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ARNOLD LOUIS ROWLAND was interviewed at the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. He advised he was born April 29, 1945 at Corpus Christi, Texas. He resides at 3026 Hammerly Street, Dallas, telephone FE 7-1861. He is a student at Adamson High School in Dallas, Texas, and is employed on weekends at the Pizza Inn on West Davis Street in Dallas.

At approximately 12:10 PM, 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 windows 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 them 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. A

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third shot then followed in about 3 seconds. ROWLAND said his wife, after the third shot, took hold of his hand and began to run across the street and he never did look up to the window again.