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of Sterling Charles Wood hereby make the following statement.

On November 16, 1963 I was at the Sports Broom Gun Range in Grand Prairie, Texas, where I was "sighting in" a gun scope for deer hunting. I was in booth no. 4 and I noticed a man with a rifle in booth no. 5. The reason I noticed this man was because his rifle had a short barrel, and spit fire each time it was fired. This indicated that he may have been using shells with an extra heavy powder charge.

A short time later, I turned to the man in booth no. 5 and asked him if the gun he had was a .45 caliber carbine, he replied "yes". A few minutes later I asked if the scope on the rifle was a 4 power scope, he again replied "yes".

During the time he was at the range, a total of about 15 minutes, he only fired 10 rounds at his target, and after firing each round, he would tilt the spent cartridge out by hand. I believe in the opinion he was saving the empty cases for another time.

Since the firing line is about every 15 minutes I had an opportunity to see his target just before he left. I went down to see my target and also examined all the other targets. The man that

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man in booth no. 5 had the best target of the 13 targets I looked at. He had 8 out of 10 rounds in the "bull's-eye" and the other two rounds were right near the "bull's-eye". We were all firing from a distance of 100 yards and the "bull's-eye" is about 4 or 5 inches across.

After I examined the targets and went back to my booth, the man in booth no. 5 took his rifle and left. I saw him get into an automobile and drive away. I cannot recall the type of car, but I do remember that it was a fairly new model. It was parked about 10 feet from my daddy's car and about 75 feet from where I was standing.

I have identified a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald as the man I saw and spoke to at the rifle range on Nov. 16, 1963.

I have read this statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sterling Wood
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