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WAYNE E. HARTMAN, accompanied by his wife, EDNA, was interviewed in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. HARTMAN said he is self-employed as a manufacturer's representative calling on drugstores, department stores, and gift shops in various states throughout the country. He said he resides at 3217 Seaside, Irving, Texas.

HARTMAN said he had learned through a radio broadcast that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been conducting additional investigation in the area of the triple underpass where President KENNEDY was assassinated and reportedly was looking for another bullet that might possibly have been fired at the time of the assassination. Upon hearing this broadcast, HARTMAN said he felt he should report the following information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

On November 22, 1963, HARTMAN advised that he had business at the courthouse in Dallas, Texas, and had proceeded from the courthouse to Mullendore's Cafeteria at 601 Main Street, Dallas, Texas, shortly after 11:30 a.m. HARTMAN stated while he and his wife were in Mullendore's Cafeteria, someone announced that President KENNEDY's motorcade was proceeding west on Main Street and would shortly pass by on the street outside. HARTMAN stated he and his wife took up a position on the northeast corner of Record and Main Streets to view the motorcade. He said after the motorcade passed their position he and his wife returned inside Mullendore's Cafeteria. Within a few minutes, after returning to the cafeteria, HARTMAN said he heard some shots and a comment was made that President KENNEDY must be receiving a gun salute. HARTMAN said this did not sound like a satisfactory explanation to him and he and his wife left Mullendore's Cafeteria and walked west on Main Street, stopping on Houston Street just above the grassy area that separates Main and Elm Streets. HARTMAN related that he and his wife observed much confusion and saw a woman and child lying on the grassy area on the north side of Elm Street about midway between the triple underpass and Houston Street. HARTMAN stated he also observed a police officer and a young boy standing on the grassy area that separates Main and Elm Streets about midway between Houston Street and the triple underpass. HARTMAN advised he and his wife, out of curiosity, proceeded down to the location where

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the police officer and the young boy were standing to determine what had happened. He stated the police officer or the young boy commented that someone had shot at the President. At this time, HARTMAN stated he noted a gouged out hole in the grass that was about one and one half inches in diameter. He stated this hole continued just beneath the roots of the grass for about 18 to 24 inches. He said the ground was not heaved up but was soft to the touch and could be depressed. HARTMAN said he was able to fit three fingers into the hole.

HARTMAN was exhibited photographs 7 and 8 of the photography exhibits appearing in the report of Special Agent ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated November 30, 1963. HARTMAN stated he and his wife were standing about five feet south of the curb in the area where the culvert or manhole cover is located. He said this gouged out hole was in line with the general area of the Texas School Book Depository Building. He said some bystander had mentioned that he believed the shots had come from the Texas School Book Depository Building. Upon realizing this, HARTMAN said he and his wife left this area and returned to Houston Street between Main and Elm Streets. He stated they remained at this location until they heard the announcement over the radio that President KENNEDY had been shot. He stated they then returned to the Dallas County Courthouse.

HARTMAN advised that on Sunday, November 24, 1963, he and his wife returned to the area where they had observed the gouged out hole on November 22, 1963. He said the grass was trampled down by people and they could not locate the hole.

HARTMAN stated he did not know if this incident had any significance but thought he should bring it to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Mrs. WAYNE E. (EDNA) HARTMAN, 3217 Seaside, Irving, Texas, accompanied by her husband, was interviewed at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mrs. HARTMAN advised that on November 22, 1963, she had accompanied her husband to the Dallas County Courthouse. From there, she stated they went to Mullendore's Cafeteria at 601 Main Street, Dallas, Texas, arriving there sometime after 11:30 a.m. While in the cafeteria, Mrs. HARTMAN stated someone advised that President KENNEDY's motorcade was proceeding west on Main Street and would pass in front of the cafeteria very shortly. Mrs. HARTMAN advised she and her husband left the cafeteria and took up a position on the northeast corner of Record and Main Streets. She said she viewed the Presidential motorcade and after it passed she and her husband returned inside Mullendore's Cafeteria. A few minutes after returning inside Mullendore's Cafeteria, Mrs. HARTMAN said she heard some loud reports and was informed by her husband that it sounded like gun shots. She said she and her husband left Mullendore's Cafeteria and walked west on Main Street to Houston Street. She stated she observed much confusion in this area and, to determine what had happened, she and her husband proceeded down the grassy slope that separates Main and Elm Streets and about midway down this slope she and her husband talked to a police officer and a young boy. She said either the young boy or the police officer informed that there had been a shooting.

Mrs. HARTMAN advised while they were talking to the above police officer and young boy she and her husband noticed a gouged out hole in the grass. She said the hole was about one and one half inches in diameter and went right under the roots of the grass for a distance of about 18 to 24 inches. She said she was able to determine this by softly pressing on the grass above the hole and in this manner determined the length of the hole. She said a bystander had informed that he believed some shooting had come from the general area of the Texas School Book Depository Building. She said when she and her husband realized this hole was in line with the Texas School Book Depository Building she and her husband returned up the slope to Houston Street between Elm and Main Streets. She said she and

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her husband remained at this location until they heard a radio broadcast that President KENNEDY had been shot. She stated she and her husband then returned to the Dallas County Courthouse.

Mrs. HARTMAN advised that she and her husband returned to this area, on Sunday, November 24, 1963, and attempted to locate the gouged out hole they had observed on November 22, 1963. She stated the grass was all trampled down and she and her husband could not locate the hole.

Mrs. HARTMAN was exhibited photographs 7 and 8 of the photography exhibits in Dallas report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated November 30, 1963. She stated she and her husband were standing about five feet south of the curb in the general vicinity of the culvert or manhole cover.

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With the use of a Detectron, Model 27, metal detector, Special Agents NAT A. PINKSTON and ROBERT M. BARRETT searched a three hundred square foot area, which area was located at the culvert on the South side of Elm Street in Dealey Plaza. This area was located based on a description of a gouged-out hole in the grass as furnished by Mr. and Mrs. WAYNE E. HARTMAN of Irving, Texas, on August 6, 1964. This gouged-out hole had been observed by the HARTMANS on November 22, 1963, subsequent to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. The HARTMANS had pinpointed the area where they had observed this gouged-out hole from Photographs Seven and Eight from the photography exhibits appearing in the report of Special Agent ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated November 30, 1963. The area searched was a half-circle area, using the culvert as the center. Found through the use of the metal detector were one bottle cap and one aluminum plug, measuring one inch long and one-half inch wide. No fragments or other evidence was found in the area observed.

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It is to be noted that page 150A of Dallas report of SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated November 30, 1963, reflects that WILLIAM ALLEN HARPER had found a piece of bone approximately 25 feet south of the spot where President KENNEDY was shot. It should be further noted that this is in the same general area where Mr. and Mrs. WAYNE E. HARTMAN observed a gouged out hole in the grass about one and one half inches in diameter and 18 to 24 inches in length.

It should also be noted that this gouged out hole in the grass observed by Mr. and Mrs. WAYNE E. HARTMAN is in line with the shot that struck President KENNEDY in the head. Further, it should also be noted that the gouged out hole in the grass observed by Mr. and Mrs. WAYNE E. HARTMAN is not in a direct line with the mark on the curb about 25 feet east of the east edge of the triple underpass on the south side of Main Street.