Clint Hill is remembered as the Secret Service agent who leaped onto the presidential limousine in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, trying to protect President John Kennedy and first lady Jacqueline Kennedy as an assassin fired.

Hill had been assigned to Mrs. Kennedy's Secret Service detail and was on the car immediately behind the president's. He was later cited for his bravery that day.

Born during the Great Depression in North Dakota in 1932, Hill was placed in an orphanage soon after birth. He was adopted by the Hill family of Washburn, North Dakota, and grew up there, graduating from high school in 1950. He studied history at Concordia College in Minnesota and joined the army after graduation. Selected for training at the Army Intelligence School, he became a special agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps.

In 1958, Hill was hired by the Secret Service for its Denver office but was soon transferred to the White House, serving under five presidents and later becoming assistant director of the Secret Service. But Hill remained haunted by the events in Dallas. He retired in 1975 at age 43 and spent years mired in what he calls an "emotional prison" before concluding he had done what he could that day in 1963.

Late in life, he began collaborating with journalist Lisa McCubbin to tell his stories. Their first book, *Mrs. Kennedy and Me*, a memoir of Hill's four years protecting the first lady published in 2012, became a *New York Times* best-seller. Their next book, *Five Days in November*, about the days surrounding Kennedy's assassination, was published the next year and also became a best-seller.

Their new book, *Five Presidents: My Extraordinary Journey with Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford*, is to be released in May 2016.

McCubbin is a journalist who has been a television news anchor and reporter, hosted her own radio show and spent more than five years in the Middle East as a freelance writer.

Hill has credited his collaboration with McCubbin for helping him "find a reason to live, not just exist."