

JOHN F. KENNEDY AND THE COLD WAR



**Massive
Retaliation
to
Flexible Response**



Mercury Program 1961

- April – Soviets launch Yuri Gagarin into space
 - first man in space
- May 5 – U.S. launch Alan Shepard into Space
 - First American in space
- May 25 – Kennedy pledges to land a man on the moon by end of decade



Peace Corps

- Formed in 1961
- Aid in economics & education for developing countries
- Improve the image of the United States



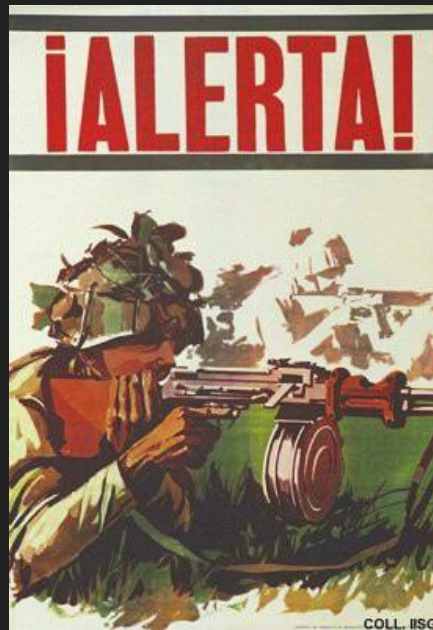
CUBA AND FIDEL CASTRO

- Large U.S. ownership of land & business
- 2nd highest standard of living in Latin America- high literacy
- Dictator- Batista since 1951
- 1959- Castro overthrew Batista- then seized American owned companies
- Castro adopted communism for Cuba



CASTRO AND KHRUSHCHEV

- July 1960, Khrushchev gave aid to Cuba
- U.S. broke diplomatic relations with Cuba in January, 1961- one of the final acts of President Eisenhower



THE BAY OF PIGS, CUBA

- April, 1961- 1,200 Cuban exiles set off to invade Cuba through the Bay of Pigs and overthrow Castro
- Exiles were almost immediately halted by Cuban army
- JFK refused to directly aid the invaders with additional air support



The Berlin Wall

- Exodus of East Germans to West Germany via West Berlin
- Khrushchev recommends East Germany close access between East & West Berlin
- August 12-13: 30 miles of barbed wire barrier was laid through the heart of Berlin



THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS



- In 1960, Soviets began transporting parts and installing nuclear missiles in Cuba
- October 16, 1962- Kennedy became aware of these missiles after ordering U-2 spy planes to fly over Cuba on Oct. 14, 1962



MISSILE TRANSPORTERS

12 PROB GUIDELINE MISSILES

HEAVY EQUIPMENT

5 MISSILE DOLLIES

20' LONG CYLINDRICAL TANKS

MISSILE TRANSPORTERS

OPEN STORAGE



KENNEDY'S RESPONSE

- “Naval Quarantine Zone”
- Kennedy threatens nuclear attack
- Soviets agree to remove Missiles
- US moves missiles in Turkey



LEGACY OF THE CRISIS

- Turning point in the “Cold War”
- Closest we have come to nuclear war
- Khrushchev “blinked”
- “Flexible Response” v. “Brinksmanship”



EASING TENSIONS

Hot Line- dedicated phone line for instant access to Moscow or Washington D.C.



Limited Test Ban Treaty- banned nuclear tests in the atmosphere.



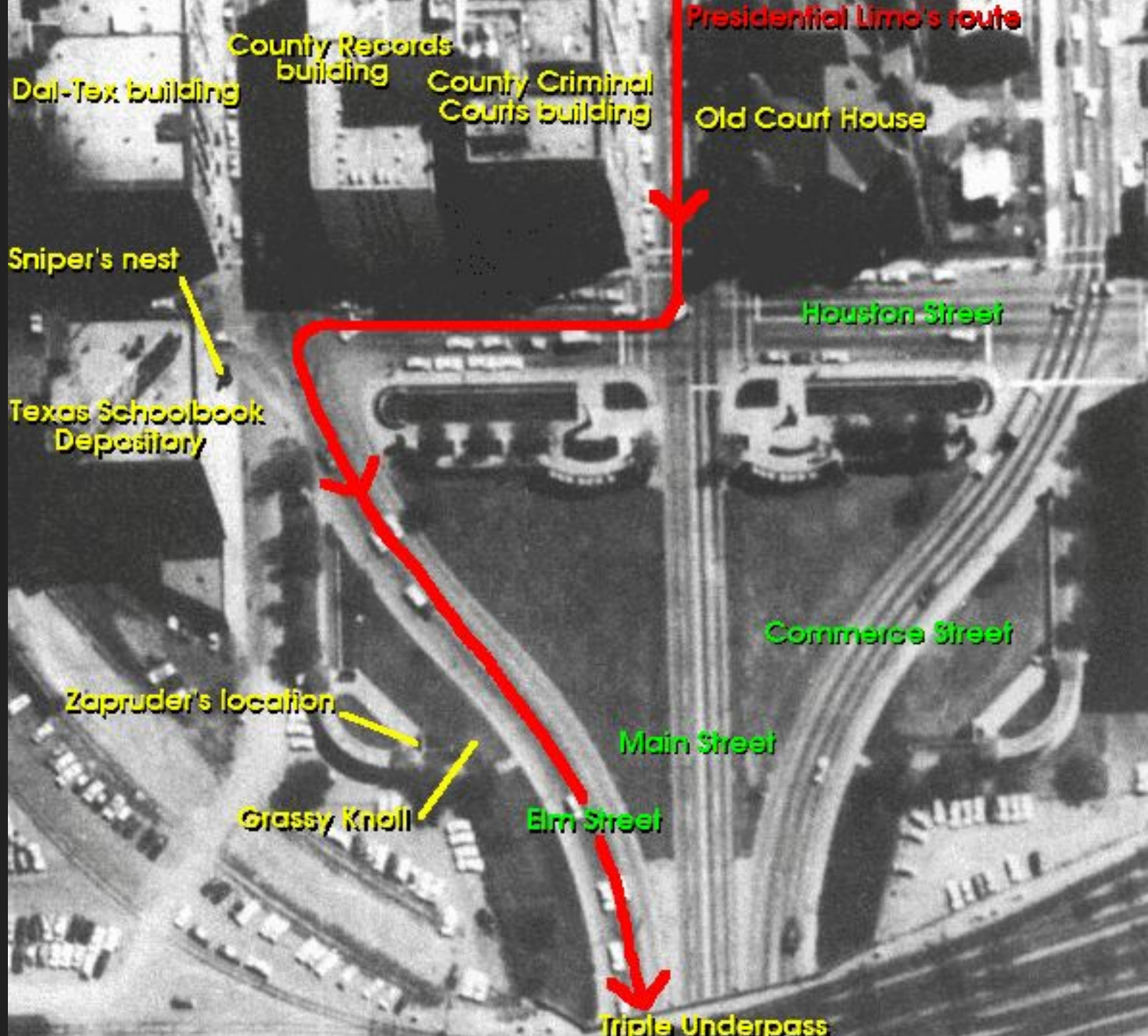
KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

November 22, 1963

Dallas, TX



- JFK was in Dallas trying to get support for re-election campaign



Presidential Limos route

County Records building

Dal-Tex building

County Criminal Courts building

Old Court House

Sniper's nest

Houston Street

Texas Schoolbook Depository

Commerce Street

Zapruder's location

Main Street

Grassy Knoll

Elm Street

Triple Underpass



6th
floor

Lyndon B. Johnson - Love Field



Warren Commission

- Year long investigation concluded that Oswald acted alone.

