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BARBARA WALKER ROWLAND, born April 5, 1946, at Grand Prairie, Texas, advised she resides at 3023 Hammerly Street, Dallas, telephone FE 7-1801, and is a student at Adairson 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 Mr. ADLAI 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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