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The following investigation was conducted by SAs
NAT A. PINKSTON and ALLAN D. BRAY, on December 7, 1963:

Mr. RAY BRANTLEY, owner and operator of Ray's Hardware, 736 Singleton Boulevard, Dallas, one of the largest gun shops in Dallas, observed a photograph of the 6.5 rifle used by LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated that although, he has handled many, many rifles and slings, he has never seen a sling like the one appearing in the photograph on this rifle. He stated that in his opinion, this is a home-made sling and was apparently made out of luggage straps, or something of that nature, and not originally designed as a rifle sling.

Mr. MAURICE RUBIN, Manager, Texas Army-Navy Stores, 128 West Jefferson Boulevard, Dallas, observed a photograph of OSWALD'S rifle and immediately stated he had never seen a sling like the one appearing in the photograph of this rifle. He stated that his store handles both new and military surplus rifle slings, both for American and foreign-made guns, but he has never seen a sling of this nature. He suggested that inquiry be made at the Fair Jobbing Company, 1322 Marilla, the headquarters for the Texas Army-Navy Stores, in Dallas.

Mr. JOHN W. HALL, Fair Jobbing Company, observed a photograph of OSWALD'S rifle. He stated that he had not ever seen a sling like the one appearing on this rifle and does not believe that it was designed, or made, as a rifle sling, but is a "home-made" job made of leather straps designed for some other purpose.

Mr. JERRY HOOD, L. B. Mercantile Company, 123 West Jefferson Boulevard, Dallas, a store handling surplus materials,

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advised he had never seen a sling similar to the one appearing in the photograph of OSWALD'S rifle and does not know where such a sling might have been obtained.

Mr. AL YEARGAIN, Manager, Sporting Goods Department, H. L. Green Company, Main and Ervay Streets, Dallas, the man who furnished the information which established the original source of OSWALD'S rifle through which it was traced, advised that he has handled rifles similar to this rifle used by OSWALD, but has never seen a sling like the one appearing in the photograph of this rifle; and feels sure this is a home-made sling.