

Long-lost footage shows chaos after Kennedy assassination

■ **IMAGES:** The film outtakes were salvaged from the garbage of a television station

DALLAS (AP) — TV footage broadcast for the first time Tuesday depicts events surrounding

the assassination of President Kennedy, including scenes of him holding hands with his wife, perhaps for the last time — about 45 minutes before his death.

The silent 16mm film, recently turned over to the Independent Assassination Records Review Board, also captured a rare image

of Jack Ruby attending Lee Harvey Oswald's meeting with reporters the night of the assassination.

Roy Cooper Jr., a photographer for television station KTVT, now a CBS affiliate, dug through the trash in the days following the assassination to save the outtakes. *The Dallas Morning News* reported Tuesday.

Portions of the film were aired

Tuesday on the *CBS Evening News*, the network said.

The outtakes do not show the president's motorcade under rifle fire on Nov. 22, 1963, and offer no obvious evidence toward settling the case's many controversies, according to the few authorities who have viewed it.

The film does, however, show the chaos in Dealey Plaza after the president was shot.

"This film fills in little gaps," said assassination historian Gary Mack, who was shown the tapes by Cooper in the 1970s.

"But I didn't see anything in there that changed any significant facts about the assassination."

Cooper took home the clips he salvaged from the trash, and a few years later spliced them together with a friend, Eli Sturges.

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Producer let down by O.J. video sales

■ **FLOP:** Large video outlets, including Blockbuster, boycotted selling the tape

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The producer of O.J. Simpson's commercial video blames a cable TV ad boycott for disappointing sales but said Tuesday he's confident that Simpson's civil trial will attract new buyers.

The tape has earned perhaps \$850,000 since its release in February, far lower than other videotapes marketed on television, an infomercial marketing expert said.

Tony Hoffman, who has been selling Simpson's videotaped alibi for the killing of his ex-wife and her friend refused to say how many copies of the 2 1/2 hour video have sold at \$29.95 each.

But Steve Dworman, publisher of the *Infomercial Marketing Report*, said he has gathered data showing that direct marketing sales were between 30,000 and 40,000 over the past three months, a figure he said was confirmed by an associate of Hoffman's.

By comparison, Dworman said, some of the wild animal videotapes marketed on television sell 30,000 copies a week.

Dworman said it cost Hoffman \$150,000 to \$200,000 to produce and distribute the tape, and it

has probably grossed more than \$900,000.

"It was a flop insofar as it wasn't hugely successful. But it wasn't a financial disaster," Dworman said. "It was a single. It wasn't a home-run."

Hoffman said Dworman "doesn't have any clue" what the real sales figures are.

He said he will never disclose them, nor his financial arrangement with Simpson, who was acquitted last October in the June 1994 slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

He bitterly denounced TV executives for refusing to run paid ads for *O.J. Simpson: The Interview* and said major video outlets including the giant "Blockbuster" chain refused to market it.

"It's a shame that three or four major players can decide whether the American public should see this video," he said.

Hoffman said he's negotiating with distributors in Canada, Europe, South Africa, New Zealand and Asia to send the Simpson video abroad. And Simpson's continuing legal entanglements could be a boon to video sales, he said.

"The civil trial is coming up in September," Hoffman said. "His story doesn't change, and that trial won't be on TV. So there may be a new demand from those who haven't seen him tell his story."

Crippled plane makes emergency landing

■ **AIRLINE:** No one was injured when eight of the aircraft's tires blew

BOSTON (AP) — A crippled passenger jet unable to use its flaps, spoilers or automatic anti-skid system made an emergency landing Tuesday after losing the use of its navigational instruments.

Eight of the tires on the Boeing 767 blew out and the brakes

caught fire when the plane carrying 204 people from Amsterdam to Orlando, Fla., touched down at 2:21 p.m. at Logan International Airport.

No one was injured, airport officials said.

The plane landed at about 190 miles per hour, compared to the normal 144 mph, and the pilot had to hit the brakes since the flaps and spoilers weren't working.

"They'll take a couple of

blown tires, but the point is to get that plane down and stopped," said Thomas J. Kinton Jr., Logan Airport's aviation director.

"The flight crew did a wonderful job coming in, even though it was a faster-than-usual landing."

A Martinair spokesman in Amsterdam, Udo Buys, said the instruments apparently had been affected by an electrical problem.

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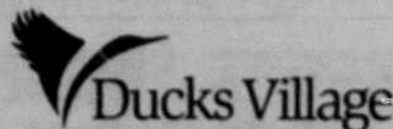
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