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STERLING WOOD, age 13, was interviewed at his residence, 1326 Alaska, in the presence of his mother. STERLING WOOD is the son of Doctor HOMER WOOD, also residing at that address.

STERLING WOOD advised that on November 16, 1963, he was taken by his father to a rifle range in about the 8000 block of Davis, in West Dallas, and described it as being located just west of the 'yellow belly dragstrip' and the Sunset Golf Club. He stated he was at the range firing a rifle, which he owned, from approximately 3 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. on November 16. He was shooting from booth 4 or 5—he is not sure which—and did at that time notice a man shooting from an adjoining booth whom he believed is identical with LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He explained this identification by the fact that upon seeing OSWALD's picture on television and in the newspapers on November 22, and 23, 1963, he immediately believed that OSWALD was the man using the booth next to him. He has never seen OSWALD, except on the one occasion at the range.

STERLING WOOD stated that when he arrived at the range and began shooting, there was another person occupying the booth next to him. This person left shortly thereafter and OSWALD then came to the booth and fired eight to ten shots. When the range master called for a halt in the firing, so that the shooters could examine their targets, he, along with the others, went down and examined not only his target but the targets of other shooters, including that used by OSWALD. He noted that all but two of the shots fired by OSWALD were in three- or four-inch bullseyes on the target. He noted that those shots were fired from a distance of 100 yards, and he was impressed by the marksmanship of OSWALD.

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He described this man whom he believes is OSWALD as a white male, 25 to 30, 5'7"-5'8", slender build, sharp facial features, black hair, and wearing dark pants with a blue shirt having white stripes. He was wearing no hat.

Since he is interested in guns, during the firing, STERLING WOOD observed the gun used by the person next to him and noted that it was a rifle that he believed was of Italian make. He described the gun as a bolt action carbine with a shoulder strap and barrel extending beyond the stock only three or four inches. He asked this person whether the gun was a 6.5 Italian carbine and was advised that it was. He then asked whether the telescopic sight was a four-power scope and was advised that that was correct. This was the only conversation he had with this man. During the firing, he observed flame coming from the muzzle of the gun when it was fired. He was unable to explain the reason for this flame.

He stated that after the range master stopped the firing for examination of the targets, the man next to him, whom he thinks was OSWALD, went down to the targets, checked his target, and started back to the firing line. WOOD examined other targets in addition to his own and OSWALD's, and when he turned around to return to the firing point, he noticed this person had picked up his gun and was beginning to leave. While he paid no particular attention to him after that, he believed he went over to a car parked nearby and left in that automobile. He was unable to furnish any description of the car, either as to make or color and could describe only as probably a sedan, in that he was sure it was not a stationwagon or a convertible.

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With reference to the weapon being used by the man next to him, whom he believes was OSWALD, he stated that he believes it was a re-conditioned Army gun, in that the stock and metal parts were shiny. It had on it a sling made of some black or very dark material. This sling was hooked to the gun underneath the stock, near the muzzle, and at the rear of the stock. He could furnish no information concerning the telescopic sight and was unable to advise whether the scope was round on the top or side of the gun. He commented also that to him it appeared that the trigger guard, which was of a light or silver color, had been scratched, but subsequently polished, in that it was shiny. He expressed the opinion that even though he saw the gun only briefly, he believed he could identify it if he saw it again.

With reference to his identification of the man shooting in the booth next to him, STERLING WOOD advised that he was not positive the man was LEE HARVEY OSWALD, but after seeing OSWALD's photograph in the news, he is satisfied in his own mind that the person in the booth next to him, referred to above, was actually LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

An unidentified photograph of the 6.5 millimeter Italian rifle used in the assassination of President KENNEDY, was exhibited to STERLING WOOD, age 13, 1326 Alaska, Dallas, at which time he stated the weapon in the photograph was not the one he had observed being fired at the firearms range on November 16, 1963, inasmuch as the sling strap and swivel on the gun he had observed were attached to the bottom of both the butt and fore end of the rifle, rather than on the side of the butt and fore end, as on the rifle in the photograph. He stated further that there was a difference in the telescope as between the rifle he had observed and the one in the photograph, in that the telescope he saw had an enlarged eyepiece or ocular lense, of greater diameter than the body of the telescope and that the telescope tapered to a smaller diameter immediately ahead of the eyepiece. He stated emphatically that there was no enlargement of the housing of the objective lense at the forward end of the telescope on the gun he saw.

He stated that an illustration of the weapon that killed the President, appearing in a recent issue of "Newsweek" magazine, was more similar to the gun he had observed than the gun in the photograph exhibited.

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