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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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