, there were four shells apparently and he had fired three, but didn't fire the fourth one. He then threw the gun aside and came down... at the entrance of the building... he was stopped by police officers and some manager in the building told the police officers... 'well he's alright... he works there... you don't hold him.' They let him go. That is how he got out. And then he got on a bus... busdriver has identified him and went out to his home... and got hold of a jacket... that he wanted for some purpose... and came back downtown... walking downtown, and the policeman who was killed... stopped him... not knowing who he was and not knowing whether he was THE man... but just on suspicion...