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Date 4/22/64

WILLIAM EARL MESTER, JR., Head of Stock, Sanger-Harris Camera Department and Records Shop, Akard and Main Streets, advised he resides at 232 Alto Drive, Garland, Texas. MESTER said he was born August 20, 1935, at Chicago, Illinois.

MESTER advised that on November 22, 1963, when the Presidential Motorcade was proceeding through the downtown area of Dallas he was at home painting. He said he did not view any part of the motorcade.

MESTER said on Monday, November 25, 1963, NICK VAFIADIS, a regular customer of Sanger-Harris Camera Department and Records Shop, who has home telephone number CH 7-7650 and business telephone number RI 8-0361, came to the store and said he had taken some movies of the Presidential Motorcade. He left his 8 mm Kodachrome film with MESTER and requested that MESTER send it in for processing. When the film returned, MESTER said he and VAFIADIS viewed the film. At the time VAFIADIS took this film he was standing on Harwood Street at Ross, facing north.

Several days following this, MESTER said he was contacted by BRYANT BOREN, an employee of Sanger-Harris Camera Shop, located at Main and Lamar, who inquired if MESTER knew of any film that had been taken of the motorcade. MESTER said he informed BOREN that VAFIADIS had taken some film of the motorcade. MESTER said he then contacted VAFIADIS and obtained his film of the motorcade.

MESTER said it was his intention at that time to exchange copies of film with others who had also taken movies of the Presidential Motorcade. However, he stated, as it developed a Mrs. IRVING GEWERTZ organized a group of people who had taken films of the motorcade and later incorporated this group as the Dallas Cinema Associates. MESTER said there are eighteen members in this group and he holds one share of stock. He said he has a side agreement with VAFIADIS to share equally in any profits made.

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 by Special Agent A. PATRICK SWITZER/ds Date dictated 4/21/64
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MESTER advised that he does not know LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK E. RUBY and that he had no information that would assist in the investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY.