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BILLY LEE BEARD, 2620 Alton-A-Dale, telephone BL 4-2743, Irving, Texas, advised he is employed at Precision Motors, 740 North Pearl, telephone RI 2-9495.

Mr. BEARD said on Wednesday, November 20, 1963, he visited a turkey shoot which was being handled by the Irving Jaycees on a range at Highway 183 and Beltline Road near Irving about 4:00 p.m. with his son, BARRY BEARD, age nearly ten. He noted that none of the Jaycees were present and various other unknown persons were shooting from the bench rests at homemade targets when he arrived and throughout the time he was there. He said he recalled there were about seven persons on the range at the time he and BARRY were there. One was trying to shoot an old two shot Derringer pistol. Two people had an old Army Springfield rifle. Another man had an M-1 Carbine, and the man he believed to be OSWALD had a rifle with a Mouser type action which he observed had the receiver and trigger grouped together and extended below the action.

He said he did not observe a sling on this rifle; however, it had a cheap type scope and he would estimate it to be a 2½X. He said he was never closer than six feet to this man, but his son, BARRY, walked over and tried to talk to him, but the man apparently would not answer him. He described this man as a white male, 5'8"-10", 150 pounds, bare-headed, dark hair, length not recalled. Wore light tan windbreaker type jacket and khaki trousers. Had pair of medium size Jap binoculars with him.

Mr. BEARD said he recalled there were only four automobiles at the range during the time he was there -- a 1961 Chevrolet, white; an old Chevrolet pickup, dark green or dark blue; unrecalled make old car, color not recalled; and a 1963 white Volvo. He said he did not see the person he believed to be OSWALD until about 5:00 p.m. and that he left about 15 minutes later. At that time the

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man he believed to be OSWALD and four other people were still there. He said that he did not think OSWALD shot more than one time.

He said he telephoned the Dallas Police Department and gave this information to some detective in the Homicide Bureau, and he did not know why someone had not been out to see him earlier. He was asked whether or not he had seen any photographs of OSWALD or the gun and he replied he had seen some in the paper, and he would like to see others. Thereafter he voluntarily appeared at the Dallas Office, where he observed the three photographs of OSWALD which were made by the New Orleans Police Department and a photograph of the gun which is contained in the Exhibit Section of the first report in this matter, and after viewing them he said he could not be positive that the man he observed at the range was identical with OSWALD. He said he did believe the rifle he observed at the Jaycee turkey shoot range on Wednesday, November 20, 1963, was probably similar to the type of weapon in the photograph he saw as mentioned above.

On leaving the office in the company of SA CARTER, a young man was observed in the reception room of the Dallas Office of whom Mr. BEARD remarked, "Boy, he sure looks like OSWALD."

Mr. BEARD accompanied SA CARTER to the intersection of Highway 183 and Beltline Road, where a careful reconnaissance and search of the area failed to disclose any empty shell cases except two .30 caliber cases and numerous .22 long rifle cases.

While there, two men who were identified as ELWYN HUGH MOREHEAD, Agent in Charge, Braniff Airways, and PURVIS GUILLORY, Agent, Braniff Airways, Love Field, Dallas, Texas, advised that they scouted all of the turkey shoot ranges in that vicinity of Dallas County and had only seen 6.5 ammunition on very rare occasions. They noted that someone had taken all of the brass on empty shell cases from this particular range since the assassination of the President and remarked it was probably people who were just saving brass scrap.

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