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The following is a signed statement obtained by SAS GASTON C. THOMPSON and ROBERT C. LISH from DANNY GARCIA ARCE, 1502 Bennett Street, Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963:

"Dallas, Texas
Nov. 22, 1963

"I, Danny Garcia Arce, make the following voluntary statement to Gaston C. Thompson and Robert C. Lish whom I know as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This statement is given freely and I realize I don't have to make any statement.

"I was born at Dallas, Texas, Sept. 14, 1945. I finished one year high school.

"About Sept. 6, 1963, I started to work for Texas School Book Depository, located on Houston Street, Dallas, this being the warehouse where I am employed as an order filler. Occasionally I am required to work at the main building of Texas School Book Depository, located 411 Elm Street, Dallas.

"I was at my place of employment, 411 Elm Street, today, Friday Nov. 22, 1963, at eight o'clock A.M.

"From 8:00 AM, Nov. 22, 1963 until about 10:00 AM, I was working on the sixth floor of the building 411 Elm Street. I, around 10:00 AM, along with other employees went to the first floor for a break. This was for about ten minutes, and then I returned to my work on the sixth floor where I remained until about 11:50 AM when I along with other employees went down to the first floor and then outside the building where we expected the President of the United States ___ pass in an automobile with others. Bill Shelley, a supervisor of Texas School Book Depository, had told me the

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President's party was to pass by the building. As I stood on a corner, across the street from 411 Elm St. I observed a large automobile pass, the President of the United States and his wife seated on his left, being on the back seat.

"The President's automobile had passed and was a short way down Elm Street towards the underpass when I heard something like a gun shot and then a second and third shot close together. When this happened, everybody around began shouting and running, saying the President had been shot. I saw one lady crying, and she said it is horrible, the President has been shot.

"Within a few minutes after the above happened I went back into the building where I work.

"About one month ago I saw at Texas School Book Depository a man who today I came to know as Lee Oswald. This man was, I believe, employed as an order filler and in this capacity worked on all the floors of the building.

"I never during my employment came to know Lee Oswald closely and never associated with him. I did observe him around the building at his work and during the breaks we had during our work day.

"Today I first saw Lee Oswald when I came to work, this being on the first floor. This was about eight o'clock. I next saw him on the sixth floor, this being around eleven o'clock today, shortly before lunch time. He was by himself with piece of paper in his hand. I had nothing to say to him but some of the other male employees tease him and tell him he ought to go get a haircut. Lee Oswald just laughed at this remark.

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"I last saw Lee Oswald at Texas School Book Depository, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, today at approximately 11:50 AM, this being on the fifth floor near the elevators.

"I have read the above handwritten statement consisting of this and three other pages. It is true & correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Danny Garcia Arce

"Witnesses:

"/s/ Robert C. Lish, Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Tex.,
11/22/63

"/s/ Gaston C. Thompson, Special Agent, FBI, Dallas,
Texas, 11/22/63"

Date 12/19/63

DANNY GARCIA ARCE, 1502 Bennett, Dallas, Texas, employed as a warehouse man for the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD), Dallas, Texas, was re-interviewed for any additional information which he might have which would assist in identifying an old man whom he had reported in the TSBD Building prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY on November 22, 1963.

Mr. ARCE stated that some 45 minutes before the arrival of the President's motorcade, as he was walking out the front door of the building to view it, an elderly man approached him on the steps and asked if ARCE could direct him to a rest room. He complained of kidney trouble. ARCE assisted him up the steps and into the building and pointed out a public rest room. Some four or five minutes later, ARCE saw the man leave the building. He got into an old (about 1949) black Buick, occupied by three elderly women, and drove north on the service street in front of the TSBD Building, made a right turn on Elm, and drove west through the underpass.

ARCE described this individual as being a white male, 79 to 80 years of age, a man who walked only with apparent extreme difficulty. He was very thin and drawn, approximately 5 feet 9 inches in height, wearing an old brown suit, and wearing a western-style hat.

ARCE said that he had not seen this man before, nor has he seen him since this time. He was unable to supply any information concerning this individual or his car which might readily result in his identification for interview. ARCE stated that he had not considered that this old man could in any way be related to the assassination of the President.

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by Special Agent SA DAVID H. BARRY: man Date dictated 12/19/63