

Date 3/27/641

Mr. JOHN THOMAS MASEN, Owner, Masen's Gun Shop, 7402 Harry Hines Boulevard, telephone number FL. 7-4758, residence address, 3023 Mayhew, telephone number BR. 9-5525, advised he purchased about ten boxes of 6.5 M/M Mannlicher-Carcano, Western Cartridge Company, ammunition from JOHNNY BRINEGAR in early 1963 and that he sold these ten boxes to individuals. He stated he was not able to recall the identity of any persons to whom he sold this ammunition. He claimed he sold this ammunition with the military load. He advised that if he had sold more than a box or two to any one person he would have remembered the sale.

Mr. MASEN stated he purchased another ten boxes of this same type ammunition from BRINEGAR, date not recalled, but possibly during the Summer of 1963. He claimed this ammunition was being used principally for deer hunting and he pulled the bullets on the last batch and reloaded it with a hunting-type bullet (lead nose). He advised he used a Herter's Bullet Puller in changing these bullets. He stated he had only two boxes of this ammunition at present.

Mr. MASEN claimed he had never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD, had no recollection of him ever having come to his place of business, and he had never sold any of this ammunition to OSWALD.

Mr. MASEN stated he has operated Masen's Gun Shop at this location alone since 1961.

Mr. MASEN volunteered that he put himself through college by working as a gunsmith; that he attended Sul Ross College, Alpine, Texas; Arlington State College, Arlington, Texas; University of Houston, Houston, Texas, and Monterrey University, Monterrey, Mexico. He claimed he spoke Spanish fluently.

Mr. MASEN stated that during the Summer of 1963 he made an extensive vacation trip to Mexico, visiting friends in various places, including the "MENDOZA Brothers," Guadalajara, Mexico, who owned an arms manufacturing plant.

on 3/26/64 at Dallas, Texas File # 100-10461

by Special Agents ALFRED D. NEELEY & C. RAY HALL/eah Date dictated 3/27/64