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AT DALLAS, TEXAS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA JAMES W. BOOKHOUT and SA GEORGE W. H. CARLSON:

On December 5, 1963, Mr. WARREN CASTER, Manager, Southwestern Publishing Company, Room 203, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, advised that he purchased two rifles at Sanger Brothers in Dallas, Texas, on November 20, 1963, one a 30:06 Mauser by Kodiak and a .22 Remington single shot. He stated that they were in cardboard cartons, and he brought the two rifles to the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) building after he purchased them during his lunch hour on November 20, 1963. He stated that prior to bringing the rifles to his office he showed the rifles to Mr. ROY S. TRULY, Warehouse Superintendent, TSBD, whose office is also on the second floor. He said he did not show the two rifles to anyone else. He stated at approximately 4:30 p.m. on November 20, 1963, he carried the two rifles in separate cardboard cartons to his 1962 Ford Galaxie and put them in the trunk of the car. He said he did not show the rifles to anyone outside the building. He also advised that both the .22 and the 30:06 rifles have open sights and not telescopic sights.

On December 5, 1963, Mr. J. I. SMITH, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, advised that the first parking area to the west of the TSBD building is used by the employees of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, and there is no attendant present. He stated that he recalls that he was working at approximately 4:10 p.m. on November 19, 1963, but he did not see anyone showing a rifle to anyone else.

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On December 31, 1963, Mrs. FRANCES HERNANDEZ, residence 1917 Annex, Dallas, Texas, was re-interviewed in her place of employment, McKell Sportswear Company, Second Floor, 501 Elm Street. Mrs. HERNANDEZ advised that she recalls it was raining the day before President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY was to come to Dallas, Texas, and that she and two of her fellow workers, Mrs. HENRIETTA VARGAS and Mrs. JOSEPHINE SALINAS, were leaving their parking lot, west of the TSBD building. They had to stop because a 1955 or 1956 Buick was in the exit way and she noticed two men standing behind the Buick, and the older man reached into the trunk of the car and handed a rifle to the younger man.

She said she particularly noticed this activity since it reminded her of a man working at McKell Sportswear who had gone deer hunting and she thought these men were going to do the same thing. She only saw the back of the older man's head and can only say the younger man was rather slim. She cannot describe either of these two men as being identical to LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY; and thought of the above incident only after the President was assassinated. She said she and her friends were frightened and reluctant to become involved and were very excited and confused for some time, but now that she has had time to think about this, she is certain of the above facts.

On December 31, 1963, Mrs. HENRIETTA VARGAS, residence 511 Capitol Street, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at her place of employment, McKell Sportswear Company.

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Mrs. VARGAS advised that she and two of her fellow workers at McKell Sportswear Company, Mrs. FRANCES HERNANDEZ and Mrs. JOSEPHINE SALINAS, were leaving their parking lot behind the TSBD building when they observed two men standing near a light colored automobile, make unknown. She said that she could not recall whether this was the Tuesday, or the Thursday, before President JOHN F. KENNEDY came to Dallas and was assassinated, but she does recall that it was raining at that time. Mrs. VARGAS said that she noticed that the older man took a rifle out of the trunk of his car and gave it to the younger man, who walked toward the railroad tracks, west of the TSBD building. She did not see the face of the younger man and cannot describe him, and she does not recall his getting into the automobile. She did not see the face of the older man, only the back of his head and she has no idea of who he was. She said she could not identify either man as LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY since she did not see their faces. She recalls the older man was of medium height and build, and the younger man appeared to be rather slim.

On December 31, 1963, Mrs. JOSEPHINE SALINAS, residence 13740 Birch Lawn, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed at her place of employment, McKell Sportswear Company. Mrs. SALINAS advised that the day before President JOHN F. KENNEDY was killed, she and two of her fellow workers, Mrs. HENRIETTA VARGAS and Mrs. FRANCES HERNANDEZ, were leaving the parking lot west of the TSBD building. She recalls it was raining and wondered whether the President would be able to be seen in the parade scheduled for the next day, and noticed that there were two men standing near the rear of a 1955 or 1956 Buick, which was blocking the exit road. The older

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man took a rifle out of the trunk of the car and gave it to the younger man. She did not see the face of the older man since she could only observe him from his back and could not describe him further. The younger man who was of slender build walked away from the Buick carrying the rifle, but she did not see where he went, or whether he got into an automobile.

Mrs. SALINAS advised she cannot describe either of these two men she observed as being identical to LEE HARVEY OSWALD or JACK RUBY.