

Date December 11, 1963

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JAMES E. WHEELLES, 733 Danish Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas, who is a retired Major, U. S. Air Force, and presently employed as an Insurance Agent by John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, 2906 Maple Avenue, Dallas, advised he and Doctor DONALD DALE WHITCOMB, on November 13, 1963, from about 4 P.M. until dusk practiced rifle firing at the rifle range located in the 8000, or 8200, block West Davis, Dallas, the name of which he does not recall, but believes the name was Sportsdrome Rifle Range. He fired from stall 6 and Doctor WHITCOMB from stall 5. To his left, in stall 7, an unidentified individual was firing a rifle which looked something like a rifle he had observed on television later as being the rifle LEE HARVEY OSWALD allegedly used on November 22, 1963, when President KENNEDY was assassinated.

He saw the man in stall number 7, but cannot now remember enough about him to furnish any physical description and cannot either state that he was OSWALD, or that he was not OSWALD. He recalled the person appeared pleasant in his manner, and he recalled the muzzle blast from the rifle was heavier than from the 30.06 rifle he (WHEELLES) was firing. That person was hitting a two-inch bullseye almost every time from 100 yards. He said he helped Doctor WHITCOMB pick up some of the spent cartridge shells for the WHITCOMB children.

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On December 12, 1963, L. V. (I.O.) PREDDY, 3325 Fort Worth Avenue, Dallas, Texas, furnished approximately 200 empty brass shell casings to SA ARTHUR E. CARTER. Mr. PREDDY said he picked these up at the Sports Dome Rifle Range at 8000 West Davis in Dallas, Texas, on the Saturday after the President was assassinated and on the Monday following. He requested they be returned to him when they had served their purpose in the investigation.

On December 12, 1963, RICHARD C. LOPEZ, a salesman in the sports department of the H. L. Green Company, 1616 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, examined the above described shell cases and advised SA CARTER that none of them were 6.5 caliber and none of them could have been fired in a rifle such as the one that was used in the assassination of President KENNEDY on November 22, 1963, at Dallas, Texas.

On December 13, 1963, SA CARTER returned the empty shell casings to Mr. L. V. PREDDY at 3325 Fort Worth Avenue, where he is employed by the Dye Trucking Company.

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