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The following investigation was conducted by SA ALFRED D. NEELEY at Dallas, Texas, on March 23, 1964:

Mr. R. W. BOTTS, District Manager, Winchester-Western Division, Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, Braniff Building, advised that the Western Cartridge Company, a division of Olin Industries, East Alton, Illinois, manufactured a quantity of 6.5 M/M Mannlicher-Carcano ammunition for the Italian Government during World War II. At the end of the war, the Italian Carcano rifle and no telling how much of this type ammunition were sold to the United States gun brokers and dealers and subsequently was distributed by direct sales to wholesalers, retailers, and individual purchasers.

Mr. BOTTS stated there was no known complete list of places of business in Dallas which might have handled this type ammunition. He advised that he could only suggest that places normally or possibly handling this ammunition would be set forth in the Classified Section of the telephone directory under guns, hardware companies, pawn shops, department stores, sporting goods stores, discount stores, and Army and Navy surplus stores. He stated that such list would not be all inclusive, as it was possible that a person, such as a "reloader," might have purchased some of this ammunition as it could be reloaded in the United States, whereas, the 6.5 Italian Carcano ammunition could not be reloaded in the United States.

In an effort to locate a source of supply of the 6.5 M/M Mannlicher-Carcano, Western Cartridge Company, ammunition where LEE HARVEY OSWALD purchased ammunition for his Carcano rifle, a telephone canvass was made of all places of business in the Dallas and Irving area listed in the current Dallas - Irving Classified Section of the telephone directories under listings ammunition, guns, hardware stores, pawn shops, department stores, discount stores, sporting goods stores, and Army and Navy surplus stores. This telephone contact was made with each such place located and each person contacted was questioned as to whether he had ever handled the 6.5 M/M Mannlicher-Carcano, Western Cartridge Company, ammunition and if he knew of any source handling this type ammunition.

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Only the two following listed places were located as a result of this telephone canvass:

JOHN THOMAS MASEN, Owner, Masen's Gun Shop, 7402 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas;

JOHN H. BRINEGAR, Owner, The Gun Shop, 11448 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas.

Separate interviews with JOHN T. MASEN and JOHN H. BRINEGAR are being set forth hereinafter.