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Dallas, Texas

"I, Edward Shields, make the following statement to Thomas T. Trettis, Jr., who has identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I reside at 414 Cleaves Street, Dallas, Texas. I am a Negro male and was born on September 17, 1922.

"When President John F. Kennedy was shot I was standing in front of Mullendore's Cafeteria, 601 Main Street, watching the President's motorcade. Standing there with me were Charles Cevens, 4208 First Avenue, Dallas, an employee of the Texas School Book Depository Building, and James Lacy, an attendant at the Classified Parking lot on Main and Record Streets. I had left the Texas School Book Depository Building warehouse, 1917 North Houston Street, at about twelve o'clock noon to watch the parade. I am employed at the warehouse as a shipping clerk and was so employed on 11-22-63. I was still standing in front of Mullendore's Cafeteria when I heard three loud sounds which I thought was a truck engine backfiring. Lacy ran down to the Depository building and he came back with the word the President had been shot. I did not see Lee Harvey Oswald at the time the shots were fired. I did not see Lee Harvey Oswald at any time on November 22, 1963. I recall seeing Oswald several weeks before the assassination at the warehouse parking lot, however, I never met him and he never spoke to me. I was not in the Texas School Book Depository Building at any time during the day of November 22, 1963.

"I have read this two page statement and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/Edward Shields, 3/23/64, Dallas, Texas

"Witnessed: /s/Thomas T. Trettis, Jr., Special Agent, FBI,  
3-23-64, Dallas, Texas

"/s/E. J. Robertson, Special Agent, FBI, 3-23-64, Dallas, Texas."