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W. W. SCOGGINS, residence 3138 Alaska Street, Dallas, advised he is employed as a driver for the Oak Cliff Cab Company and was so employed on November 22, 1963. Mr. SCOGGINS was interviewed in the area of East 10th and Patton Streets, at which time he furnished the following information concerning what he witnessed in that area on the afternoon of November 22, 1963.

SCOGGINS had discharged a fare at 321 North Ewing at about 1:00 PM. He then intended to drive to the Gentleman's Club, 125 South Patton, and obtain a cold soft drink to go with his lunch. Upon arriving at 125 South Patton, he was unable to find a parking place at the club so he drove about one-half block further north on Patton, stopping and parking at a point just south of the southeast corner of the intersection of East 10th and Patton Streets. He had pulled his car over to the east side of Patton Street. He walked back to the Gentleman's Club where he was told by some friends about the shooting of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and he watched television in the club for five or ten minutes. He obtained his soft drink and returned to his cab to eat his lunch. His cab was headed in a northerly direction. He stated that as best he could remember it would have been about twenty minutes after he let out the fare on Ewing Street when he observed a police car cruise by on 10th Street headed east at a slow rate of speed. He started to get out his lunch when he looked east on 10th Street and saw that the police car had stopped at a point he estimated to be about 150 feet east of the intersection.

At this point, he saw a young man, whom he later identified on November 23, 1963, at the Dallas Police Department as LEE HARVEY OSWALD, wearing a light-blue jacket, stopped on the sidewalk on the south side of 10th Street directly south of the stopped police car. This young man was facing west and, therefore, SCOGGINS assumed he had been walking in a westerly direction. He stated, however, he could not state definitely in which direction the man had been walking, as when he first observed this man he was stopped. He then proceeded to start eating his lunch and stated he could no longer see this young man because of shrubbery between

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him and this man. He glanced back towards the police car and observed an officer get out of the car and take about one step in an easterly direction or towards the front of the car. He then heard three or four shots fired in rapid succession and saw the officer fall toward the pavement. He heard someone running towards him and, because of fear, he jumped out of his cab and crouched down beside the driver's side of the cab, so that he could not be seen and because he could not see any other place to hide in the area. He heard someone running and as he crouched down behind the cab he saw OSWALD trotting towards him at a point 30' or 35' east of him. OSWALD was going in a westerly direction. The next thing he saw was when he heard someone, probably OSWALD, going through some shrubbery in the yard of the residence located at the southeast corner of Patton and East 10th Street. He looked up from his crouched position through the windows of the cab and observed OSWALD on the sidewalk headed south down Patton Street. OSWALD had a gun in his left hand with the barrel of the gun pointed up. As OSWALD was going by the back of the cab, SCOGGINS observed OSWALD look back over his shoulder towards the police car and mutter either "Poor dumb cop" or "Poor damn cop."

He observed OSWALD go south on the west side of Patton Street for about sixty feet. He did not observe this man any longer as he got back in his cab and attempted, by means of his cab radio, to get hold of the company dispatcher and advise the dispatcher of what had happened. At that time, the dispatcher was talking to another cab driver and it took "a little while" to get through to the dispatcher and tell him of the events that he had just witnessed. He then got out of his cab and walked to the area where the officer was lying on the pavement. At about this time, the ambulance had arrived and there was another young man at the scene who SCOGGINS thought was a police officer. This man took the officer's gun and got into SCOGGINS' cab. They drove around the neighborhood for four or five minutes looking for OSWALD. At about the time they left, he noticed some other officers were arriving at the scene. While they were looking for OSWALD, they met some officers in the area, not at the scene, told them what they had seen and that they had the officer's gun. They were returned to the scene by

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these officers. SCOGGINS then got back into his cab and was told by his dispatcher to immediately come to the cab company office. When he arrived there, he made a statement of what he had observed to the company supervisor. The company supervisor then contacted the Homicide Officer, of the Dallas Police Department, and asked if they wanted SCOGGINS to come down and make a statement. SCOGGINS was told he was not needed at that time but the next day he did go to police headquarters and gave the police officers a signed statement. On that same day, November 23, 1963, he observed LEE HARVEY OSWALD in a line-up at the Police Department and definitely identified him as the man he had seen on November 22, 1963, as described above.

Photographs were taken from SCOGGINS' position in the cab looking towards the area where a police car was parked on East 10th Street at the same spot where the officer's car was parked on November 22, 1963. SCOGGINS had parked his cab in the same spot, as best he could recall, as it was parked on the afternoon of November 22, 1963.