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Lopez, sales manager, Foreign Imports, Barone St., told me yesterday a.m. that he had seen Oswald's literature distribution and arrest. He says he does not want to get involved. He also says his recollection is vivid and clear when I tell him what he reports is inconsistent with the other accounts.

He says the arrest he saw was outside the old Trade Mart, that Bringuier assaulted Oswald and they were mixing it up and Oswald would have been torn up if there hadn't been a tall policeman there. He recalls no one with Oswald, specifically not anyone who was Mexican looking.

Of the things he said what is interesting is that Oswald seemed to have a car he was using, "an old, beat-up Chevy". He said Oswald had a stack of literature in this car and that he put back in it what was not tossed around. He said there is a parking facility near where the car was parked and that a friend of his ran it.

When I told him Oswald was arrested on Canal Street, Lopez insists that what he saw was ~~was~~ at the Trade Mart.

As I think back over what he said, I think it is possible he did not see an actual arrest.

I asked J.B.Vella, owner of Foreign Imports, about Lopez and this story. He said that Lopez is an excellent salesman.