Upon seeing this, EOIILAND said he mentioned it to his wife and made the remark that the person must be a Secret Service man. He advised this person was a white male of slender build and appeared to have dark hair. He appeared to have on a light colored shirt, open at the neck.

The KENNEDY Motorcade passed this spot about 15 minutes after ROULAND observed the can at the window with the rifle and had just turned west on Elm Street and headed down the hill toward the Triple Underpass, when he heard the first shot; which he said sounded somewhat like a backfire of an automobile. So said following the first shot some people-around him had laughed. E3 said that about 8 seconds after the first shot, there was another report which he was-POSITIVE was a rifle shot.

About 15/22/63, November 22, 1963, he and his wife BARBARA took a position on Houston Street at the west entrance of the Sheriff's Office to observe the KENNEDY Motorcade as it was to pass that position and then turn left on Elm Street. While standing there waiting for the motorcade to come, ROWLAND talked to his wife about security measures that were being made for the President's visit. He advised that he was talking of this subject in view of the recent trouble that Mr. ADLAI STEVENSON had upon visiting Dallas.

About 5 or 10 minutes after they had arrived at this position on Houston Street, he looked up at the Texas School Book Depository building and noticed two adjoining windows on the second floor, from the top were open and in the window he observed a man standing back about 10 or 15 feet and he was holding in his hands what appeared to be a rifle with a scope. He was holding the rifle at a parade rest sort of position.

Upon seeing this, ROWLAND said he mentioned it to his wife and made the remark that the person must be a Secret Service man.

He advised this person was a white male of slender build and appeared to have dark hair. He appeared to have on a light colored shirt, open at the neck.

The KENNEDY Motorcade passed this spot about 15 minutes after ROWLAND observed the man at the window with the rifle and had just turned west on Elm Street and headed down the hill toward the Triple Underpass, when he heard the first shot, which he said sounded somewhat like a backfire of an automobile. He said following the first shot some people around him had laughed. He said that about 8 seconds after the first shot, there was another report which he was-POSITIVE was a rifle shot.
ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND, 3026 Hammerly, telephone FE 7-1861, advised that he is a white male, 18, and resides with his wife, BARBARA WALKER ROWLAND at the above address and they attended school at Adamsen High School. He stated that on November 22, 1963, he and his wife drove to downtown Dallas for the purpose of seeing President KENNEDY in the parade through the downtown area. He stated that at approximately 12:15 PM, he and his wife were standing on the East side of Houston Street, adjacent to the Dallas County Court-house. He stated he and his wife were discussing the security of protecting the President under such circumstances as the forthcoming parade and he was looking around at the buildings and observed an unknown male wearing a light colored shirt and holding what appeared to be a .305 rifle with telescopic sight on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. He stated this man was standing inside the window on the southwest corner of the sixth floor of the building, which window is nearest the overpass. He stated he assumed that the individual in possession of the rifle was a security guard for the purpose of protecting the President and that he called this matter to the attention of his wife but the man moved back out of sight before his wife could see him.

ROWLAND stated that he was not close enough to identify the person he saw and cannot say if it was or was not LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

On 11/23/63

ARTHUR ANDREWS, 3026 Hammerly, telephone FE 7-1861, advised that he is a white male, 18, and resides with his wife, BARBARA WALKER ROWLAND at the above address and they attended school at Adamsen High School. He stated that on November 22, 1963, he and his wife drove to downtown Dallas for the purpose of seeing President KENNEDY in the parade through the downtown area. He stated that at approximately 12:15 PM, he and his wife were standing on the East side of Houston Street, adjacent to the Dallas County Court-house. He stated he and his wife were discussing the security of protecting the President under such circumstances as the forthcoming parade and he was looking around at the buildings and observed an unknown male wearing a light colored shirt and holding what appeared to be a .305 rifle with telescopic sight on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. He stated this man was standing inside the window on the southwest corner of the sixth floor of the building, which window is nearest the overpass. He stated he assumed that the individual in possession of the rifle was a security guard for the purpose of protecting the President and that he called this matter to the attention of his wife but the man moved back out of sight before his wife could see him.

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"I would not be able to identify the person I saw due to the distance involved.

"I have read this 3-page statement which contains to my knowledge the correct truth.

/s/ ARNOLD L. ROWLAND
11-24-63

"WITNESSES:

/s/ PAUL E. WULFF
"Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas
/s/ZACH W. SWINFORD
"Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas"

BARBARA WALKER ROWLAND, born April 5, 1925, at Grand Prairie, Texas, advised she resides at 3023 Himmorly Street, Dallas, telephone FE 7-1501, and is a student at Madison High School in Dallas. She advised she and her husband, ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND, came to downtown Dallas on the morning of November 22, 1963, to observe the KENNEDY Motorcade. At approximately 12:10 PM, they took a position at the west entrance to the Sheriff's Office on Houston Street, to await the Motorcade.

They were standing on the street talking about the security measures which were being taken to protect the President and talked about the recent incident involving L. ARLAI STEVENSON. Shortly after they arrived at this place her husband told her to look up at the building across the street, which was the Texas School Book Depository. He said that two adjoining windows on the second story from the top were open and there was a man standing up there holding a rifle. Her husband told her he must be a Secret Service man. She said she looked up and then her husband told her that the man had moved back. She said she could not see the man because she is very nearsighted and she did not have on her glasses.

She said they did not say anything more about this and in about 15 minutes the President's Motorcade passed by and headed left on to Elm Street and started down toward the underpass, when they heard the three shots, spaced several seconds between each shot. She advised after hearing the shots, they started running. She stated that is all she could remember.

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