

INTERVIEW WITH JOE B. MOLINA

This interview with Mr. Molina took place November 23, 1963. Mr. Molina was born in Dallas on June 18, 1924. He lives at 4306 Brown, telephone LA6 3956. He has worked for the Texas School Book Depository for sixteen years. He has been Credit Manager for three or four years. Before this three or four years, he was an accountant in the Credit Department. His family consists of his wife Soledad, and four children: a son, Joe, Jr., age 16; a daughter Linda, age 13; a daughter Sylvia, age 13; and an adopted boy Johnny, age 10.

Mr. Molina saw Oswald at work and knew him but never talked to him and didn't know him personally. Mr. Molina belongs to the G. I. Forum, was chairman of that group. This was a group organized primarily for the education and betterment of Spanish speaking veterans.

On November 22, 1963 Mr. Molina got to work about 7:00 am. He went to his office on the Second Floor. He stayed there until about 11:45 am. He did not see Oswald. He ate his lunch in the coffee room on the third floor and then went outside and stood on the first step of the Commerce Street entrance. This was about 12:15 pm. He states that he heard three shots; he did not know where they came from. Mr. Molina then went down the embankment toward Commerce Street, saw officers closing the gate to the parking lot to the west of the School Book Depository building. Mr. Molina then went back into the building and stayed on the first floor. He still did not see Oswald. Mr. Molina states he was on the steps with Mr. Shelly, Mrs. Stanton, Mr. Reed, Mr. Sanders and Eddie Piper. Molina then went to Sangers on Main Street to have his wife pick him up,