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Details of Governor Connally's Damaged Clothing

This document is meant to complement the exhibit in the lobby of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, on display from October 2013 to February 2014, of records and items related to the Texas investigations into the events of November 22, 1963 in which President John F. Kennedy was assassinated and Texas Governor John B. Connally was injured by gunfire. The suit worn by Governor Connally that day is included this exhibit and this document offers detailed images and measurements of the damage it sustained that day 50 years ago.

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Shirt label



Shirt label reads (in part):

DORSET FC
ARROW MITOGA GW
A6863 16 35 14

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Shirt back (right shoulder)



Distance of bullet hole below the back shoulder seam = 4 ½ inches

Distance of bullet hole to the left of the right arm back seam = 1 ¼ inches

Bullet hole dimensions = ¾ x ¾ inches

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Shirt front (right chest)



Distance of bullet hole below the front shoulder seam = the left side (higher side) of the hole is 9 ½ inches below the seam; the right side (lower) is 10 ¼ inches below the seam

Distance of bullet hole to the left of the right-side underarm seam = 5 ¼ inches

Bullet hole dimensions and description = the horizontal tear is 1 ½ inches long and sits at a diagonal with the left side of the hole being higher; the horizontal tear is accompanied by long vertical tears (along the grain) on either side: the vertical tear on the left side is 1 ¾ inches long and the vertical tear on the right side is 1 ¼ inches long

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Shirt sleeve (right arm)



Distance of bullet hole above the seam attaching the cuff to the sleeve = -0 inches (sits directly on/above the seam)

Distance of bullet hole to the right of the seam defining the cuff opening = 1 inch

Bullet hole dimensions and description = vertical tear (along the grain) $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long

Shirt cuff (right arm)



Distance of bullet hole above the fold of the cuff = 1 inch; also 1 inch below the top of the cuff

Distance of bullet hole to the right of the seam defining the cuff opening = 5 ¼ inches; also 3 ¾ inches from the left of the cuff opening

Bullet hole dimensions and description = jagged, generally horizontal tear ¾ inches long

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Jacket back (right shoulder)



Distance of bullet hole
below the shoulder seam =
5 inches

Distance of bullet hole to
the left of the right arm
back seam = $\frac{3}{4}$ inches

Bullet hole dimensions =
 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide; $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$
inches high

Jacket inside back



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Jacket front (right chest)



Distance of bullet hole
below the shoulder seam =
13 inches

Distance of bullet hole to
the left of the right
underarm seam = $6 \frac{1}{4}$
inches

Bullet hole dimensions = $\frac{3}{8}$
inches wide; $\frac{1}{2}$ inches high

Jacket inside front



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Jacket sleeve (right arm)



Distance of bullet hole from the finished wrist fold = $\frac{3}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{16}$ inches

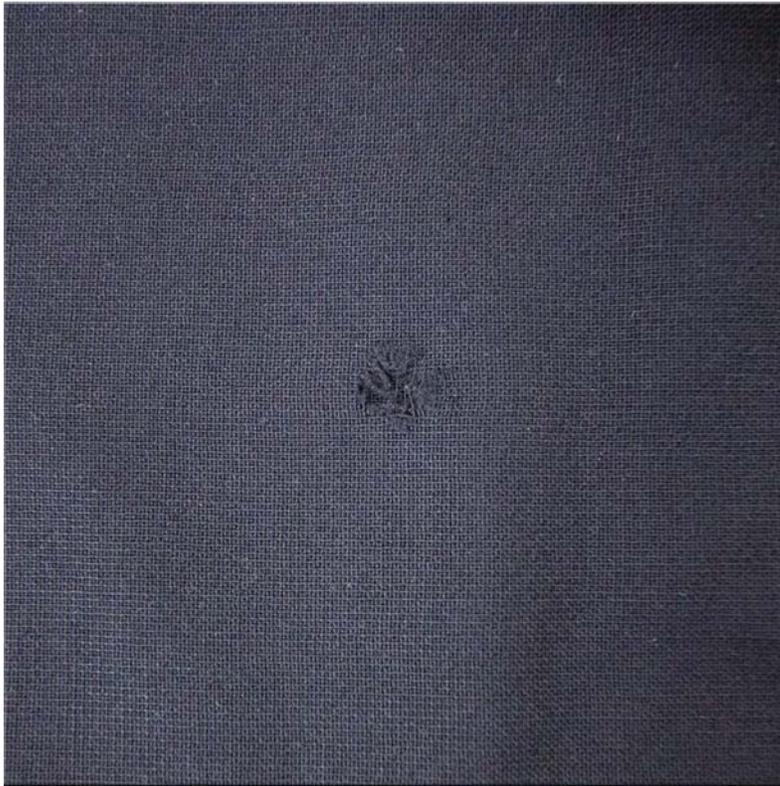
Distance of bullet hole from the underarm sleeve seam = $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Bullet hole dimensions = $\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide; $\frac{3}{8}$ inches high

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Pants leg (left leg)



Distance of bullet hole from the cuff bottom = 19 $\frac{1}{8}$ inches

Distance of bullet hole from inner leg seam = 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Bullet hole dimensions = $\frac{3}{8}$ inches wide; $\frac{1}{4}$ inches high