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Mr. HARRY HABERMAN, owner, Cliff Jewelry (pawn shop), 101 M. Jefferson, was shown two photographs of the leather sling taken from the assassination weapon used in the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY; however, Mr. HABERMAN 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. HABERMAN observed the photographs briefly and he immediately said that in his opinion this was a guitar strap and that he had often seen guitar straps of similar construction.

Mr. HABERNAN searched the supply of guitar straps in his supply shop but was unable to locate one of similar construction. This however did not change his opinion as to what the Object was.

He advised he believes that Sears Roebuck has handled similar guitar straps. Mr. HAPERMAN added he does not recall that such a guitar strap had been sold in his shop pointing out that such guitar straps are usually sold along with the guitar in the operation of a pawn shop.

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Mr. JACK WILDER, Salesman, David Wexler Accessories Company, 823 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, residence 3040 Walnut Hill Iane, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at the FBI Office, Dallas, Texas. Mr. WILDER was shown two photographs which were the front and back side of a leather strap used as a rifle sling on the rifle which was used in the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. Mr. WILDER was not advised of the source or identity of this object and was asked what his opinion was concerning the identity of this object. He said that the strap could be a guitar strap but he had never seen one like it, although he had many salesman for David Wexler for many years and had distributed many varieties of guitar straps to music stores.

He advised that the following companies may be able to determine the identity and origin of this strap provided it is a guitar strap:

> X Maxwell Meyers San Antonio, Texas

C. Bruno Company San Antonio, Texas.

New Orleans Music Supply Company New Orleans, Louisiana

Billidleaton, Importer Mississippi City, Mississippi

St. Iouis Music Supply Company St. Iouis, Missouri

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Mr. WILLIAM RAMC EWAN, Branch Manager, United-Carr Fastener Corporation, 1066 West Mackingbird lane, was interviewed at his residence, 4442 Hockaday. Drives Yell

Mr. MC EWAN was shown a photograph of a leather strap used as a rifle sling on the rifle used in the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. This photograph revealed that there were two fasteners on this leather strap which were marked "United Carr".

Mr. MC EWAN said that he believed that these snap type fasteners were manufactured by the Carr Fastener Company, Division of United-Carr Fastener Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts, under the trade name of "Dot" fasteners. He said that it appears that the fasteners were "Baby Durable fasteners", parts numbers BS-12303 (stud) and BS-12402 (eyelet). Mr. MC EWAN said that it also appeared that the rivets used to hold the large piece of leather to the strap appeared to be "Dot Speedy rivets", parts numbers "BS-99972 (button-top) and "BS-22405 (eyelet base). The asterisk in front of the part numbers indicates that these parts are brass but are available in steel also when the asterisk prefixes the catalogue number. Standard finishes for these parts are nickel, brass, brown and black. The eyelets are nickel, brass and black.

Mr. MC EWAN made the above observations concerning the Dot fasteners from Catalogue #60 of the Carr Fastener Company.

Mr. MC EWAN advised that he did not personally recognize the leather object in the photograph as any manufactured product for which he had sold Dot fasteners. Mr. MC EWAN advised that the following individuals may recognize the leather strap and may have been consulted by the manufacturer of this strap:

Mr. RALPH HVOSLEF, Sales Manager
Consumer Products
Carr Fastener Division, or his assistant,

Mr. W. W. HENDRICKS, Assistant Sales Manager, who are both located at Carr Fastener Division, United-Carr Fastener Corporation, 31 Ames Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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The following investigation was conducted by SAs WILLIAM G. BROOKHART and GEORGE T. BINNEY at Dallas, Texas.

The following individuals were contacted on the dates indicated and shown 2 photographs, front and back view of a leather strap used as a rifle sling on the rifle used in the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. They were not told what this object was used for but merely asked whether they were able to identify it through their professional experience. The following individuals believed that this object was a guitar strap although they were unable to locate any guitar straps like it in their stock and could not suggest anyone who might be able to identify this object:

HOWARD BEASLEY, JR.
Vice President
Whittle Music Company
1108 Elm Street
December 14, 1963

FRED/MC CORD President Mc Cord Music Company 1206 Elm Street December 14, 1963

D. J. CLINE Cline Music Company-1107 Elm Street-December 14. 1963_

Mr. and Mrs. WESLEY JOHNSON Brook-Mays Music Company 718 West Jefferson December 14, 1963

ROBERT ARBOGAST
Owner
Watkins Music Company
838 West Jefferson
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GEORGE ADKINS
Adkins Jewelers (pawn shop)
122 West Jefferson
December 16, 1963

CLYDE BOYD
Boyd Auitar School
314 South Beakley
December 16, 1963

The following individuals when viewing the photographs described above, advised that this strap could be possibly used as a professional type gadget bag in such a manner that the long strap would fit under the gadget bag and the large piece of leather would be used as a shoulder strap. These individuals said that they had no idea of the origin of this strap:

Mr. KURT ZEISKL

Manager

Ione Star Camera Exchange

334 West Jefferson

December 13, 1963

Mr. SAMUEL HAYES
Receiving Clerk
Hornstein, Incorporated
2820 Commerce
December 16, 1963

Mr. EUGENE DBOSE Shipping Clerk Hornstein, Incorporated 2820 Commerce December 16, 1963

Mr. RICHARD WALLACE
Branch Office Manager
Inter-Continental Marketing Corporation
1131 Dragon
December 16; 1963

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D. Efforts to Trace Source of 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano Cartridges

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> Re: Six point five mm Mannlicher-Carcano Cartridges

The following investigation was conducted by SA TERENCE D. DINAN at Houston, Texas on December 6, 1953:

The following persons advised that their businesses operate strictly over-the-counter and neither receive nor honor mail order requests for the purchase of ammunition of any type. These persons further advised to the best of their recollection, they have never sold 6.5 millimeter ammunition to LEE HARVEY OSWALD:

G. W. BARROW - Manager Van's Surplus Store 8322 Jensen Houston, Texas

L. H. JOHNSON - Owner
Johnson's-a general merchandising store
Route 1; Box 537
Humble, Texas

WALTER H. BEYMER - Owner Beymer's Army Surplus 126 W. Broad Freeport, Texas

LEWIE MAJORS - Owner Lewie's Army Surplus Highway 90 Liberty, Texas

On November 30, 1963, MEYER REISWERG, Vic's Jewelry and Loans (also known as Vic's For Guns), 2413 Market Street, Galveston, Texas, advised SA CARLOS L. KIRBY, JR., that he handles 6.5 millimeter ammunition, but could locate no record of having sold any of this type of ammunition to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He advised that he only maintains the names of the purchasers of ammunition that are shipped by mail.

HO 62-2115

Re: Six point five mm Mannlicher-Carcano cartridges, Southern Trading Company, Houston, Texas

The following investigation was conducted by SAs TERENCE D. DINAN and MALCOLM R. HARWELL at Houston, Texas, on December 6, 1963:

J. DAIE RAMSEY, President, Southern Trading Company, 4012 Griggs, made available a carbon copy of invoice # 5111 reflecting the shipment of 20,000 rounds of 6.5 Western Ammo (military) to Southern Trading on December 7, 1962. This shipment was sent from New York City, New York, on that date and was directed to Southern Trading through GEORGE ZUCKER SAIES, 3950 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

RAMSEY advised that these 20,000 rounds were distributed to Southern Trading's retail outlets as well as other retail accounts and that supply was entirely depleted by September 3, 1963. RAMSEY stated that this distribution consisted of 53 individual outlays of 6.5 ammunition. He furnished the following breakdown of those retail outlets receiving portions of the 20,000 rounds:

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NUMBER OF ROUNDS PURCHASED	RETAIL OUTLET	AMOUNT OF PURCHASE	INVOICE #
120	Van's Surplus Store, 8322 Jensen, Houston, Texas	12/10/62	24747
200	L. H. Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 537, Humble, Tex	12.14/62	24776
980	Academy Super Surpl Sales, 321 Congress, Austin, Te		24797
120	Van's Surplus Store, 8322 Jensen, Houston, Texas	1/7/63	. 24857 ·
10,000	Vic's For Guns, 2413 Market, Galveston, Texas	1/15/63	24885

NUMBER OF ROUNDS PURCHASED	RETAIL OUTLET	AMOUNT OF PURCHASE	INVOICE #
160	Van's Surplus Store, 8322 Jensen, Houston, Texas	1/28/63	24929
100	Beymer's Army Surplus, Freeport, Texas	2/15/63	24997
100	L. H. Johnson Rt. 1, Box 537, Humble, Texas	2/26/63	25012
100	Ħ	4/15/63	25128
120 	Lewie's Army Surplus, Liberty, Texas	5/23/63	25227

RAMSEY stated that the other 8,000 rounds were distributed in 43 outlays to Southern Sales Company stores and GI Surplus stores, which are the affiliated retail outlets of Southern Trading Company in Houston, Texas and the surrounding area. He furnished the following breakdown of these retail outlets:

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Southern Sales Company 6 separate stores all located in Houston, Texas

GI Surplus Stores

(3) Corpus Christi, Texas (2) Beaumont, Texas 1) Nederland, Texas
1) Port Arthur, Texas (1) Orange, Texas

RAMSEY advised that the exact amounts distributed. to the above 14 Southern Trading Company retail affiliates could not be determined. He added however, that mone of these retail outlets handle any mail order business. He further advised that he did not presently know lether or not those retail outlets in Houston, Humble, Freeport, Liberty and Galveston, Texas, not affiliated with Southern Trading, handled orders for ammunition received through the mails.

RAMSEY advised that the above itemization constitutes the entire 20,000 round shipment received December, 1962 from GEORGE ZUCKER and that none of that ammunition was shipped to retail stores in the Dallas-Fort Worth or New Orleans areas.

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E. Alleged Target Practice by LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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The following investigation was conducted by SA KENNETH R. ALBERT at Dallas, Texas:

On November 27, 1963, N. T. (DOLLY) PISHER, Deputy Chief, Patrol Division, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, advised he was not aware of any information indicating that two unknown men were seen by officers of his department on November 20, 1963, sighting-in a rifle near the scene of where the President was assassinated, nor any information these men were sighting-in on two silhouette targets and when police attempted to contact these men, they could not locate them.

BOYD, Regional Office, 112th INTC Group, Dallas, Texas, and was advised by him that personnel of his organization had heard on Friday afternoon, November 22, 1963, while at the Dallas Police Department that the Police Department had received a call Wednesday night regarding two men sightingin a rifle on Continental Street. Chief FISHER stated he had no information indicating this was true and had the following items checked in an effort to substantiate this rumor; however, he could locate no information to substantiate the rumor:

- 1. Officers' return sheet on radio calls.
- 2. IBM listing of radio calls as to location, and
- 3. Dispatcher's call sheet.

Chief FISHER then had the officers working the daylight shifts on November 20, 1963, and November 21, 1963, contacted in an effort to determine whether or not any of the officers had seen these men and did not report it, since there was no record of anyone calling in to make a complaint. Chief FISHER advised he was unable to locate any officers who had seen anything even resembling this incident.

Captain WILL FRITZ, Homicide Bureau, was contacted concerning this matter and stated he was not aware of such information, and this information had never come to his attention.

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Mr. G. C. HAGAN, 136 Casalite (BR 6-3071), Garland, Texas, employed as a maintenance man, Dallas Flood Control, 2245 Irving Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, on December 2, 1963 reported the following to SA DAVID H. BARRY as a possible test site for the firing of the rifle in question used by LEE HARVEY OSWALD:

HAGAN described this site as that below the levees of the Trinity River between Hampton Road and Irving Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, that point where the Hampton Road pump station is located. He stated that this site could be called "the open range of Dallas," it so frequently is used for test firing of rifles by hunters and others. HAGAN said that the elevation and trafectory as OSWALD had found at the Texas School Book Depository building could be simulated by firing from the levee to the river bottom. He stated that the area is strewn with shell cases as a result of the firing by numerous individuals.

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WADDELL ROBERTSON, also known as "SLIM" ROBERTSON, was interviewed at 104 Woodland Drive, Irving, Texas, where he is employed by Mr. ELLIS DUNN as a yard man. ROBERTSON stated that in the latter part of August or first part of September, 1963, he and his wife, OPAL ROBERTSON, saw a white man, about 25 years of age, 5' 9" - 5' 10", tall, weighing about 160 lbs., with dark hair receding at the temples, clean-shaven and no glasses, as this man was firing a rifle on the Trinity River Bottom behind 104 Woodland Drive, Irving, Texas.

ROBERTSON said the man had piled two bales of hay one on top of the other and was using the hay bales for a resting place for the rifle. ROBERTSON explained this occurred shortly after a mower had cut grass in the river bottom and the bales of hay were lying about, easily available. The man had an unidentified woman and small boy with him. The boy appeared to be about four years of age. He described the woman as in her 20's, 5' 6", 130 lbs., dark hair, no glasses. ROBERTSON was unable to note the caliber or detailed description of the rifle being fired by this man, and stated he did note the rifle had a scope on it.

ROBERTSON said after the assassination of President KENNEDY when he saw pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD on television and in the newspapers, he felt the man he had seen on the Trinit; River Bottom looked like OSWALD. ROBERTSON said the man was shooting at a homemade bullseye target which he had placed on . the side of the levee in the Trinity River Bottom. The woman and small boy stood and watched him while he fired the rifle. The day the man was observed firing the rifle, ROBERTSON observed a car parked nearby which presumably belonged to the man doing the shooting, although ROBERTSON did not see the man leave in the car. ROBERTSON described this as a black car, make not known, model - early 1950's. ROBERTSON advised about four or five days after he first saw the man in the latter part of August, 1963, he and his wife, OPAL, were fishing in the Trinity River when the same man came up alone and spoke to them. The man asked ROBERTSON and his wife if they were catching anything and stood and talked to them for

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five or ten minutes. ROBERTSON said the man's manner was pleasant and he asked where ROBERTSON and his wife lived. When they told the man they lived nearby, the man told ROBERTSON and his wife he lived in Irving but he did not specify an address.

Mrs. OPAL ROBERTSON was interviewed at 104 Woodland - Drive, Irving, Texas, where she and her husband, WADDELL ROBERTSON, are employed by Mr. ELLIS DUNN as servanys.

OPAL ROBERTSON stated she was with her husband during the latter part of August or early part of September, 1963 when they observed a white man in his 20's fire a rifle in the Trinity River Bottom located behind 104 Woodland Drive, Irving, Texas. Mrs. ROBERTSON said they observed this man around 5:00 or 5:30 one afterngon. Mrs. ROBERTSON said after she had seen pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in newspapers and on television, she believed the man they saw firing the rifle in the river bottom looked like OSWALD. Mrs. ROBERTSON said the man was accompanied by a woman in her 20's, 5' 6", 130 lbs. with dark hair, and a small boy about four years old. A dark-colored car of an old model was parked nearby.

On that particular afternoon, the man was firing a rifle at a homemade bullseye target which he had placed on the levge in the river bottom.

Four or five days later, Mrs. ROBERTSON and her husband were at the river bottom fishing, and the same man came up and spoke to them and carried on a friendly conversation with them for five or ten minutes. She recalled the man saying he was from Irving, Texas, after he had asked them where they were from.

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Major LEON PCWERS, Assistant Chief of Police, Irving, Texas, furnished four 6.5 brass shell casings which were recovered by the Irving Police on a temporary shocting range located on Highway 183 at Belt Line between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., on November 29, 1963.

He advised these shells do not have to be returned after they have been examined by the FBI Laboratory.

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Mr. WILLIAM RAY FULLER advised he resides at 410 Staffordshire, Dallas, Texas, and that he is known as "BILL," and owns" business known as "Bill's Decorating," which is located at 209 Martha at Euless, Texas.

Mr. FULLER said he observed two persons sighting in a rifle on a makeshift range located on Highway 183 at Belt Line near Inving, Texas, a day or two before the President was assassinated, and he said after President KENNEDE's assessination he telephoned LEON POWERS, Assistant Chief of Police, at Irving, Texas, on Saturday, November 23, 1963, to give him the information because he helieved this makeshift range would be a good place to check to determine if LEE HARVEY OSWALD might have used the range to practice shooting. He said that he did not get close enough to these two individuals to get a good description of them but he recalled one of the individuals wore a tan cloth jacket and was bare headed, and after sesing OSWALD's photograph on TV and in the neggapers be felt there might be some slight resemblance. He said the other person appeared to be a young boy in his late teens but he paid no particular attention to either of these men. He did not observe whether they had a car and did not stop to look at them so he was unable to furnish any more definite information concerning these people.

Mr. FULLER said he had never known LEE HARVEY OSVALD or JACK RUBT at the time and had never actually seen either of them until the TV and news media produced photographs of them.

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Deputy Sheriff B. J. COURSON, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, on December 11, 1963, advised he had been contacted by Mr. WILLIAM J. HONEA, Route 2, Box 442, Irving, Texas. At the time of this contact, HONEA furnished COURSON with two empty cardboard ammunition boxes which apparently at one time contained 6.5 caliber Italian ammunition. These two empty boxes were approximately 2" x 3" x 3" in size.

HONEA told COURSON he found the boxes in the vicinity of an abandoned gravel pit near Irving, Texas.

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On December 3, 1963, Inspector TON KELLEY of the United States Secret Service made available three empty 6.5 mm cartridges obtained by United States Secret Service Agent CHARLES E. KUNKEL from the Barr's Gun Shop at 2119 South Backley Street, Dallas, Texas. These cartridge cases were obtained from Mr. A. R. PAPURT, who believes these cartridges were fired at the Sports Dome Gun Hange, 8000 West Davis Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, around November 12, 1963.

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LARRY LYNN CLARK, 514 Royal Avenue, Grand Prairie, Texas, advised on December 9, 1963, as follows:

He frequented the Sports Dome Rifle Range in Dallas, Texas, and was acquainted with MALCOLM PRICE, who, also practiced there. PRICE had discussed with him the fact that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been at the range and that he, CLARK, might have seen him.

En said he had seen OSWALD's picture on TV and in the papers many times and he could not recall having seen this individual at the rifle range. He said the face looked vaguely familiar but he could not tell where he might have seen this party before. He did not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD by name, description or by photograph, nor did he know JACK RUBY, although he had seen this man's picture in the newspapers also.

Date December 11, 1963

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Doctor DONALD DALE WHITCOMB, M.D., 1005 Southwest—Third Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, advised JAMES E. WHEELES, of 733 Danish Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas, on December 6, 1963, saw a television news program pertaining to the activities at a firing range between Dallas and Grand Prairie, at which LEE HARVEY OSWALD possibly had practiced. Mr. WHEELES furnished that information to Doctor WHITCOMB and they recalled they had practiced also at what they believed was the same firing range recently. They decided this matter should be reported to the FBI.

Doctor WHITCOMB said he and Mr. WHEELES, at about 4 P.M., November 13, 1963, arrived at the firing range located just off Highway 80, just east of Grand Prairie, between Grand Prairie and Dallas. Doctor WHITCOMB fired from stall number 5 and Mr. WHEELES from stall number 6. Mr. WHEELES told him an individual, in either stall number 7 or number 8, had done an excellent job of rifle firing, hitting four bullseyes out of four shots from 100 yards. Doctor WHITCOMB did not see that individual and could not furnish his description and could not give any indication as to whether ; it might have been LEE HARVEY OSWALD practicing.

Doctor WHITCOMB had his three small children with him and immediately after he and Mr. WHEELES finished firing, Doctor WHITCOMB and Mr. WHEELES gathered up some of the empty cartridge shells and gave them to Doctor WHITCOMB's children, who took them home as toys. Doctor WHITCOMB does not know what type of rifle was used by that person and said a number of the cartridge shells in possession of his children could not be identified by him as 6.5 mm shells, but said some of them might be of that caliber.

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On December 9, 1963, Doctor WHITCOMB furnished 65 empty rifle cartridge shells that he obtained from his residence that day. He said these had been accumulated by his children, most of them having been obtained on November 13, 200, 1963, from the above described firing range, which he believes is located in about the 8000 block of West Davis, Dallas (U. S. Highway 80), which is located just east of Grand Prairie, Texas.

JAMES E WHEELES, 733 Danish Drive, Grand Prairie,
Texas, who is a retired Major, U. S. Air Force, and presently
employed as an Insurance Agent by John Hancock Mutual Life.
Insurance Company, 2906 Maple Avenue, Dallas, advised he and
Doctor DONALD DALE WHITCOMB, on November 13, 1963, from about
4 P.M. until dusk practiced rifle firing at the rifle range
located in the 8000, or 8200, block West Davis, Dallas,
the name of which he does not recall, but believes the name was
Sportsdrome Rifle Range. He fired from stall 6 and Doctor
WHITCOMB from stall 5. To his left, in stall 7, an unidentified
individual was firing a rifle which looked something like a
rifle he had observed on television later as being the rifle
LEE HARVEY OSWALD alledgedly used on November 22, 1963,
when President KENNEDY was assassinated.

He saw the man in stall number 7, but cannot now remember enough about him to furnish any physical description and cannot either state that he was OSWALD, or that he was not OSWALD. He recalled the person appeared pleasant in his manner, and he recalled the muzzle blast from the rifle was heavier than from the 30.06 rifle he (WHEELES) was firing. That person was hitting a two-inch bullseye almost every time from 100 yards. He said he helped Doctor WHITCOMB pick up some of the spent cartridge shells for the WHITCOMB children.

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- On December 12, 1963, L. V. (I.O.) PREDDY, 3325—Fort Worth Avenue, Dallas, Texas, furnished approximately 200 empty brass shell casings to SA ARTHUR E. CARTER. Mr. PREDDY said he picked these up at the Sports Dome Rifle Range at 8000 West Davis in Dallas, Texas, on the Saturday after the President was assassinated and on the Monday following. He requested they be returned to him when they had served their purpose in the investigation.

On December 12, 1963, RICHARD C. LOPEZ, a salesman in the sports department of the H. L. Green Company, 1616 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, examined the above described shell cases and advised SA CARTER that none of them were 6.5 caliber and none of them could have been fired in a rifle such as the one that was used in the assassination of President KENNEDY on November 22, 1963, at Dallas, Texas.

On December 13, 1963, SA CARTER returned the empty shell casings to Mr. L. V. PREDDY at 3325 Fort Worth Avenue, where/is employed by the Dye Trucking Company.

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Mr. FLOYD GUY DAVIS, owner of the Sports Dome Rifle Range, 8000 West Davis, Dallas, Texas, executed a receipt for two boxes containing 25 pounds of assorted, empty, brass cartridge cases, which were submitted to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examinations in cornection with the investigation of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDT, November 22, 1963.

Mr. DAVIS advised he had no additional information concerning persons who might have seen an individual believed to be similar to LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the Sports Dome Rifle Range.

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MR. JAMES THOMPSON, 1116 Gilpin Street, Dallas, Texas, advised he has telephone number FE 1-6955, and in the fall of 1962 he was a partner with FLOYD GUY DAVIS in the operation of the Sports Dome Rifle Range, 8000 West Davis. He recalled that on Sunday, November 17, 1963, he went out to help Mr. and Mrs. DAVIS operate the range from about 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or sundown.

He said Mrs. DAVIS operated the traps and Mr. DAVIS ran the turkey shoot with a rifle. He, Mr. THOMPSON, ran the rifle stalls.

He observed the New Orleans Police Department photograph No. 112723 dated August 9, 1963, of OSWALD and advised he did not resemble anyone who appeared at the rifle range on November 17, 1963. Mr. THOMPSON said he recalled he examined all of the rifle targets that were fired on by the customers on that particular day, and no one shot any unusually good targets with a "tight" pattern or group.

He said he had no recollection of any very large men with heavy beard and earmuffs, and he distinctly recalled that that particular Sunday was not cold.

Mr. THOMPSON said he did recall changing a couple of targets where the shooter fired on the wrong targets. One of these men was firing from position 6 and the other from position 9. He said he had never known JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD and was inclined to believe that the persons who had believed OSWALD on the Sports Dome Rifle Range might just have "imagined" they had seen someone there who appeared to be OSWALD.

Mr. THOMPSON furnished the following description of himself:

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Name JAMES THOMPSON

Height 6'1"

Weight 245 pounds

Hair Dark brown, curly

Eyes Hazel

Complexion Rough, dark, acne scars on

neck, front and back, and

chin.

He said he believed on that particular Sunday he was wearing a red knit long sleeved sport shirt and khaki pants.

He advised he did not know the identity of any shooters who might have seen someone resembling OSWALD at the Sports Dome Range.

Mr. THOMPSON said he wished to state that the range was only open about five weeks prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY during the 1963 season. He said he had no partnership interest in the operation of the range during this year (1963).

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Mr. EARL LIPSCOMB, 3561 Marquet, Dallas, telephone number EM 1-7989, whose card appeared in RUBY's property, was contacted at his place of employment, Earl Lipscomb Associates, 3605 Inwood Road, Dallas, at which he furnished the following information:

He advised that he met JACK RUBY on only one occasion and this was sometime this past year, exact date he could not recall, at which time he visited the Carousel Club with a friend of his whom he identified as being E. G. BYERS, who is a Field Engineer at Houston, Texas. Mr. LIPSCOMB stated that he and his friend, BYERS, had stopped at the Carousel Club this one occasion inasmuch as they had heard the entertainment was very good. He explained that this was the one and only time he had visited the Carousel Club and was the first and only time he had met JACK RUBY. He could vaguely recall that particular evening when they visited the Carousel Club and believed that they were attempting to locate some Dixieland music. Upon arrival at the Carousel Club, they realized that there was no Dixieland music and had only stayed for a few Upon their departure from the Carousel Club, he, Mr. LIPSCOMB, introduced himself to JACK RUBY and asked Mr. RUBY if he knew of any place in Dallas where they might be able to listen to some Dixieland music. JACK RUBY was unable to furnish a place where they could listen to Dixieland music and referred them to his other club. Vegas Club, and suggested that they may like to visit the club that evening.

Mr. LIPSCOMB further advised that upon his departure from the Carousel Club, he gave JACK RUBY a business card with his name, employment and address on it and believed this was the way that this card got in RUBY's possession.

Mr. LIPSCOMB stated that he could offer no information pertaining to associates, friends or any background information in regard to JACK RUBY. He knows of no association between RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the reported assassin of President KENNEDY. Mr. LIPSCOMB was exhibited a photograph of OSWALD, at which time, he

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advised that he had never met this individual and had only seen the picture in the local newspapers. He advised he knew of no connection whatsoever between OSWALD and RUBY.

Just prior to the completion of the interview, Mr. LIPSCOMB advised that he had received information to the effect that a dentist and his son, who reside somewhere in Oak Cliff, are sporting enthusiasts and in connection with this, had seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD at a rifle range during the past few months. The information he received indicated that the dentist's son, name unknown, had actually looked at LEE HARVEY OSWALD's rifle at one time when they were visiting the rifle range. Mr. LIPSCOMB stated that a Mr. THORNTON VICKREY, telephone number WH 8-3701, would be able to furnish the identity of both the dentist and his son for information in regard to this matter. He could offer no further information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD and stated that the information received in connection with this was strictly "second-hand" and was offering it for whatever it was worth.

Mr. LIPSCOMB was unable to offer any information as to why JACK RUBY had shot OSWALD and did not possess any information regarding either the assassination of President KENNEDY or the shooting of OSWALD other than what was pointed out in the local newspapers.

Mr. EARL LIPSCOMB was of the opinion that E. G. BYERS could offer no more information other than that which he, LIPSCOMB, related to the interviewing agent, inasmuch as this was the first visit to the Carousel Club by Mr. BYERS.

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On December 5, 1963, the Houston Office advised that KENNETH LONGLEY, Student, Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas, advised he met a Dr. HOMER WOOD and his son STERLING at a rifle range in west Dallas on Movember 16, 1963. He advised he and STERLING used booth #4, occupied at the time by a white male, 25 years of age, 5'9-10", slender build, sandy hair, wearing wire-framed spectacles, and yellow western shirt, snaps down the front. This individual had a rifle, possibly 7 mm. with scope, claimed to be four power. Rifle appeared not to have full stock, and was colored light brown. Gum spit fire and had strong recoil. Clip appeared to slamt at the bottom. This person fired ten shots and departed. LONGLEY does not believe this individual is identical with LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

LONGLEY advised he was also accompanied by DAN and GERALD SPENCER, Edwards Circle, Dallas, Texas. LONGLEY advised that the SPENCERs have advised him they did not notice person in question.

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Mr. GERALD SPENCER, 1119 Edwards Circle, advised he and his brother, DAN, were out on a west Dallas rifle range on Saturday afternoon, November 16, 1963. He said they were there for approximately three hours sighting in their difles.

SPENCER stated he recalls that he and his brother occupied booth 3 next to KENNETH LONGLEY and STERLING WOOD who used booth 4.

SPENCER advised he does not recall the individual described by KENNETH LONGLEY and who was alleged to have used booth 4 for a short period of time prior to the time LONGLEY and STERLING WOOD used it.

SPENCER advised he does not recall seeing anyone at the range who resembled pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD that he had seen on television or in the newspapers.

SPENCER stated he recalls seeing a big man down at the end of the range. He stated he was well over six feet tall and had a black beard. SPENCER stated he does not know who the man is and he had never seen him before. He stated he did not pay any attention to who might have been with this person.

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DAN SPENCER, 1119 Edwards Circle, advised that on Saturday afternoon, November 16, 1953, he and his brother, GERALD SPENCER, went to a rifle range in West Dallas. He stated they were there from about 2:00 p.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m. He stated he recalled they listened to the Baylor-Texas football game while they were at the rifle range.

SPENCER advised he and his brother were also in the company of a Dr. HOMER WOOD, STERLING WOOD, and KENNETH LONGLEY.

SPENCER advised he does not recall seeing individual described by KENNETH LONGLEY. He stated he vaguely recalls a rifle that was spitting fire but recalls nothing about the individual who was handling the gun.

SPENCER advised he has seen numerous photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in newspapers and on television but does not recall anyone out at the range on that particular day who resembled OSWALD.

SPENCER adissed he recalls an individual who was out on the range for an hour or so who occupied booth 9 or 10. He said he remembers him because he was such a large individual. He said he was about 6'4" and had a heavy black beard. He stated he does not know who this individual is or who he was with at the range.

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ALVEY McGAFFEY, Box 108, Hutchins, Texas, advised that at approximately 11:30 A.M. on November 20, 1963, while working in the fields near McCormas Road and Central Express, he heard shots from an adjoining field. Mr. McGAFFEY stated that he went to the area in which he heard the shots and saw a male individual sitting in a 1957 Chevrolet, blue over white in color. Mr. McGAFFEY related that he approached the individual and advised him that he was trespassing on his land and would appreciate it if he would leave. He continued that the unidentified individual stated that he was new in the area and was looking for an area to do some target shooting. McGAFFEY further related the individual did not "cause any trouble," but left the area as instructed.

Mr. McGAFFEY stated that the unknown individual is described as white, male, 25 to 30 years old, thinning brown hair, medium fair complexion, and was wearing a light blue jacket. Mr. McGAFFEY advised that he did not see the weapon unknown individual was using and cannot recall any other details regarding this man.

Mr. McGAFFEY examined New Orleans Police Department Photograph No. 112723 of OSWALD and Dallas Police Department Photograph No. 36398 of RUBY, and advised that the individual who was target shooting on November 20, 1963 is definitely not identical to RUBY, and that he is of the opinion the photograph of OSWALD is not identical to the unknown individual, but felt that there was a slight resemblance.

Mr. McGAFFEY stated that at approximately 5:00 P.M. on November 20, 1963, he again heard shots from the adjoining field from where he was working. He further stated that he again went to the adjoining field and observed another unknown male individual. He related he advised this individual that he was on private property and asked this individual his name. Mr. McGAFFEY continued that this individual refused to furnish his name. He stated that he is unable to recall the make of automobile this person was driving but advised that the license was a 1963 Texas license, Number PU 7862.

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Mr. McGAFFEY related that this individual is described as a white male, 200 lbs., 5' 10", 40 years old, dark hair, and of Jewish nationality. He further related that this individual was carrying a rifle with a mounted scope, but explained that he is not familiar with rifles and cannot elaborate further.

Mr. McGAFFEY explained that this unknown individual does not resemble the photograph of OSWALD in any way, but related that this individual resembles the photograph of RUBY to some degree, but felt the individual not to be RUBY.

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Records of the Dallas County Auto License Bureau were caused to be searched by SA JAMES W. SWINFORD on December 6, 1963 and reveal that 1963 Texas License Number PU 7862 is issued for a 1963 Chevrolet convertible under the same of JAMES T. HILL, 7298 Williamson Road, Dallas, Texas.

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JOHNNIE BOWLING advised he resides at 1808 Kirby, Carrollton, Texas, and is employed in the maintenance section of Braniff International Airways at 7701 Lemmon Avenue in Dallas, Texas. He said he had never known JACK RUBY or LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

Mr. BOWLING said he picked up some empty 6.5 brass shell casings on a field which is used as a practice range by the residents of Carrollton, noting that this area is located on Belt Line west of Carrollton where a bridge formerly crossed a creek. He said there is no organization to the way people place their targets in this area; and since they use no regular type targets or target frames, he would have no idea where the impact area might be from the position where he recovered the four shell casings.

He said he recovered one of these on one occasion and the other three on another occasion which he would judge to be the last week in November. He believes he gave the first one to a friend named ROBERT L. GOODWIN, who resides at 1806 Southwest Third Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, on about December 4, 1963, and he recalled that on about December 6, 1963, he gave Mr. GOODWIN three more 6.5 shell cases and added that it is his custom on his days off from his employment to go to various shooting areas where he picks up empty shell cases, and he in turn gives them to friends of his who are interested in reloading cartridges.

Mr. BOWLING said that in his experience it is noted that there is a very limited amount of 6.5 brass, most of the brass being 30.06 and 30-30 caliber. He further advised he was alone when he picked up these 6.5 shell cases and said they need not be returned regardless of whether it is determined that they were fired from the gun which was used to assassinate President KENNEDY.

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ROBERT L. GOODWIN advised that he is a radio maintenance mechanic at Braniff Airways, 7701 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, Texas, and resides at 1806 Southwest Third Street, Grand Prairie, Texas. He advised his hobbies are guns, radio, and metal work. A friend and fellow employee of his, JOHNNIE BOWLING, who lives in Carrollton, Texas, has been picking up spent brass shell cases at various shooting areas in the Carrollton-Irving-Grand Prairie and Dallas areas, and he brings this brass to him and he reloads it.

Mr. GOODWIN said that since the assassination of President KENNEDY, he has been going over the shell cases that BOWLING brought him, and he had four 6.5 shell cases which were brought to him by BOWLING which he retained at his home. He said these were, according to BOWLING, picked up at the range which is located west of Carrollton Square on Beltline near the Trinity River Fridge at a place in the river bottoms where people practice with their rifles. He said the first shell was brought to him on Sunday night after the assassination, and on December 6, 1963, BOWLING brought him three more from the same area. He said he would telephone his wife, VIRGINIA GOODWIN, and have her turn over the four 6.5 shells to a Special Agent of the FBI.

He said he had never known OSWALD or RUBY at any time and had no other information concerning them or persons who might know them.

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Mrs. VIRGINIA CODWIN, 1806 Southwest Third Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, advised she is the wife of ROBERT L. GOODWIN and said her husband had telephoned her to give the four 6.5 empty shell casings to Special Agent ARTHUR E. CARTER, of the FBI. She said she also located a piece of paper with a map drawn on the back of it showing the location of the range where the shells had been picked up by a friend of her husband's, JOHNNIE BOWLING, of Carrollton, Texas.

Mrs. GOODWIN placed her initials beside the initials of SA ARTHUR E. CARTER and the date December 9, 1963, and the number 89-43 on the reverse side of this map.

She said her husband said it would not be necessary to return either the shells or the map after any necessary investigation had been conducted.

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MALCOM H. PRICE, 1127 Rice Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, telephonically communicated with the Dallas Office on December 10, 1963, at which time he advised he recalled one KENNETH RAY CHAWLEY, a machinist, who resides at Richardson, Texas, was present at the Speed Dome Gun Range, Grand Frairie, Texas, on one of the days LKE HARVEY OSWALD supposedly was seen at the range. PRICE said he believed CRAWLEY was present at the range on one of the days when a turkey shoot was held at the range.

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AT RICHARDSON, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by SASJAMES J. WARD and ROBERT E. BASHAM on December 12, 1963:

The November, 1963 city directory for Richardson reflected four CRAWLEY families residing in Richardson, those being LESLIE C. at 508 Apollo; D.E., 600 block of Fair View Drive; H.D. and CARLA at 532 La Salle, at separate phones.

LESLIE C. CRAWLEY, 508 Apollo Street, was contacted and advised that he never heard of KENNETH RAY CRAWLEY and that his brother, D. E. CRAWLEY, resided on Fair View Drive and he knew that D. E. did not have any sons or relatives named KENNETH RAY CRAWLEY.

RENNETH RAY CRAWLEY was located at 532 In Salle Drive, Richardson, Texas, and advised that a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD was unknown to him. He further stated that he never saw OSWALD at the Speed Dome Gun Range at Grand Prairie, Texas, on the day of the turkey shoot. He said that he believed this day was the Sunday before the Presidential parade which would have been November 17, 1963. He said he attended a turkey shoot with his uncle, HOWARD PRICE, who lives on Rice Street in Grand Prairie. He said this was the only day he had been to the Speed Dome Gun Range.

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Mr. JOHN KING, Editor, "Dallas Morning News," Dallas,
Texas, was interviewed relative to an article captioned "Further
Oswald's Tie to Range Revealed." In this article, it was noted
that an investigator, name unknown, said Tuesday, December 10, 1963,
that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had tested his rifle at a Grand Prairie
firing range shortly before President KENNEDY was killed.

Mr. KING stated he could not divulge the name of the investigator but he could tell SA DRAIN that the investigator had stated that on the day OSWALD tested his rifle at the Grand Prairie range that one MICHAKL PAINE drove OSWALD to this range. Mr. KING stated this was the only information he could reveal regarding this article and its source.

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INE, 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas

MICHAEL PAINE, 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas, advised that he has never taken IEE HARVEY OSWALD to the Sports prome Rifle Range near Grand Prairie, Texas, or to any other range. He stated in fact that he has only had OSWALD in the car with him on two occasions, one being in the spring of 1963 when he drove him from his residence at that time, 214 West Neeley Street, Dallas, Texas, to the PAINE residence at 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas, and the other being in October, 1963, when he drove OSWALD to the campus of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, where both attended a meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union.

PAINE stated that he has no knowledge of any rifle practice conducted by NEW HARVEY OSWALD anywhere in the Dallas, Texas area or in fact in the United States.

Mr. PAINE stated that if he had previously indicated that the meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union occurred at Mc Farlin Auditorium, SMU, this is an error, since the meeting actually occurred at Selecman Hall which is also on the SMU campus.

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On November 29, 1963, Mr. E. P. BASS. 2019 Ferndale, Dallas, Texas, telephonically advised SA MILTON L. NEWSOM that he is a member of the Lancaster Gun Club and practices firing his rifle at the club range frequently. He said that approximately two weeks before the President's assassination he observed an individual at the Lancaster Gun Club Range that was possibly identical to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. BASS said he is not certain of this identification; however, he recalled that the man was very rude, rough in appearance and appeared to be an excellent shot with the rifle he was using. He said the rifle had a scope and that -the magazine protruded in front of the trigger guard exactly like the one pictured in the newspapers that was used in the President's assassination. He said as nearly as he could recall this man's description fit that of OSWALD. BASS advised the President of the Lancaster Gun Club is HUNIER B. BAKER and that Mr. BAKER has been staying at the club during the time practice testions with rifles have been allowed.

On December 3, 1963, Mr. HUNTER B BAKER, 717 Winston, Dallas, Texas, advised SA KENNETH B. JACKSON that he is the president of the Lancaster Gun Club and that he spends a great deal of time at the range, usually about four or five days a week. He said some weeks he is there everyday in the week and stated that he had never observed anyone at the range who resembled LEE HARVEY OSWALD and that if a rifle such as OSWALD allegedly used in the assassination of President KENNEDY had appeared on the range in the possession of any member or guest he would have likely remembered it. He referred to this type of rifle as "junky". He said that OSWALD was not a member of this gun club, and he was unable to furnish any information to indicate that anyone resembling OSWALD may have visited the range at any time. He pointed out that there is a gate at the entrance to the range which is normally kept locked and that only members are permitted to have keys to the gate for entry on the premises.

On December 3, 1963, Mr. E. P. BASS was recontacted regarding this matter, and he advised that he was unable to furnish any additional information to identify the individual that he had observed on the range of the Lancaster Gun Club approximately two weeks before the President's assassination. He said that as best he could recall the individual whom he

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recalled as possibly resembling OSWALD kept bothering him which he himself did not appreciate because he goes to the range to shoot and does not like interruptions. He said the gun in the possession of the individual whom he thought resembled OSWALD was an ordinary-looking gun and had a telescopic sight. He said it had a mahogany stock which was not an oil-soaked stock. He said that as best he could recall there may have been no others present at the range other than himself and his son and the individual whom he thought resembled OSWALD. BASS said that he did not know this individual as a member of the gun club and had no way of knowing who the person might have been. He said, however, that he probably would have presumed at the time that the man was a member of the gun club since the gun club range is restricted to the use of members and their guests. Mr. BASS said that his son, JAN BASS, age 15, is quite alert and has a better recollection probably of this individual then he himself. 13. HIKKEY 1948

On December 3, 1963, JAN BASS, age 15, 2019
Ferndale, Dallas, Texas, advised that he accompanied his
Tather E. P. BASS to the Lancaster Gun Club Range approximately three weeks previously on an occasion when there
were no other persons at the range with the exception of a
man who came there with what he described as a gun that
looked like a "typical mail order gun". He said that he
did not pay much attention to this man, but he feels that
the man may have been an inch or two taller than his father
who is 5'72". He stated the man was driving a 1961 blue
Falcon sedan, and he was quite certain the man wore glasses.
He said he has no recollection of how the man was dressed.
He said that after observing photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD
that he does not have any reason to believe that this individual was OSWALD based upon his recollection of the man.

SA KENNETH B. JACKSON conducted the interviews of E. P. BASS and JAN BASS on December 3, 1963, at Dallas, Texas.

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Re: JOHNNY ODELL

On December 7, 1963, Assistant Chief of Police, M. W. STEVENSON, Dallas, Texas, furnished a copy of a report concerning one JOHNNY ODELL, an employee of the Lone Star Mill and Lumber Company, to SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT. This report was made by Detective M. H. BRUMLEY and is as follows:

The filowing information was received from Detective P. M. PARKS, Administrative and Special Investigations Section, Special Service Bureau, Dallas Police Department.

PARKS stated that he received information that JOHNNY O'DELL, an employee of the Lone Star Mill & Lumber Company, 600 N. Wildwood Road, Irving, Texas, phone Bl 3 5121, made a statement to his fellow employees approximately four weeks prior to President KENEDY's visit to Dallas that someone should put a bullet between Kennedy's eyes.

*Approximately one week prior to KENNEDY's arrival, O'DEIL made the remark that his shoulder was sore, that he and some guys had been practicing with a rifle; indicating they had been practicing to shoot President KENNEDY.

"Upon receiving news that KENNEDY had been assassinated, O'DKIL said to his fellow employees that 'you know that I didn't do anything', 'I couldn't do anything like that, I was just kidding'."

JOHNNY O'DELL, home address 1123 Belew Street, Irving, Texas, and employed at Lone Star Mill and Lumber Company, 600 North Wildwood Road, Irving, was interviewed at his place of employment. He advised he had been employed at his present job for the past seven years.

O'DELL stated he had disagreed with the KENNEDY administration's policy on integration and that "he may" have made statements in connection with this disagreement which could have been misinterpreted to indicate that he held personal animosity toward the President, but that he did not.

Prior to the opening of deer season, O'DELL stated he and two of his friends went to his uncle's farm located at Keller, Texas, where he fired his .30 caliber Winchester rifles, a 30.06 sporting rifle and a 7.65 mm. rifle, sighting in all of these guas for the purpose of hunting deer. On his return to work the following Monday, he stated he "may" have made statements about his shoulder being sore from rifle shooting, but he definitely did not mean that he had been practicing with this rifle for anything but hunting deer.

O'DELL stated that he had served in the U. S. Army from May 8, 1951, to April 23, 1953, when honorably discharged at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He further stated that he had not even had a fist fight since the age of approximately nine years and that he was not a person who would even wish harm to anyone, particularly the President. O'DELL stated that he was working at his job in Irving, Texas, when he received news by radio of the President's assassination and that he was "shocked and dumbfounded" and also that he "could not believe what he heard."

O'DELL stated he did not know either OSWALD or JACK RUBY and that the only thing he had ever even heard

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concerning OSWALD was some newspaper writeup which had appeared sometime before concerning OSWALD's return to the United States from Russia.

The following description was obtained from personal observation and interrogation:

JOHNNY O'DELL Name Race White Sex Male Date of birth 1/7/30 5'93" Height Weight 150 pounds Hair Brown (parts on left side) Marital status Married States never arrested and Identification record has only received one traffic ticket in his life.

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Re: RALPH GARLAND

The Milwaukee Office by communication dated December 3, 1963, advised Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD VALE CLAIR, Route 2, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, were in Dallas, Toxas, on November 22, 1963, the reason being their son "RICKIE" LE CLAIR, see 8, had been taking treatment for leukemia at the Taylor Clinic in Dallas but on the night of November 21, 1963, had diej.

On the morning of November 22, 1963, at approximately 11:00 AM they were at the Noah Camp and Sons Ambulance Service and Funeral Home, 4202 Live Oak, Dallas, where one of the funeral home employees came into the funeral home carrying a short rifle with a telescopic sight. They were both of the opinion this man was employed for the funeral home. They also described this unknown individual as being of the caucasian race, 6' tall, 200 pounds, with light brown hair cut short. Mr. IE CLAIR gave this unknown person's age in the early 20's whereas Mrs. IE CLAIR thought the unknown individual would be in his early 30's.