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"Dallas, Texas
March 23, 1964

"I, Betty Jean Thornton, make the following voluntary statement to Raymond J. Fox and J. Hale McMenamin, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am a white female, born at Graham, Texas on November 13, 1929. I presently reside at 3807 Rolinda and am employed by the Scott-Foresman Publishing Company, fourth floor, Texas School Book Depository Building, 411 Elm Street, Dallas. 7

"On November 22, 1963, at approximately 12:35 P.M., I was standing with Jane Berry, another employee of Scott-Foresman, on Elm Street in front of the Texas School Book Depository Building to watch a motorcade bearing President John F. Kennedy pass by. As the car in which the President was riding passed by, I heard what I thought were firecrackers being discharged, but I did not actually see the President hit with any shots.

"I was not acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald, and saw no individual fitting his description at the time the President was shot. I also saw no strangers in the Texas School Book Depository building on the morning of November 22, 1963 who aroused my suspicions in any way.

"Following the assassination of the President, I left the Texas School Book Depository building at approximately 2:00 P.M.

"I have read this statement and it is true and correct.

"/s/ BETTY JEAN THORNTON

"Witnesses:

"RAYMOND J. FOX, SA, FBI, Dallas, Texas, 3/23/64

"J. HALE MCMENAMIN, SA, FBI, Dallas, Texas, 3/23/64"

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