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"Dallas, Texas
March 20, 1964

"I, Madie Belle Reese, freely make the following voluntary statement to Eugene F. Petrakis and A. Raymond Switzer, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am a female caucasian, born January 13, 1903, near Cherokee, Texas, and now reside at 704 North Madison Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

"I have been employed by the MacMillen Company, having offices on the third floor of the Texas School Book Depository building located at 411 Elm Street in Dallas, Texas, for the past nineteen and one-half years and now hold the position of office manager and administrative secretary.

"At approximately 12:10 PM, on November 22, 1963, I, accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Hilliard Dean, left the Depository building by the main entrance and took up a position on the second step from the bottom to the right or west side of the main entrance of the Depository building. Mrs. Dean was standing directly to my left at the time of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and we both heard the three shots.

"Following the shooting, I and Mrs. Dean remained in front of the building for about five more minutes and then walked up to the National Bank of Commerce, 914 Elm Street; where I completed some personal business and then returned to the Depository building. We were escorted to the third floor offices of MacMillen Company where we remained for some time. Sometime between 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM, I furnished my name and address to officers and left the building for my home.

"I do not recall having ever consciously seen Lee Harvey Oswald in the Texas School Book Depository building prior to or on the morning of November 22, 1963, nor do I recall having noticed a stranger in the building on the morning of November 22, 1963.

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"I have read this and the preceding two pages of the above statement, initialed each page and each correction and find it true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"s/Madie Belle Reese

"Witnessed:

"/s/Eugene F. Petrakis, Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas,

3/20/64.

"/s/A. Raymond Switzer, Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas,

3/20/64."

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