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During the whole incident, he does not recall ever seeing the President of the United States.

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Mr. FRANK E. REILLY, residence 3309 Thibet Street, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at the Union Terminal Company, Union Station, where he is employed as an electrician.

Mr. REILLY advised that he and Mr. R. C. DODD, track foreman, and Mr. S. M. HOLLAND, Signal Supervisor, both Union Terminal Company, planned to view the Presidential motorcade from the railroad overpass at Elm Street. They arrived there about thirty minutes before the Presidential motorcade came to Elm Street. He saw two cars turn on Elm toward the underpass and at this time heard three shots which he thought came from the trees west of the Texas School Book Depository. The second car in line drove quickly around the first car and went under the railroad overpass. Mr. REILLY said that he did not see the passengers in this car, and he did not see the President of the United States at any time. Mr. REILLY advised that he did not know or recognize any other person in the vicinity of the place where he was observing the Presidential motorcade.

DALLAS, TEXAS

Mr. REILLY advised that he had never heard of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, nor did he know of JACK RUBY prior to the news release after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

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by Special Agent WILLIAM E. BROOKHART/gm 2: Date dictated 12/19/63

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Mr. HARRY HOLMES, Inspector, U. S. Post Office, Terminal Annex, Dallas, advised he and several employees in his office were watching the Presidential Motorcade on the afternoon of November 22, 1963 at the time of the President's assassination. Mr. HOLMES pointed out the windows of his office looked down on the area in which the fatal shots were fired. Mr. HOLMES said he was using a pair of binoculars himself at the time of the shooting, and one of the employees in his office was observing the President when the bullets struck the President.

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by Special Agent CHARLES T. BROWN, JR. *JC* Date dictated 12-14-63
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Mr. JIM TAGUE, 2424 Inwood, Apartment 253, employed as a salesman, Chuck Hutton Company, 5431 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, Texas, advised that he was driving a car on November 22, 1963, and was stopped in traffic at the Triple Underpass located below the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) Building. While stopped, he saw that the Presidential Motorcade was going to pass nearby, and he got out of his car and stood near the Triple Underpass between Commerce and Main Streets. He stood near the curb of Main Street waiting for the motorcade to come to where he was standing. When the motorcade was approximately 100 feet from him he heard a loud noise, and at that time he looked around as he thought someone had shot a firecracker. He then heard two more loud noises in quick succession. Other persons in the area then started scrambling around, and he realized that the noises must have been gun shots, so he got behind one of the pillars of the underpass. During the time of the shooting, he felt something hit him on his right cheek. Whatever it was that hit him broke the skin and caused about two drops of blood to flow. He thought possibly that one of the bullets had hit the curb near his feet and possibly a piece of the curbing had hit him in the cheek. He did look around the curb and near where he was standing there was a chip missing, which he stated looked fresh. He stated he did not see anyone with a rifle and did not look at the TSBD Building. He did not see the shots take effect and stated he could not furnish any information as to where the shots actually came from. He stated he is not acquainted with OSWALD and had never heard of him prior to the shooting of President KENNEDY.

He has been in JACK RUBEY's club on a few occasions, but he actually knows nothing about RUBEY, his associations, or his background. He does know RUBEY, however, by sight, since he has seen him in his club on a few occasions. TAGUE stated he did not know of any connection or associations between OSWALD and RUBEY.

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JOHN F. DOLAN, 6311 Martel Street, advised he is employed at the Sportatorium, Industrial Boulevard and Cadiz, Dallas, Texas. According to Mr. DOLAN, he was stopped at the eastern edge of the triple viaduct where the three streets of Commerce, Main and Elm merge, on November 22, 1963; the reason being traffic was held up at this point since the Presidential motorcade was approaching this section of Dallas.

Inasmuch as all traffic was stopped, he got out of his car and stood at the base of the triple viaduct, facing toward the concrete memorial, which is on the north side of Elm Street and just west of the Texas School Book Depository. As he was standing at this point, and prior to the arrival of the Presidential motorcade, he noticed an unknown white male tossing a white ball, about the size of a softball, in the air. This person would throw the ball up and seem to catch it himself; and it caught his eye inasmuch as this person appeared to be about 30 years of age and was wearing white sneakers.

He further described this individual as being about six feet tall with black curly hair, wearing dark colored jacket and non-descriptive pants. He also doubted if he would ever recognize this individual were he to see him again.

Shortly after he noticed this individual, the Presidential motorcade came into view and from where he stood he could hear three shots fired at the President's car. He advised he did not see where these shots came from, nor who fired these shots; but thought possibly the individual whom he has described and who was standing on the grass triangle between Elm and Main Streets, might possibly have either been a decoy or a signal for the assassin when to shoot. He concluded by saying he had no particular reason for this thought, but merely wished to volunteer this information to the FBI.

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DOLAN concluded by saying he definitely does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD, but only knew JACK L. RUBY by name. He also knew of no association between OSWALD and RUBY.

1Date December 14, 1963

DALLAS TEXAS
 Mr. HANK FARMER, 2862 Toronto Street, telephone ME1rose 7-1637, in care of Mrs. DOROTHY MARTIN, above address, advised he is a service station attendant at the BROCK station, 2200 West Singleton Street, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. FARMER advised that on November 22, 1963, at approximately 12:15 p.m., he arrived at the Dallas County Courthouse to pay taxes. He was unaware that there was to be a presidential motorcade passing by. He noticed the crowd and heard someone say that the President is coming. He waited in the park at the corner of Houston and Elm Streets and watched the motorcade come west off Main Street on to Houston Street and then west on Elm.

He stated he saw President KENNEDY appear to fall over in the car and then he saw Governor CONNALLY also appear to fall over. He did not hear any shots fired and did not know what had happened. There was confusion with many people running in all directions, and then the President's car drove off at a high rate of speed.

FARMER stated that he did not know what happened, but thought that both men had been shot; however, he did not hear any shots.

He stated he has no further information to furnish on the shooting as he then returned home. He does not know LEE OSWALD and has never seen him other than on television. He does not know JACK RUBY and saw him only on television.

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Date December 6, 1963

Mrs. TONEY (RUBY) ~~HENDERSON~~, 1434 Prairie Creek,
Dallas, Texas (EX 1.2474), furnished the following information:

On November 22, 1963 at approximately 12:15 P.M., she was standing on the east side of Elm Street just north of Houston Street awaiting the passing of the Presidential Motorcade at that site. She said shortly after she arrived at this location, and just prior to the arrival of the motorcade, she recalls an ambulance arriving and departing the area to pick up an individual whom she understood had an epileptic fit. Mrs. HENDERSON said after the ambulance departed the area, she heard a woman in the record building located on the southwest corner of Elm and Houston, yell "Yeah, Woodman," which is a Dallas High School, and she looked in the direction from which the yell emanated. She said she thereafter swung around and looked in the building in which she works, the building located on the southeast corner of Elm and Houston and thence around to the Texas School Book Depository Building.

She said she observed numerous people on various floors looking out of the windows of the Texas School Book Depository Building, and recalls that she saw two men on one of the upper floors of the building. She said she recalls one of the men had on a white shirt and one had on a dark shirt. She said she only observed these men from the waist up and does not know what their other attire consisted of. She said these men were standing back from the window and she got the impression they were working and yet looking out the window in anticipation of the motorcade passing that building. She said she saw these men before the motorcade reached Houston and Elm, but doesn't have any idea how long it was prior to the motorcade arriving at that location. She said she believes the person in the white shirt had dark hair and was possibly a Mexican, but could have been a Negro as he appeared to be dark-complexioned. She said she couldn't describe the other person other than the fact he was taller than the aforementioned individual.

Mrs. HENDERSON said at the time the motorcade passed where she was standing, she heard what she initially thought was

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a firecracker and saw what she thought was paper fly out of the Presidential car. She said she now realized it was a shot she heard and what she thought was paper was probably flesh. She said after the first shot, she believes she heard two more in rapid succession, and then a fourth shot.

Mrs. HENDERSON said after the shooting she stood transfixed for some time before returning to work. She said she returned to her place of employment at approximately 12:43 P.M.

Mrs. HENDERSON said she became extremely upset, and nervous, after the President's assassination and it was necessary for her to take the following Monday off her job. She said she hesitated to mention anything about her observations but felt she should relate same as they might possibly be of some benefit.

Mrs. HENDERSON reiterated she could not definitely state one of the men she saw in the window of the Texas School Book Depository was not a Negro. She said she does not know what floor of the building the men were on, but doesn't recall seeing anyone on a floor higher up than the one they were on.

1Date 11/25/63

Mrs. JACK ~~FRANZEN~~, 11572 Cromwell Circle, contacted at 1900 Main Street, advised she was with her husband and small son viewing the motorcade of President KENNEDY from the park area near the intersection of Houston and Elm Streets at approximately 12:30 PM, November 22, 1963.

She advised shortly after the President's automobile passed by on Elm Street near where she and her family were standing, she heard a noise which sounded to her as if someone had thrown a firecracker into the President's automobile. She advised at approximately the same time she noticed dust or small pieces of debris flying from the President's automobile.

She advised she heard two other sounds which sounded like shots from a firearm and noticed blood appearing on the side of President KENNEDY's head.

She does not remember looking at the building housing the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD); however, she stated this building was across Elm Street from the position where she was standing, and she may have looked toward the building. She advised the President's automobile continued on down Elm Street at a higher rate of speed, and she observed police officers and plain-clothes men, whom she assumed were Secret Service Agents, searching an area adjacent to the TSBD Building, from which area she assumed the shots which she heard had come.

She advised her small son called her attention to the fact that some of the men in the automobile behind the President's car were holding guns in their hands shortly after the shots which apparently struck President KENNEDY and stated she assumed these men were Secret Service Agents.

She advised she has no additional information which she feels might be helpful to this investigation.

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JOHN ARTHUR CHISM, 4502 Underwood Drive, advised he was employed as a cook at the Marriott Motel, 2101 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas. According to CHISM, he was standing on the curb in front of the concrete memorial on Elm Street which is just east of the triple underpass where Elm, Commerce and Main join in Dallas on November 22, 1963. He was standing at this location when the Presidential motorcade passed this point. As it passed in front of him he heard at least two shots and possibly three but no more. The first shot he thought was a firecracker until the second shot sounded and at the same instant he saw the President slump over in the back seat of the Presidential limousine. On hearing the second shot he definitely knew the first was not a firecracker and was of the opinion the shots came from behind him.

At this point Mr. CHISM advised he would be looking south and, therefore, immediately turned towards the north but did not see anyone who appeared to be doing the shooting either in the aforementioned concrete memorial or in the Texas School Book Depository. He also advised that since the day of the shooting he has seen both LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK L. RUBY's photograph in the news media but is positive he does not know either of these two men and also did not possess any information which might indicate these two men were associated with each other.

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United States Attorney H. BAREFOOT SANDERS, Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised ASAC KYLE G. CLARK on December 5, 1963, that a reporter for the Dallas "Morning News", name unrecalled, had advised him that four of the women working in the Society Section of the Dallas "Morning News" were reportedly standing next to Mr. ZAPRUDA when the assassination shots were fired. According to this reporter, these women, names unknown, stated that the shots according to their opinion came from a direction other than from the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) Building. Mr. SANDERS also advised that the reporter calling stated he had interviewed Patrolman J. M. SMITH who advised that he definitely distinguished the aroma of gunpowder near the underpass.

Patrolman JOSEPH M. SMITH, Traffic Division, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, on December 9, 1963, advised SA'S HENRY J. OLIVER and LOUIS M. KELLEY that he was working on November 22, 1963, on traffic at Elm and Houston Streets. He stated he was near the parking lot when the shots were fired which killed President KENNEDY. The shots echoed so loudly he had no idea at the time where they had been fired from. He stated he did smell what he thought was gunpowder but stated this smell was in the parking lot by the TSBD Building and not by the underpass. He advised he never at any time went to the underpass and could not advise if there was the smell of gunpowder in the underpass. He stated he did not see the President when he was shot and stated he saw nothing which would assist in this matter. After the shots were fired, there was a great deal of confusion, and he left his post for a few minutes to go in the area where the President had been shot but did not go in the TSBD Building.

Patrolman E. V. BROWN, Traffic Division, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, on December 9, 1963, advised SA'S OLIVER and KELLEY that on November 22, 1963, he was assigned to traffic and was stationed on the overpass located below the TSBD Building. He stated he heard the shots that killed

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President KENNEDY, but he did not see the shots take effect and stated he could not furnish any information which would assist in identifying the assassin. He advised that he believed he could smell gunpowder in the air on the overpass but believed it probably was brought there by the wind. No shots could have been fired from the overpass, as he was present in this area at least an hour or two before the motorcade came along and was there on duty when the President was shot.

He advised that about 10:40 AM, he recalls a green pickup truck which was stalled on Elm Street near the overpass. This truck was a concern since they needed to get it moved prior to the Presidential Motorcade. Patrolman JOE MURPHY can give full facts regarding the truck and the occupants as he handled the matter and was successful in getting it removed prior to the Presidential Motorcade. The persons in this truck were workmen who actually had trouble with the truck and were out of the area when the motorcade came by. He did not see anyone remove anything from this truck.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA'S HENRY J. OLIVER and LOUIS M. KELLEY on December 9, 1963:

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JOE MURPHY, Patrolman, Traffic Division, Police Department, Dallas, Texas, advised that on November 22, 1963, he was stationed on the Triple Underpass on Elm Street to assist in handling traffic. At approximately 10:30 - 10:40 AM, a pickup truck stalled on Elm Street between Houston Street and the underpass. He was unable to recall the name of the company to whom this truck belonged but stated it is the property of the company working on the First National Bank Building at Elm and Akard in Dallas.

There were three construction men in this truck, and he took one to the bank building to obtain another truck in order to assist in moving the stalled one. The other two men remained with the pickup truck along with two other officers. Shortly prior to the arrival of the motorcade, the man he had taken to the bank building returned with a second truck, and all three of the men left with the two trucks, one pushing the other.

MURPHY noted that the men did not leave the truck except for the one he took to the bank building, and all three left together sometime prior to the arrival of the President's motorcade. He described the stalled truck as being a green pickup and noted the truck had the hood raised during the time it was stalled. This truck had side tool bins on it, and they had a considerable amount of construction equipment in the back.

MURPHY further stated it was probable that one of these men had taken something from the rear of this truck in an effort to start it. He stated these persons were under observation all during the period they were stalled on Elm Street because the officers wanted the truck moved prior to the arrival of the motorcade, and it would have been impossible for any of them to have had anything to do with the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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Sheriff ~~BILL DECKER~~, Dallas, Texas, advised that Deputy Sheriff ~~ROGER CRAIG~~, in his opinion, is a reliable employee who is completely honest in his belief that he saw OSWALD getting into a white Nash Rambler immediately after the shooting, even though CRAIG is obviously mistaken in his belief. DECKER said that he had discussed this identification with CRAIG and pointed out to him that witnesses, corroborated by the transfer found in OSWALD's possession, showed that OSWALD left the assassination scene on November 22, 1963, by a city bus. CRAIG stated to DECKER that he was aware of all that and knew that this indicated that CRAIG was mistaken in his identification, but he still saw someone getting into a white Nash Rambler and still believed that this person was LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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On December 13, 1963, a review of Dallas report captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka." dated November 30, 1963, reflects on page 16 that BERT SHIPP, WFAA-TV, Dallas, Texas, was one of several television personnel in the President's motorcade on November 22, 1963, when President JOHN F. KENNEDY was assassinated.

On November 26, 1963, BERT SHIPP was interviewed by SA ROBERT E. BASHAM at which time SHIPP informed SA BASHAM that he, SHIPP, was not travelling in the Presidential motorcade on November 22, 1963.

Date December 14, 1963

1 RALPH LEON YATES furnished the following statement:

~~RALPH LEON YATES~~"Dallas, Texas
December 10, 1963

"I, RALPH LEON YATES, make the following statement voluntarily to C. RAY HALL, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to get me to make this statement. I have been told that I do not have to make a statement, that I have a right to talk with a lawyer before making any statement, and that this statement may be used against me in a court of law.

"I was born at Dallas, Texas, on January 23, 1936, and went to the ninth grade in school. I am now working as a refrigeration service-man for the Texas Butcher Supply Co., at 2038 Commerce, in Dallas, Texas, and live at 13564 Brookgreen in Dallas.

"On a date that I now believe was Wednesday, November 20, 1963, I had been to Charlie Jordan's Meat Market in Oak Cliff, and was driving on the R. L. Thornton Expressway on my way to the Parkit-Market on Shadygrove Road in Irving, Texas. I noticed a man hitch-hiking near the Beckley Street entrance to the expressway, and stopped and picked up this man. When this man walked up to get into the pickup truck, he was carrying a package wrapped in brown wrapping paper about four feet to four and one-half feet long. I told this man he could put the package in the back of the truck, but the man said that the package had curtain rods in it, and he would just carry it with him. Later, as I drove along, this man asked me if I knew where the Carousel Club was, or had ever been there. I told him that I had not been there and did not know where the Carousel Club was located. The man then asked me if I knew a JACK RUBENSTEIN, and I said 'Who?'

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The man then said that JACK RUBENSTEIN was more commonly known as JACK RUBY, and RUBY ran the Carousel Club. I then asked the man if RUBY ran Jack's Branch Office Lounge on Industrial, and the man said that he didn't. I told the man that I had serviced refrigerators in a number of clubs, in the past, and had possibly been to the Carousel Club, but did not remember it.

"I mentioned to this man that there was going to be a lot of excitement in Dallas soon, and this man asked me what I meant. I told him that the President was coming to Dallas, but I personally felt that the President should not come to Dallas, because of the reception which ADLAI STEVENSON got not too long ago. This man then asked me if I thought a person could assassinate the President. I told him that I guess such a thing could be possible. The man then asked me if it could be done from the top of a building, or out of a window, high up, and I told him I guessed this would be possible, if a man had a good rifle with a scope on it, and was a good shot.

"This man then pulled a picture out of his pocket, and showed it to me. This was a photograph of the man who was in the car with me, and it showed him holding a rifle in his right hand, with the butt of the rifle resting on the ground. The photo showed the rifle to have a strap on it, but did not have a scope on the rifle. This photo also showed that the man had a pistol of some kind in a holster on his left side. After I looked at the picture, this man asked me if I thought the President could be killed with a gun like that one, and I told the man that I guessed so.

"This man then asked me if I knew the President's route for the parade in Dallas, and I told him I did not know the route, but it had been in the paper.

The man then said I misunderstood him, and he had asked me if I thought the President would change his route. I told him that I doubted if he would change the route, unless they might for safety reasons.

"We were almost to downtown Dallas by this time, and I told the man I was going on to Irving and asked him where he was going. This man said he was going to Houston Street, so I told him I would turn off the expressway and let him off on Houston Street. I turned off at the Commerce Street exit and when I got to Houston Street, turned left off of Commerce. I asked the man where he wanted off, and he said that anywhere along Houston Street would be all right, so I let him off at the corner of Elm and Houston Streets when I stopped there for a red light. The man got out of my truck, and took his package with him. I turned left and went on to Irving, and did not see which way the man went from where I let him out, except he walked across Elm Street going North on Houston. As the man got out of my truck, he said something about the triple underpass, but I didn't understand what he said.

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"After I got back from Irving, that same day, I told DEMPSEY JONES, a man that I work with, about the conversation I had with this man.

"After President KENNEDY was assassinated, I saw pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the newspaper and on television. I remember seeing a full page photograph on the front page of one Dallas newspaper, that showed LEE HARVEY OSWALD just an instant before he was shot.

"I have been shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and this photograph has a label 'Dallas Police, 54018, 11 23 63.' This is a photograph of the man that I picked up and gave a ride to, and had the conversation with as set forth above in this statement.

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"I have read this statement which is written on this and one other page and it is true to the best of my knowledge

/s/ Ralph L. Yates

"Witnessed:

"C. Ray Hall, Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas
Maurice J. White, Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas"

YATES was asked if he had ever been in a hospital, and he said that while he was in the U. S. Air Force, he was treated by the doctors for a "nervous condition," but after he got out of the service he learned that he had a bad back, and thought this probably caused his "nervous condition." He said he had not been treated for any mental disorders.

The following description was obtained:

Name	RALPH LEON YATES
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	27 (January 23, 1936, Dallas, Texas)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars and Marks	2" burn scar running from left corner of mouth upward on left cheek
Military Service	U. S. Air Force, February 2, 1954 to November 8 or December, 1957; AFSN 18 453 689
Relatives	Wife - DOROTHY YATES, and children, JACQUELYN MARIE YATES, age 6, LORRIE JO YATES, age 5,

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Relatives
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ELIZABETH ANN YATES, age 3,
RALPH LEON YATES, Jr., age 2;
MARK A. YATES, age 1, all reside
13564 Brookgreen, Dallas, Texas;
Father - JIMMIE YATES, Jr., Red
Bird Lane, Dallas, Texas, phone
FE 1-4024;

Mother - Mrs. BERNICE (last name
unknown), Elizabeth Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Arrests

Claimed arrested for tire theft,
Del Rio, Texas, in 1954, and
sentenced to thirty days in jail.

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Miss LINDA FREEMAN, 6205 Silvery Moon Drive, advised she is the step-daughter of KENNETH DOWDY at this address.

Her step-father, Mr. DOWDY, has a friend named DAVID LEON MILLER who resided at this address with them for about one week several months ago. At this time DAVID LEON MILLER had married a MILDRED MEHARG and both have since departed the area and are believed to be travelling somewhere out of the State of Texas.

Miss FREEMAN advised she believes DAVID MILLER has a step-daughter named JUDY JENKINS who resides with a BARBARA MILLER, no relation, on Alabama Street in South Dallas.

Miss FREEMAN advised she can offer no further information and has not seen MILDRED or DAVID in at least a month. -

on 12/4/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 89-43
by Special Agent MAURICE WHITE and C. RAY HALL Date dictated 12/4/63

MARION MEHARG, 2102 Village Way, Dallas, Texas, communicated with this office at which time he inquired as to whether Agents of this office had located a green and white Chevrolet station wagon which he had previously called to the attention of this office. SA BROWN was familiar with the name of MARION MEHARG as having made several previous calls to this office reporting the activities of a woman driving a green and white Chevrolet station wagon. SA BROWN was also cognizant of information obtained from a Mrs. CLICK, mother-in-law of MEHARG, in which Mrs. CLICK advised Bureau Agents MEHARG for several months has attempted to cause trouble for his former wife by reporting her to the Dallas Police Department on unfounded complaints.

MEHARG was advised this office had no information for release concerning the information discussed by MEHARG.

on 12/8/63 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 100-10461
 by Special Agent CHARLES T. BROWN, JR. /cv Date dictated 12/11/63
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1Date December 12, 1963

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MRS. BERNICE [✓]CLICK, 905 Barnett, advised that she is the mother of MILDRED MILLER, who was formerly married to MARION MEHARG.

MRS. CLICK stated that her daughter MILDRED remarried approximately two months ago to a DAVID MILLER and moved to Atlanta, Georgia. They presently reside at 186--13th Street, N.E., Apartment 2, Atlanta.

MRS. CLICK stated that MILDRED's daughters, JANE and JUDY JENKINS were in Atlanta, visiting their mother and returned to Dallas on November 17, 1963. They are now staying with her at above address.

MRS. CLICK stated that she has been contacted by MARION MEHARG on several occasions where he is attempting to locate the address of his former wife, MILDRED. She stated that MARION MEHARG is attempting to regain custody of his two boys.

She stated that MARION has in the past, threatened MILDRED with a knife and threatened to commit suicide. She does not know where he is presently employed and does not hold a job for more than one week.

MRS. CLICK advised as far as she knows, her daughter MILDRED still owns her 1956 Chevrolet station wagon.

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JANE JENKINS advised she is age fourteen, and resides with her grandmother, MRS. FERNICE CLICK, 905 Barnett, Dallas, Texas. She stated her mother is MILDRED MILLER, who now resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

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MISS JENKINS stated that she was visiting her mother in Atlanta, and returned to Dallas, Sunday, November 17, 1963. At the time her mother still owned a 1956 Chevrolet station wagon, and still maintained Texas license plates on the car. As far as she knows, the automobile is still in Georgia and was in Georgia on November 22, 1963.

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MARION MEHARG advised he resides at 2102 Village Way, Dallas, Texas, telephone FR 1-0921, with his sister, Mrs. LORETTA ~~AVERY~~. He was interviewed on the premises of the Cooperative Delivery Service, 410 South Good-Latimer Expressway, telephone RI 2-2288, where he is temporarily employed as a mechanic.

He was asked if he is the same man who furnished information to SA ALFRED C. ELLINGTON on December 2, 1963 concerning observing certain events take place on the day of President KENNEDY's assassination in the vicinity of the Texas School Book Depository building. He stated that he did talk to Mr. ELLINGTON and furnished him with certain information.

MEHARG was advised at this time that to knowingly furnish false information to federal officers is a violation of a federal law. He was advised that he did not have to make a statement or answer any questions, and that any statement made by him or questions answered could be used against him in a court of law. He was advised of his right to seek legal counsel before answering any questions. He was advised again that if he now furnished information which is false and which he knew to be false, he could be prosecuted.

MEHARG was then asked if he advised SA ALFRED C. ELLINGTON on December 2, 1963 as follows:

That within a matter of minutes after President KENNEDY was shot, he observed a man come out of the Texas School Book Depository building, jump off the loading dock at the rear of the building, run across Houston Street and

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get into a 1956 green and white Chevrolet station wagon; that he further observed the license number on this vehicle and believes the first four digits were PW 17. He was further asked that did his former wife not own a 1956 green and white Chevrolet station wagon with a 1963 Texas license PW 1784.

MEHARG stated that he did furnish SA ELLINGTON this information and advised that he is worried about his two boys who are in the custody of his former wife, MILDRED, and is afraid she might have gotten mixed up in this affair. He stated he is sure he observed a 1956 green and white Chevrolet station wagon on Houston Street with Texas license starting with PW or PB or TF or something, and was afraid it was hers.

At this time, MEHARG was asked if he made anonymous phone calls to the Dallas Office of the FBI stating that license number PW 1784 is a lead in this case. He stated that he did make an anonymous call and also called the Texas Highway Patrol. MEHARG stated that he did this as he was worried about his two sons and was afraid his wife might be mixed up in some way. At this time, MEHARG stated he did not mean to furnish false information and again repeated that he is worried about his two boys. He does not know where his former wife, MILDRED, is and wants to find her and his two boys.

At this time, MEHARG was again reminded that to furnish information known to be false to the FBI is a violation of federal law and could result in his being prosecuted. At this time, he stated he did not intend to

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give wrong information and kept repeating he is worried about his boys and was afraid MILDRED may have been involved. He reiterated he is positive he saw somebody jump off the loading platform of the Texas School Book Depository building and get into a 1956 green and white Chevrolet station wagon which was occupied by at least one other man and drive away. The license was similar to that of his former wife's car, and his former wife also owns a similar described car.

He was asked if he called the FBI and said that a woman with a green and white Chevrolet station wagon, Texas license PW 1784 and who has "hung out" at the Carousel Club, was seen picking up OSWALD in Irving. He did not answer this question, however, and continued to state that he is worried about his boys.

MEHARG advised that he has a third grade education and can barely read and write. He is suffering from "the smothers" and is nervous. He was rejected for military service for reasons unknown. He admitted being "picked up" by the Police in Dallas at least ten times for being drunk. He stated that he had been married to MILDRED for 13 years and that she divorced him approximately two months ago and married a man named MILLER and he does not know their location.

The following is a description of MARION MEHARG:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	51
Date of Birth	4/7/12
Place of Birth	Terrell, Texas

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Height	6'
Weight	140 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Build	Thin
Address	2102 Village Way Dallas, Texas.

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Re: ROY S. TRULY
Texas School Book Depository

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On December 5, 1963, at Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. CLEMENT COTTER, Senior Surgeon, U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, telephonically advised SA CYRIL F. BUSCH that he knew of one ROY TRULY of Dallas, Texas, possibly identical with the employer of LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the Texas School Book Depository. Dr. COTTER furnished the following information concerning the TRULY whom he thought might be identical with this individual:

3. APPROX 1953-1955

From 1953 to 1955 TRULY worked as a chauffeur and general handyman for Dr. ANDREW TOMB, who operated a clinic on Hallettsville Highway, Victoria, Texas, where Dr. COTTER was assigned as a student physician for four months in 1954. TRULY was a peculiar person in that he frequently carried a pet parakeet with him on his finger.

TRULY was reputed to be an experienced sniper and on one occasion told Dr. COTTER of an experience in Europe during World War II sniping at Germans, after which encounter he was captured and commended by the German Commander. In 1957 while Dr. COTTER was practicing at Galveston, Texas, TRULY visited his office there, said he was selling stock and gave a Dallas, Texas, address.

In 1960 Dr. TOMB died, but ROY TRULY is well known to Dr. GEORGE CONSTANT, a psychiatrist at Victoria, and should be known to other former employees of Dr. TOMB. TEXAS

Dr. COTTER described ROY TRULY as a white male, now 40 to 45 years of age, 6'2" tall, weighing 200 pounds with "pot belly", brown wavy hair, dark eyes, some gold on front teeth, a cigar smoker who was in 1957 married to a woman named JACKIE.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA NAT A. PINKSTON, at Dallas, Texas, on December 7, 1963:

Agent PINKSTON has interviewed Mr. ROY S. TRULY, Warehouse Superintendent, Texas School Book Depository, on numerous occasions since November 22, 1963. The description of ROY TRULY, furnished by Doctor CLEMENT COTTER, Senior Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, could not be a description of Mr. ROY S. TRULY, of the Texas School Book Depository.

A check of the Dallas City Directories, from 1963 back to, and including, 1951, each year shows Mr. ROY S. TRULY employed by the Texas School Book Depository, in Dallas, Texas.

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On December 4, 1963, Mr. JESSE CALDWELL, Assistant Manager, Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, advised that the records of that hotel indicate that RICHARD BILLINGS, Life Magazine representative, address Suite 814 Du Pont, Plaza Street, Miami, Florida, arrived at 4:30 p.m., November 22, 1963, and left at 5:00 p.m., November 28, 1963. Mr. CALDWELL advised an associate of Mr. BILLINGS, MAYNARD PARKER, Time-Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York, arrived at 9:22 p.m., November 22, 1963, and left at 10:53 p.m., December 2, 1963. Mr. CALDWELL advised that the above noted individuals left no forwarding addresses other than residences or business addresses indicated.

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On December 4, 1963, Mrs. PAT SWANK, Life Magazine representative, Dallas, Texas, residence 4316 Rawlings, advised that the 8 mm. color movies of the Presidential motorcade taken by Mr. JOHN MARTIN, Houston Street Annex Post Office, Dallas, Texas, were immediately sent to Life Magazine, New York City, in an undeveloped condition to be reviewed.

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Mrs. SWANK said that these films were probably of no news value since she had not heard from Life Magazine, New York, about them, but that they would eventually be returned to Mr. JOHN MARTIN at Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. SWANK advised that Mr. HUGH MOFFEET, Assistant Managing Editor, Life Magazine, should be contacted concerning the location and importance of MARTIN's films. Mrs. SWANK advised that if she learns from Life-Time that there was any information of value in Mr. MARTIN's 8 mm. color movie films, she will immediately contact the FBI at Dallas.

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On December 10, 1963, New York advised as follows:

"The 8 millimeter color movies taken by JOHN MARTIN of the Presidential Motorcade were reviewed December 9, 1963, at New York by SAs EUGENE W. O'NEILL and ROBERT J. LAWSON. A review of the films revealed no pertinent details which would aid Dallas investigation and the films will be returned to Mr. RICHARD POLLARD, Room 2938, Time and Life Building, 50th Street and 6th Avenue, New York City, New York."

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II. TRACING OF WEAPONS CONNECTED WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD

- A. Allegations Regarding Mounting of Scope on Rifle
- B. Alleged Sale of Rifle in March or April, 1963
- C. Tracing of Sling for Assassination Weapon
- D. Efforts to Trace Source of 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano Cartridges
- E. Alleged Target Practice by LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Et Cetera
- F. Smith and Wesson .38 Caliber Weapon, SN V510210

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**A. Allegations Regarding Mounting of
Scope on Rifle**

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FERDINAND KAUFMAN, 608 Downine Drive, who is employed as an associated press photographer, with office at 353 Dallas News Building, telephonically advised SA EDMOND C. HARDIN that he had heard a rumor to the effect that the gunsmith at Irving, Texas, who had allegedly mounted the scope on LEE HARVEY OSWALD's rifle denies that he did mount this scope. Mr. KAUFMAN added that on December 5, 1963, he was in the home of Mrs. SHIRLEY WILLIAMSON, 3329 Avenue N, Fort Worth, Texas, which individual is raising a fund for the widow of OSWALD, KAUFMAN advised that he gathered the impression that Mrs. WILLIAMSON and her husband, who is a cement worker, are supposed to be destitute, but he was surprized to notice while in their home a phone bill in the amount of \$67. He did not have the occasion to examine this bill in detail.

Mr. KAUFMAN stated that while in the WILLIAMSON home, he noticed that Mr. WILLIAMSON has an elaborate gun shop located therein. KAUFMAN added that inasmuch as it is rumored that the gunsmith at Irving presently denies mounting OSWALD's scope, he, KAUFMAN, wished to suggest the possibility that Mr. WILLIAMSON may have mounted this scope or may have information concerning OSWALD, although KAUFMAN is under the impression that the WILLIAMSONs claim they did not know OSWALD prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

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Mr. ~~SHIRLEY B. WILLIAMSON~~, 3329 Avenue N, advised that he is a construction foreman employed by WALT WILLIAMS, Cement Contractor. WILLIAMSON states that he has a small gun repair shop in his home as a part-time employment, and also as a hobby.

Mr. WILLIAMSON stated that he had no knowledge of LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to November 22, 1963.

WILLIAMSON stated that the only knowledge he has of OSWALD are the reports in the newspaper and on television since OSWALD was charged with the assassination of the President.

WILLIAMSON stated that he did not have any knowledge of who placed the telescopic sight on OSWALD's gun. WILLIAMSON stated he had nothing whatsoever to do with OSWALD or the gun he allegedly used.

WILLIAMSON stated that OSWALD is in no way related to him or his wife.

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Mrs. LEONA WILLIAMSON, 3329 Avenue N, advised that she had no knowledge of LEE HARVEY OSWALD prior to November 22, 1963. She stated that they are in no way related or connected with OSWALD in any way.

Mrs. WILLIAMSON stated that after OSWALD was killed and his body was brought to Fort Worth, Texas, she telephonically contacted the funeral home and inquired as to where she could make a contribution to OSWALD's wife.

Mrs. WILLIAMSON stated that she received the information that there was no one taking up a collection or accepting money on behalf of Mrs. OSWALD.

She further added that the individual at the funeral home asked Mrs. WILLIAMSON if she would consider collecting a fund from her neighbors. Mrs. WILLIAMSON stated that she advised she would consider this, and the next thing she knew, it was in the newspaper and on television.

Mrs. WILLIAMSON stated that she has had no contact with the OSWALDs and that the money she has received, she turned over to Secret Service.

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Mrs. EDITH WHITWORTH, home address 315 South Jefferson, Irving, Texas, advised that around November 6, 7, or 8, 1963 (she was unable to definitely establish the date in her mind), an individual whom she later knew was LEE HARVEY OSWALD from his photograph had come into the Furniture Mart where she was working.

At the time OSWALD came into the store, there was a gun repair sign on the front of the building which had been left there by the previous occupant. OSWALD was directed to a gun repair shop approximately 1 1/2 blocks away from the Furniture Mart.

While in the store, Mrs. WHITWORTH stated that OSWALD inquired as to both a living room and dining room set, stating that he would need both in the near future. While in the store, his wife, carrying a small baby and leading a small girl, came in and observed OSWALD's activities but never made any statement or said anything. When she came in, OSWALD told Mrs. WHITWORTH that his youngest child had been born on October 20, 1963, and Mrs. WHITWORTH recalled this date as being the approximate time that a grandchild of hers had been born.

OSWALD remained in the Furniture Mart approximately 15 minutes, but despite the conversation concerning the infant child, no attempt was made by Mrs. OSWALD to exhibit the baby, nor did she permit anyone to look at the child.

On leaving the Furniture Mart (second-hand furniture store), the OSWALDs made a U-turn and left driving against the traffic on East Irving Boulevard in the direction of the gun repair shop in either a 1956 or 1957 two-tone blue and white Ford or Plymouth.

OSWALD did not have any type of firearm in his possession at the time he was in the Furniture Mart.

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Mr. DIAL D. ~~RYDER~~, 2208 Harvard (BL 3-4876) stated he is employed as service manager, Irving Sport Shop, Irving, Texas. Mr. ~~RYDER~~ stated he has Irving Sport Shop repair tag #18374 which is undated and contains the name "OSWALD" as owner of the gun to be repaired under that particular repair tag. He stated he has no specific recollection as to the customer whose gun was repaired under that particular repair ticket and cannot state that the customer was or was not LEE HARVEY OSWALD and said he cannot be positive OSWALD has been a customer in the sport shop but is quite sure that he has seen and/or talked to OSWALD probably in the store. He said repair ticket #18374 was utilized some time between November 1 and November 14, 1963, but he has no recollection of the customer being accompanied by a woman and two small children. He said he does not associate the customer with any automobile as he is usually in the workshop that is located in the rear of the store, therefore, he seldom sees the customers arrive and depart. He said he cannot recall the individual who he believes was OSWALD driving any type of car and does not associate him in any way with a blue and white 1956 or 1957 Ford or Plymouth.

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On December 11, 1963, the Washington Field Office furnished the following information:

DON KIRBY, Assistant Fulfillment Manager, Membership Division, National Rifle Association, 1600 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised SA JAMES W. GARTEN on December 11, 1963, the files of this organization had been reviewed in effort to determine if LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka A. HIDEELL, O. H. LEE is or has been a member of this group.

KIRBY said this search covered membership lists for Dallas, Texas, and cities within a fifty mile radius of Dallas, as well as the State of Louisiana. This search covered records dating back to 1956.

KIRBY advised this search was negative under above names.

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B. Alleged Sale of Rifle in March or
April, 1963

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Mr. G. E. SMITH advised he resides at 604 Argenthia, Apartment C (Wynnewood), Dallas, Texas, telephone WH 2-9176. He is the daytime service attendant at the Shell Service Station on the corner of Rock Island and Story Streets, Irving, Texas. He became so employed during April, 1963, exact date unknown to him at this time.

Mr. SMITH advised that he heard conversation at the station to the effect that ROBERT TAYLOR, the mechanic, purchased a rifle from a customer, and that TAYLOR is of the opinion the customer was LEE HARVEY OSWALD. This occurred before he first became employed at this station, and did not see the individual who sold TAYLOR the rifle.

SMITH stated that a woman, whose name he does not know but she resides at 2515 5th Street, Irving, Texas, and who is in some way connected with the OSWALDs, has been a customer at this station. She drives a 1957 Chevrolet station wagon and he has serviced it on several occasions including oil changes and washings. On one such occasion, he delivered groceries that were in the back of the automobile to her house and actually carried them into the house. While in her home, she mentioned to him that her children speak Russian better than they speak English, and made a flat statement, "We're Russian."

SMITH continued that he never knew this lady's name and still does not know it; however, in view of all the excitement that occurred in the neighborhood after the assassination of President KENNEDY, he realized that she was in some way connected with LEE OSWALD or Mrs. OSWALD. She has come to the station for gasoline only on one occasion since the assassination.

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Mr. SMITH advised that the Shell Station is located approximately six blocks from 2515 5th Street and may be the closest gasoline station to this address.

SMITH stated that he has never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD other than from what he saw on television. To his knowledge, OSWALD has never come to this station. He stated that he has never seen JACK RUBY and that to his knowledge, JACK RUBY has never come to this station.

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ROBERT ADRIAN TAYLOR advised he resides on Hard Rock Road near Irving, Texas and has Post Office Box 125G, Route #1, Grand Prairie, Texas. He is employed as a mechanic at the Shell Service Station on the southwest corner of Rock Island and Story Streets, Irving, Texas.

Mr. TAYLOR advised as follows:

Upon viewing LEE HARVEY OSWALD on television, he recognized OSWALD as the man who sold him a rifle in approximately March or April, 1963.

A photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD taken at New Orleans, Louisiana on August 9, 1963 was exhibited to TAYLOR, and he stated that he is very sure that the man who sold him the rifle was OSWALD and identical with the photograph and with the man on television. It is a possibility, of course, that it could be someone who strongly resembles OSWALD.

He believes it was in March or April, 1963 and fixed the date as it happened just prior to the time Mr. G. E. SMITH became employed as an attendant at the station. He determined from SMITH that SMITH first became employed in April, 1963. Further, a former employee at the station, CURTIS CROWDER, resigned in April, 1963 and was present at the time he purchased the rifle.

He is of the opinion the incident happened on a Saturday and in the morning hours. Two men drove into the station complaining of engine trouble in their car. He determined that the generator of the automobile needed repairs, and that it would cost \$11.50 to make these repairs.

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The man who he now believes to be OSWALD was a passenger in the car. Between them, they did not have \$11.50 at which time the man he believes to be OSWALD asked him if he would like to buy a rifle. He replied that he might be interested, at which time one of the two men opened the trunk of the car and said, "There it is."

TAYLOR asked what kind of a gun it was and received a reply that it is an "0 six". He picked the weapon out of the trunk, looked at it and offered \$12.00. The driver of the vehicle then said, "You're not going to let it go for that. You paid \$35.00 for it." The passenger then replied, "No, we need the money."

TAYLOR continued that he obtained \$12.00 out of the cash drawer and purchased the rifle. He then proceeded to repair the generator and charged them \$11.50 which they paid and departed. He does not recall the make and model of the automobile, but thinks it could have been a 1959 Chevrolet.

He described the rifle as a Springfield bolt action 30.06 caliber. It contained the markings U.S. Rock Island Arsenal, Model 1906 and has serial number 66091. He was of the opinion the rifle had never been fired as it had a great deal of grease in the barrel. It appeared to him as a typical surplus rifle that was probably released for sale by the Government during the last five or ten years. He has since reconditioned the weapon and his son is now using it on a deer hunt.

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TAYLOR stated that he had never seen either of these two men before this time. He does think, however, that the man he believes to be OSWALD came into the station several weeks to a month later as a passenger in another automobile, this time driven by a woman. He did not get a good look at the woman and does not know who she is nor can he give a description of her. He cannot recall what kind of automobile the woman was driving, and would hesitate to give a description of it.

He stated, naturally, he cannot be positively sure that the man who sold him the rifle was OSWALD. He feels that it was OSWALD as that upon viewing OSWALD on television, he immediately thought of this rifle, and at that instant thought that OSWALD was the man who sold the weapon to him. At the time of the purchase, this man was wearing ordinary slacks and a jacket and did not express much knowledge of an automobile.

He described the driver of the car as a white male, about 20 years of age, 5'8" tall with dark hair and a thin face. He has never seen either men since other than in the one incident related before.

TAYLOR stated that he has followed the investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY on television as well as the shooting of OSWALD by JACK RUBY. He has never seen JACK RUBY to his knowledge and knows of no information concerning him.

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**C. Tracing of Sling for Assassination
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The following investigation was conducted by SAS
NAT A. PINKSTON and ALLAN D. BRAY, on December 7, 1963:

Mr. RAY BRANTLEY, owner and operator of Ray's
Hardware, 736 Singleton Boulevard, Dallas, one of the largest
gun shops in Dallas, observed a photograph of the 6.5 rifle
used by LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated that although, he has
handled many, many rifles and slings, he has never seen a
sling like the one appearing in the photograph on this rifle.
He stated that in his opinion, this is a home-made sling and
was apparently made out of luggage straps, or something of that
nature, and not originally designed as a rifle sling.

Mr. MAURICE RUBIN, Manager, Texas Army-Navy Stores,
128 West Jefferson Boulevard, Dallas, observed a photograph
of OSWALD'S rifle and immediately stated he had never seen
a sling like the one appearing in the photograph of this rifle.
He stated that his store handles both new and military surplus
rifle slings, both for American and foreign-made guns, but he
has never seen a sling of this nature. He suggested that inquiry
be made at the Fair Jobbing Company, 1322 Marilla, the head-
quarters for the Texas Army-Navy Stores, in Dallas.

Mr. JOHN W. HALL, Fair Jobbing Company, observed a
photograph of OSWALD'S rifle. He stated that he had not ever
seen a sling like the one appearing on this rifle and does not
believe that it was designed, or made, as a rifle sling, but
is a "home-made" job made of leather straps designed for
some other purpose.

Mr. JERRY HOOD, L. B. Mercantile Company, 123 West
Jefferson Boulevard, Dallas, a store handling surplus materials,

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advised he had never seen a sling similar to the one appearing in the photograph of OSWALD'S rifle and does not know where such a sling might have been obtained.

Mr. ~~AL~~ YEARGAIN, Manager, Sporting Goods Department,
H. L. Green Company, Main and Ervay Streets, Dallas, the man
who furnished the information which established the original
source of OSWALD'S rifle through which it was traced, advised
that he has handled rifles similar to this rifle used by
OSWALD, but has never seen a sling like the one appearing in
the photograph of this rifle; and feels sure this is a home-
made sling.

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Mr. GEORGE G. ~~VAN~~ METER, Control Buyer (musical *Drum, etc.* instruments), Sears Roebuck and Company, 1409 S. Lamar, was shown two photographs of the leather sling taken from the assassination weapon used in the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY; however, Mr. VAN METER was not told what this object was nor where it came from but was merely asked his opinion as to what the object was.

Mr. VAN METER said it was his opinion that the object in the photograph was a guitar strap. Mr. VAN METER checked the Sears Roebuck catalog and advised that this strap was not one bought or sold by Sears Roebuck.

Mr. VAN METER advised he believes the following individuals and companies might be able to identify the manufacturer of the guitar strap if shown a photograph of it:

M. M. COLE, Importer, 823 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

C. H. RUBOVITS, Vice President, The Harmony Shop, 4700 Kolin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

R. W. KEYWORTH, Vice President, Kay Musical Instruments Company, 1640 Walnut Street, Chicago, Illinois.

on 12/13/63

Dallas, Texas

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by Special Agents WILLIAM G. BROOKHART and
GEORGE T. BINNEY:vm

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