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Lieutenant CARL DAY, of the Crime Laboratory, Dallas Police Department, was interviewed at his residence, 922 Franklin, telephone WH 2-5846, and furnished the following information:

On November 22, 1963, at approximately 1:45 P.M., following the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, he was present on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) building, 411 Elm Street, where he examined an Italian made rifle found in the northwest corner of that floor.

He stated that he held this rifle up, being careful not to obliterate the fingerprints and the Captain, WILL FRITZ, Homicide Division, Dallas Police Department, worked the bolt ejecting a live round. He advised he identified this live round on that date.

He dusted the left side of the rifle at about where the clip housing is located and in front of the trigger housing, and observed three impressions, two of which indicated ridge patterns. The metal was rough, so he did not attempt to make a lift.

The gun was removed to the Crime Laboratory of the Dallas Police Department, where on the night of November 22, 1963, Lieutenant DAY made three photographs of the three impressions thus located.

He then took the wooden part of the rifle off by loosening three or four screws and uncovered what he considered to be an old print with a loop formation, which appeared to be the heel of the right palm of some individual. This print was on the underside of the barrel, completely covered by the wooden stock of the gun, and not visible until he had removed the wooden portion of the gun. He estimated

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this print was within three inches of the front end of the wooden stock. He dusted this print with black powder and made one lift.

At this point, he was instructed not to examine the gun any further and therefore, discontinued his examination. He stated that he believes that this print may be good and possibly identification might be exacted from this lift.

He also advised that even before he took the stock off, he saw what appeared to be traces of palm print coming out from under the wood near the back and of the metal portion of the gun. This print was partially covered by the wood. He had not had time to examine this print at the time he was instructed to discontinue his examination.

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