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WILLIAM WAYNE WHALEY, 619 Pine Street, Lewisville, Texas, Route 2, was interviewed in the office of the Homicide Bureau, Dallas Police Department, by SA HARDIN and Detective L. J. MONTGOMERY, Homicide Bureau, Dallas Police Department, and Mr. W. F. ALEXANDER, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas County. Mr. WHALEY furnished the following information:

He has been a capable driver for the city transportation company for the past 37 years, presently driving Cab #36. He is so employed at Dallas, Texas.

During the morning of November 23, 1963, he noticed a photograph of an individual named OSWALD in a Dallas newspaper and learned that this was the photograph of a suspect in the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY on November 22, 1963, a few minutes following the assassination of Mr. KENNEDY. He explained this incident as follows:

At about 12:30 p.m., November 22, 1963, he was sitting in his cab at the cab stand located at the Greyhound Bus Terminal at Lamar and Jackson Streets, Dallas. A few minutes earlier he had begun to hear sirens and noticed a few blocks away that people were running about excitedly. He thought perhaps it was due to a robbery of some sort and did not connect this unusual activity with the shooting of President KENNEDY and Governor CONNALLY. At about 12:30 p.m., on this date, he noticed in his rear vision mirror a young man come up to his cab from the rear, from the direction of Commerce Street, that is, from the north, and "mosied up there" and did not appear to be in a hurry. Mr. WHALEY's cab was the only cab standing at that location at that time. The location was about seven blocks from the spot where President KENNEDY was assassinated. This man could have gotten off a bus nearby without his having seen him do so and he does not recall seeing him approaching at a great distance from the cab. The young man approached him and asked "Can I get the taxicab?", to which he answered in the affirmative. The man got inside the cab and stated "I want to get to the 500 block of North Beckley". Just before pulling away with the young man a woman came up to the cab and asked him if she could have the cab, whereupon he told her the cab was taken. She then asked him if he would call her another cab, whereupon he explained

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to her that he could but added it would do no good, inasmuch as another cab would be along before he could get one to come by calling. He recalls that just as the woman asked for the cab, the young man opened a door and then closed it again immediately. He may have said something to the woman which may have been a repetition of what he had told the woman about the cab being taken or about another cab coming along very soon. He does not recall definitely just what conversation, if any, took place between the young man and the woman. He then pulled away with the young man and immediately after, starting up, he told the young man "I wonder what's going on", referring to the unusual activity in connection with the sirens and apparently excited people a few blocks away. The young man did not say a word but remained silent throughout the entire trip and did not appear to be excited or to notice the unusual activity to which Mr. WHALEY referred above.

Mr. WHALEY took the young man to the 500 block of Beckley Street, where the man stated "This will do right here". He then got out, gave Mr. WHALEY a dollar bill to pay the fare of \$.95, and stated "Keep the change". The man then angled across the street and started walking down Beckley Street in a southward direction. At that point, Mr. WHALEY left him and did not see him any more.

Mr. WHALEY estimated that he drove this man a distance of about 2-3/4 miles and dropped him off about seven blocks from the spot where OSWALD allegedly shot a police officer a few minutes later. The spot where he dropped this man off was located about one mile from the theater where OSWALD was arrested a few minutes following this.

He recalled that the young man he drove in his cab that day was wearing a heavy identification bracelet on his left wrist, he appeared to need a haircut and was dressed in gray khaki pants which looked as if they had been slept in. He had on a dark colored shirt with some light color in it. The shirt had long sleeves and the top two or three buttons were unbuttoned. The color of the shirt nearly matched the pants, but was somewhat darker. The man wore no hat. He appeared to be

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about 25 years of age, 5' 7" to 8", tall, about 135 pounds, with brown hair thick on top. He had a long thin face and a high forehead. He did not appear to have a noticeable accent but rather talked as people in this area normally do.

A photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, New Orleans Police Department #112723, was shown Mr. WHALEY, who stated that this is definitely the photograph of the man referred to above whom he drove in his cab November 22, 1963.

On November 28, 1963, immediately following interview with Mr. WHALEY, Mr. WHALEY was present at a lineup at the Dallas Police Department Lineup Room, where LEE HARVEY OSWALD appeared with three other white males of similar ages and descriptions. Mr. WHALEY without hesitation stated that OSWALD is definitely the man whom he drove in his cab on November 22, 1963, as related above.

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