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HERE IS THE POWERS NEWS RELEASE TO BE DISTRIBUTED WITH THE FILM AND FAXED AROUND ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21. I was able to keep it on two pages by shortening the top margin on page one. N E W S R E L E A S E FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: EILEEN SULLIVANNOVEMBER 21, 1996 (202) 724-0088, EXT. 253JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD RELEASES AMATEUR FILM TAKEN ON DAY OF JFK ASSASSINATIONThe Assassination Records Review Board, an independent federal agency overseeing the review and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, released an amateur film today that was taken on November 22, 1963, the day the President was assassinated in Dallas.The three minute 16 mm film, which has never been seen publicly, was taken by presidential aide Dave Powers. The trip to Texas taken by President Kennedy and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy on November 21-22, 1963 is chronicled through a series of short film sequences (some lasting only a few seconds). The assassination of President Kennedy is not shown on the film. Powers, who was riding in the Secret Service car directly behind the presidential limousine during the Dallas motorcade, ran out of film minutes before the motorcade entered Dealey Plaza where the shots were fired that killed the President and seriously wounded Texas Governor John Connolly."This rare film is an important addition to the historical record of the assassination," said Judge John R. Tunheim, Chair of the Board. "As a presidential aide, Powers had unique access to President Kennedy and the First Lady. Much of the film of them is taken from a perspective that news photographers were not allowed. We appreciate Mr. Powers cooperation and hope that other individuals who possess films, photographs or other records related to the assassination will contact the Board."The film begins with the arrival of President Kennedy and First Lady in San Antonio on November 21, 1963. The arrival is followed by a motorcade through San Antonio, during which well-wishers rush to the presidential limousine to greet the presidential party. The President and Mrs. Kennedy are then seen arriving and departing from the Aerospace Medical Center at Brooks Air Force Base.Next, the film captures the arrival of the President and Mrs. Kennedy in Houston during the late afternoon of November 21st, followed by a motorcade through the city.-more-Footage of the Houston stop is followed by scenes of the Kennedys departing Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth for the flight to Dallas on the morning of November 22nd.The last group of scenes on the film show the arrival of the President and the First Lady at Love Field in Dallas. The presidential limousine is then shown at various points in the motorcade through Dallas. There is a brief scene of the President, seated in the back seat of the limousine, being surrounded by excited spectators who have left the side of the street. The last scene on the film is of the presidential limousine traveling on Main Street, minutes before the assassination.The film
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