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Q. Mr. Pizzo, where were you employed during the first days of November 1963?

A. Uh - at Downtown Lincoln-Mercury, Dallas.

Q. What was your position there?

A. I was Assistant Sales Manager.

Q. Were you called as a witness by the Warren Commission?

A. Yes, I was.

Q. 'd you tell us what the Commission asked you and what you told the Commission?

A. Uh - the Commission asked me if - uh - in detail if I could - uh - recognize pictures of Oswald, and if he was the man that come into our agency buying a car.

Well, during the assassination, there was a lot of excitement around - uh - the show-room, and - uh - when the report come in that -uh- a policeman was shot, and later on - uh - a name -uh-uh -uh- was given as - uh - Lee Harvey Oswald doin' the shooting, uh - a few minutes later someone says that - uh - Mr. Bogard just lost a prospect (XXXXXXXX) those exact words I heard. Of

course I was - uh - in my office, and - uh - later on ~~in~~ that ^{I'd} ~~the~~ evening I asked Mr. Bogard if he did have a prospect

by the name of Oswald. He said "Yes, I did but I - uh -"he says

"I don't have a customer any more". So I asked him if he had a write-up or - uh -uh - a prospect card on the man.

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And he says "I did, but when I heard that - uh - uh - when I heard that -uh - the man was arrested," he says ^{threw} "I ~~took~~ the card away." And I asked him where he had thrown it. And - uh - he told me 'at - uh - had thrown(it) in the waste-basket. So we all went looking for it-uh- two or three salesmen and myself. We wanted the prospect card. We never could find the card at any time. So the Commission showed me some pictures of Oswald, and wanted me to - uh -uh - ^{'em whether} tell/~~if~~ this was the man that came to the showroom or not. The only-uh-uh - the only time I had any connection with this party, was Mr. Bogard brought a man to my office door -uh - and asked me how much money down he would need to buy a car. And when I found out the man had no credit, I told him he would need 2 two to three hundred dollars. Mr. Bogard said "Well he will have in two or three weeks". And that was around fifteen seconds. That was all there was to it, and - uh - they walked off back in the booth.

Q. How long before the assassination did that take place?

A. Uh - about a couple of weeks, I'd say. I - I could be wrong in the exact date, but I think it was around two - ~~or~~ two and a half weeks before -

Q. Mr. Pizzo did the Commission show you pictures of Lee Harvey Oswald?

A. Yes, they did.

Q. Did you identify the man in the picture as the man who

had come into your automobile salesroom?

A. Well in a-a- I made a point about the hairline, that which is the only thing/I remember about the man - he had a receding -uh- forehead and - uh - uh - sort in of a widow's peak, but kinda weak, ~~and~~ - uh - ~~in~~ other words, he was - uh - I think he was losing his hair.

Now the man had a T-shirt and he was around five feet seven, five feet eight. But I-I only saw him for fifteen seconds and it resembled this Oswald. I couldn't say for sure whether it was him or not, at the time. But the incident that the salesman called to my attention -uh - later in the day-uh-I remembered that incident that evening; uh - that this man came to my office and he brought the - Now the pictures I picked out - uh - some of them looked like him, and some didn't. So I wasn't positive whether - uh - these pictures was the same man.

Q. Did he look like the same man?

A. Ah - well, in a way he did. In certain pictures he looked like the same man.

Q. Do you know where Mr. Bogard is?

A. No, I haven't seen Mr. Bogard in about a year and a half - uh -/used to share an office with (~~xxxxxxxx~~)

Q. Mr. Brown, did Mr. Bogard talk with you about this prospective customer?

A. Yes, he did. Uh - he had shown me - we call 'em - work-sheet on him, and - uh - he said that he would poss-

ibly be out, and if I ~~would~~ worked this customer around, would take the commission, we'd split it in half. At that time, I mean like I said it about his jotting card "Lee Oswald" down on the ~~floor~~ and what type of car he was interested in. I have not been able to find the card since, but I actually was never introduced to the man.

Q. Did you see this man ~~that~~ ^{who} gave his name as Lee Oswald?

A. As he was going out the door.

Q. You've seen pictures of Lee Harvey Oswald, of course, since the assassination?

A. Yes.

Q. Did the man who gave his name as Lee Oswald bear any resemblance to the pictures you've seen of Lee Harvey Oswald?

A. Yes, a resemblance.

Q. Would you say it was the same man?

A. No I wouldn't say that it was definitely. I only saw him for a very short time - at a distance.

Q. You're not able to identify him as Lee Harvey Oswald, but would you say he resembled him closely?

A. Yeah, he did resemble him but I wouldn't definitely say it was him.

Q. What did you do with the card which had the name "Lee Oswald" on it/ in your own handwriting?

A. I assume that I left it in the house. My wife questioned me about it when I came in - and she/-she had seen it herself.

Q. When did she say that?

A. After having (xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Q. What day was that sir?

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Q. Mr. Pizzo - Mr. Brown, what did you do with the card which had the words "Lee Oswald" on it?

A. I evidently left it at the house. Uh - my wife questioned me about having a card with "Lee Oswald" on it when I came in from work that night.

Q. The night of the 22nd?

A. The night of the 22nd. And I told her that he had been a prospect of Al Bogard which I was splitting the (xxxxxx)

Q. Were you called as a witness by the Warren Commission?

A. No, I wasn't; only by the FBI.

Q. You were questioned by the FBI?

A. - was questioned by the F.B.I.

Q. Did you make the statements to the FBI that you have just made for us now?

A. Yes.

Q. And about when was that, sir?

A. Within thirty days after the assassination. I can't remember exactly.

Q. And you were not subsequently - subsequently called as a Commission witness?

A. No.

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Q. Mr. Pizzo, where were you employed during the early days of 1963? What was your position there? Were you called as a witness by the Warren Commission? What did the Commission ask you and what did you tell the Commission? Do you think the man you saw resembled Lee Harvey Oswald?

Mr. Brown, Mr. Brown, did you discuss with Mr. Bogard his prospective customer? Did Mr. Bogard speak with you regarding his prospective customer? Were you called as a witness by the Warren Commission? Did you tell agents of the F.B.I. precisely what you have just told us? Were you questioned by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation? Would you say that the man who you saw during the early days of November 1963 resembled Lee Harvey Oswald? Of course, since - since (cough) Of course, since the assassination, you have seen pictures of Lee Harvey Oswald; would you say that the man who was in your sales room during the early days of 1963 was Oswald, or resembled Oswald? Were you called as a witness by the Warren Commission?