

Mr. MARK K. GARDNER, U.S. Customs Agent in Charge, St. Albans, Vermont, advised the shipment of 700 rifles from Empire Sporting Goods to Century Arms, Inc., St. Albans, Vermont, arrived at St. Albans, Vermont on July 1, 1962, via Vermont Central Railroad. He stated the shipment was examined on July 3, 1962, and released on that date.

Mr. GARDNER pointed out that inasmuch as July 4th was a holiday possession of the shipment by Century Arms, Inc. was probably not taken until July 5, 1962.

Mr. GARDNER stated that at the time of examination of the shipment by U.S. Customs examiners, no serial numbers of the rifles were recorded and the shipment was examined and appraised for contents only. Mr. GARDNER furnished a photostatic copy of the Bureau of Customs Consumption Entry #77 and the photostatic copy of the examination and appraisal for entry #77.

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Mr. ABE SHINDEL, Manager, H.E. Welch Co., Burlington, Vermont, advised his records indicate the H.B. Welch Co. picked up a shipment from Century Arms, Inc. on July 6, 1962, of 25 cases containing 700 rifles. The consignee was Alden's, 500 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. SHINDEL stated the shipment was taken to Boston, Massachusetts and there transferred by the Welch Company to another trucking company for delivery to Alden's.

He stated his Somerville, Massachusetts office located at 400 Somerville Avenue, would have the records pertaining to which company picked up the shipment of rifles from the Welch Co.

Mr. SHINDEL furnished a duplicate of the H.P. Welch Co. shipping order B-3686 dated July 6, 1962, which covered the above shipment.

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JAMES L. OUMET, owner, Century Arms, Inc., made available an Italian carbine similar to those contained in a shipment of 700 carbines which Century Arms, Inc. had received from Empire Sporting Goods of Montreal, Canada, in July, 1962.

Mr. OUMET stated that while he did not inspect any of the rifles in the above shipment, he felt that the rifle which he made available was similar to those in the shipment. Mr. OUMET stated he had no information regarding any of the measurements or other physical characteristics of the rifles in the shipment.

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ALFRED PINISCH, 6540 Claranwald, Montreal, Canada, advised he is an employee of Empire Sporting Goods of Montreal and has been a professional gunsmith for approximately 25 years.

Mr. PINISCH assisted in taking the critical measurements of the Italian carbine which was made available by Mr. JAMES L. OUMET. It is noted there were no micrometers, calipers, or other precise measuring instruments graduated in tenths or hundredths of inches available, and all measurements were taken to the nearest sixteenth of an inch.

The following measurements were taken of the Italian carbine:

Total length - 40 $\frac{3}{16}$ "
Length of stock - 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Length of barrel and action - 28 $\frac{15}{16}$ "
(This measurement is from tang to muzzle)
Length of barrel only - 21 $\frac{1}{8}$ "
Length from rear of receiver to muzzle - 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

No attempt was made to weigh the carbine and Mr. PINISCH explained weight can vary between similar weapons sometimes several ounces because of different density of the wood of the stock, oil content of the wood, and other factors in the different grain characteristics of the wood.

Mr. PINISCH also stated the Italian weapons with which he has had experience have had no set pattern regarding serial numbers. He stated he did not believe the Italian Government at the time it requested various Italian manufacturers to manufacture rifles in the 1930's kept any control of the serial numbers, and he felt each manufacturer used its own serial numbers. It was noted the serial number

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of the carbine examined, as indicated above, was serial number A0 483.

Mr. PINISCH also pointed out that the rifle examined above appeared to be the identical model of the rifle used to assassinate President KENNEDY, after he had compared the examined rifle with a picture of the assassination rifle.

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D. **Negative Check of National Rifle
Association, Washington, D. C.,
for Record of Lee Harvey Oswald**

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RE: NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

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

KIRBY informed he was unable to locate any record under the above names.

III. INVESTIGATION RELATING TO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AND CRIME SCENES, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN, FBI LABORATORY AND RELATED EXAMINATIONS

- A. Data Concerning Texas School Book Depository Building and other Pertinent Buildings; Residences of Buell Wesley Frazier, Linnie Mae Randle, Michael and Ruth Paine at Irving, Texas; and, Description of Photographs Taken**
- B. Brown Wrapping Paper and Tape**
- C. Clip Board From Texas School Book Depository**
- D. Dallas Transit System Bus No. 433**
- E. City Transportation Company Cab No. 36**
- F. Examination of Lee Harvey Oswald's Room at 1026 North Beckley, Dallas, Texas**
- G. Items Identified as Belonging to Michael or Ruth Paine and Related Data**
- H. Telescope and Hunting Knife**
- I. Imperial Reflex Camera and Photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald Holding Rifle**
- J. Volumes I and II "Outline of History" by H. G. Wells**
- K. Shooting of Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippit, Autopsy Report and Related Data**
- L. FBI Laboratory Examinations, Including Translations of Foreign Language Material and Related Investigation**

- A. Data Concerning Texas School Book
Depository Building and Other Pertinent
Buildings; Residences of Buell Wesley
Frazier, Linnie Mae Randle, Michael and
Ruth Paine at Irving, Texas; and,
Description of Photographs Taken

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MOCHUS VIRGIL CAMPBELL advised he is the Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas School Book Depository, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas. CAMPBELL said that JACK CHARLES CASON is the President of the Texas School Book Depository, a closed corporation owned by him and CASON. CAMPBELL also stated that the Texas School Book Depository is the oldest depository in the United States.

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Mr. TAJMAN H. WILSON, Wilson Construction Company, 1410 Michigan Avenue, made available two copies of floor plans for the third and fourth stories of the Texas School Book Depository, Elm and Houston Streets, Dallas, Texas.

These floor plans have been placed in the files of the Dallas Office.

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Mr. CLYDE HARDEN, Building Inspector Supervisor, City of Dallas, Dallas, Texas, produced copies of "Sanborn Insurance Maps" showing the area which included the route taken by LEE HARVEY OSWALD from the time he left the Texas School Book Depository Building until his arrest in the Texas Theatre at Oak Cliff on November 22, 1963.

He advised his address is 104 Municipal Building, telephone No. RI 8-9711, and he may be located there at any time Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He further advised that W. CLYDE WATTS, Engineer of Surveys, would be the person who could mark the street and sidewalk data on above map.

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W. CLYDE WATTS, Engineer of Surveys, Public Work Department, Room 305, Municipal Building, Dallas, Texas, advised his telephone number is RI 8-9711, and his extension number is 278.

He had the copies of the "Sanborn Maps" marked with street width and sidewalk measurements copied from official records for any use it might serve in current investigation.

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Mr. OLRN^{*} COATES, Department Head of the Map and Plot Section, Dallas County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, produced plot plans of city blocks 3000 and 3125 from which "blue line" copies were made for use in the current investigation.

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Mr. TOM JONES, advised he is Assistant Chief Building Inspector, Building Inspection Department, City of Dallas, Dallas, Texas.

He said that the net height of the U. S. Post Office Building located at 209 Houston Street, Dallas, Texas, was 113.67' from the street level to the main roof parapet.

He advised the steel super structure for the new Dallas County Government Center has a net height of 179.1' and noted that this building is not nearly complete but only the steel frame has been erected. He said that he was unable to determine the height of any of the other buildings which are located on Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas on Houston, Main, Commerce, Elm and Record Streets.

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Mr. RAY ~~TRIBBLE~~, Room 506, City Hall, Dallas, Texas, telephone number Riverside 8-9711, Extension 243, advised he resides at 8530 Forest Hills Boulevard where his telephone number is Davis 7-7217. He said he is the manager for the Park Board in the Park Department, City of Dallas, Dallas, Texas. Mr. TRIBBLE furnished two blue line prints of "Sheet No. 1, Dimension and Grading Plan, Dealey Plaza, prepared for the Dallas Park Board by Hare and Hare Landscape Architects-City Planners, Kansas City, Missouri, and Houston, Texas." He advised that the only historical background he had concerning Dealey Plaza was material contained in a page of the City Minutes, City of Dallas, Dallas, Texas.

Mr. TRIBBLE made a Xerox copy of the pertinent information from a page of the City Minutes and furnished it to Special Agent CARTER for any use it might serve.

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J. L. ~~X~~BALLARD, Building Superintendent, Dallas County Records Building, 500 block Main Street, Dallas, Texas, telephone number Riverside 7-6531, advised he resides at 1024 Haines, in Dallas, Texas, where his telephone number is Whitehall 6-1668.

Mr. BALLARD advised that after making an exhaustive search of the records and files of the City of Dallas, he had been unable to locate any information concerning the height of buildings in the "Dealey Plaza area" at Dallas which covers a block in the vicinity of Elm, Houston, Commerce and Record Streets. He said he recalled that the Records Building is approximately 97' or 98' in height from sidewalk level to the roof parapet.

He instructed GASTON B. BAILEY, Maintenance Engineer and J. B. MASON, Electrical Engineer from his office, to assist SA ARTHUR E. CARTER in making tape line measurements from the roof parapet to ground or sidewalk level of the following buildings: Criminal Court; New Court Annex; Records Building; Dal-Tex Mart; the building east of above on Elm; the old Dallas County Courthouse; the Neeley Bryan residence; and the Annex Court Building.

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GASTON B. BAILEY advised he is employed as a welder and building maintenance engineer in the Criminal Court Building at Dallas County, Dallas, Texas. He states that his business telephone number is Riverside 2-2722 and he resides at 4110. Moler, Dallas, Texas, where his residence telephone number is Federal 1-3778. Mr. BAILEY went to the roof parapet section of each of the following buildings, the height of which is indicated in parenthesis behind the building, and he passed a steel tape down the exterior of the building to Mr. J. B. MASON to determine the height of each of these buildings:

Criminal Court Building (124')
 New Court Annex (94')
 Dallas County Records Building (94')
 Dal-Tex Mart (110')
 Building east of above (94')
 Old Dallas County Courthouse (73')
 Neeley Bryan residence (8' to eaves, 12' to ridge peak. Noting this building is three to four feet above sidewalk or street level.)
 Annex Court Building (32' to eaves, 45' to ridge peak. Noting this building is two to three feet above street or sidewalk level.)

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Mr. J. B. MASON advised he is an electrical engineer employed in the Building Maintenance Engineers Office, Criminal Courts Building, Dallas County, Dallas, Texas, the address of this building being 406 Record Street, telephone number Riverside 2-2722. He said he resides at 4231 Poinsettia, Dallas, Texas, where his telephone number is Federal 7-2941.

Mr. MASON assisted Mr. GASTON B. BAILEY in taking measurements of the following buildings from the roof parapet level to the ground or sidewalk level as indicated in parenthesis behind each of the following descriptions:

Criminal Court Building (124')
 New Court Annex (94')
 Dallas County Records Building (94')
 Dal-Tex Mart (110')
 Building east of above (94')
 Old Dallas County Courthouse (73')
 Neeley Bryan residence (8' to eaves, 12' to ridge peak. Noting this building is three to four feet above sidewalk or street level.)
 Annex Court Building (32' to eaves, 45' to ridge peak. Noting this building is two to three feet above street or sidewalk level.)

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Mrs. STELLA C. DERMEYER advised she is a Deputy County Clerk in Dallas County, Texas, and she reported that volume 5906, page 339, of the Deed Records of Dallas County, reflects that the property at 2439 W. 5th Street in Irving is recorded therein and it reflects a lien payable to First Federal Savings and Loan in Irving, Texas. The property is described as Lot 9, Block A, Second Installment, Western Hills No. 8, City of Irving, Texas, and is owned by ALFRED E. RANDLE.

She said the First Federal Savings and Loan at Irving would likely have a plot plan of the lot.

Mrs. DERMEYER advised that the property located at 2515 W. 5th in Irving is described as Lot 8, Block B, Second Installment, Western Hills No. 8, City of Irving, and it is owned by MICHAEL R. PAINE who owes a loan to the First Federal Savings and Loan at Irving and this institution would likely have a plot plan of that property.

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Mr. OLEN COATES advised he is a Deputy County Clerk, Dallas County, in charge of the map and plot section of the Dallas County Clerk's Office located in the Records Building, Dallas, Texas. He furnished SA ARTHUR E. CARTER with a copy of a plot plan which shows the property located at 2439 W. 5th Street in Irving, Texas. This property is described as Lot 9, Block A, Second Installment, Western Hills No. 8, City of Irving, Texas. The current owner is shown to be ALFRED E. RANDLE. Mr. COATES said RANDLE has owned this lot since November 29, 1962.

He also produced a plot plan of the area covered by the Texas School Book Depository Building at Elm and Houston Streets in Dallas, Texas, together with a plot plan of the property at 2515 W. 5th Street, Irving.

The property at 2515 W. 5th Street is owned by MICHAEL R. PAINE and is described as Lot 8, Block B, Second Installment, Western Hills No. 8, in Irving, Texas, and the original plot is recorded in volume 22, page 15, of the map records of Dallas County, Texas.

Mr. COATES advised that both of the above-described lots which are located in Irving, Texas, have liens on them which are held by the First Federal Savings and Loan in Irving. He advised First Federal Savings and Loan would have a plot plan of the lots which would show the placement of the residences that are located on the respective lots.

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BUELL WESLEY FRAZIER advised he resides at 2439 W. 5th in Irving, Texas, and he is currently employed by the Texas School Book Depository, at 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas. He brought his car, a 1954 black Chevrolet four door sedan, bearing 1963 Texas license VK 3926, to the No. 1 parking lot of the Texas School Book Depository. This lot is located about 1100 or 1200 feet north of the Texas School Book Depository office building. It is enclosed with a wire fence.

Mr. FRAZIER said he parked his car on November 22, 1963, at the north side of the sheet iron building which is located on the southeast corner of the parking lot. Photographs were made showing the car parked by this building and also showing a view looking south on Broadway from the north end of the Texas School Book Depository parking lot No. 1 with the Texas School Book Depository office building in the background.

Mr. FRAZIER said he recalled he brought LEE HARVEY OSWALD to work on the morning of November 22, 1963. He parked his car in the position shown in the photographs and it was backed up to the east fence and he observed a train passing in front of the car for a few minutes while LEE HARVEY OSWALD got out of the car and started walking toward the Texas School Book Depository office building.

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Special Agent IVAN D. LEE took the following photographs of the interior section of the Texas School Book Depository building, 411 Elm Street, and views of the parking lot located approximately two blocks north of the Texas School Book Depository. A Bureau-owned Speed Graphic camera was used in making these photographs. Descriptions of photographs taken are set out below:

View of the recreation room located in the northwest corner on the first floor

View of the windowwell in the recreation room where LEE HARVEY OSWALD's jacket was found

View of the front entrance, as observed by individuals leaving the first floor

View of the sixth floor with the area where the Rolling Readers are stored from where the assassin fired the rifle on November 22, 1963

View of the Rolling Readers to the point where the assassin fired the rifle on November 22, 1963 .

View of the parking area located two blocks north of the Texas School Book Depository building with the photographs being taken from the top of the Texas School Book Depository building

View of the rear entrance of the Texas School Book Depository building taken from the inside

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**View of the rear entrance of the Texas School
Book Depository building taken from the
enclosed loading platform**

**View of the rear door to the loading platform
of the Texas School Book Depository building
taken from the loading platform**

**View of the rear entrance of the loading plat-
form door taken from the outside**

**Views of the employees' parking lot with the
Texas School Book Depository building in the
background**