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# Site in JFK Slaying Being Vacated

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DALLAS — A building that lives in infamy is gradually being vacated by its cramped tenant, the Texas School Book Depository. And its fate is even less clear than that of Ford's Theater in Washington a century ago. As little knots of tourists trickle through the sun-baked plaza

at the foot of downtown Dallas, constantly pointing their fingers and cameras up at the building's sixth floor, an exodus is quietly under way inside. "We've just outgrown this building," says Roy S. Truly, the book depository superintendent who was Lee Harvey Oswald's last employer. The area behind that sixth-floor corner window, from which

Oswald allegedly shot President John F. Kennedy nearly five years ago, already has been cleared of its stock of textbooks. In a step-by-step process over the next 2½ years, everything in the building will be moved to a roomier office-warehouse a few miles away, which the privately run textbook distributing firm purchased in April. Meanwhile, the depository's

current landlord, Dallas millionaire D. Harold Byrd Sr., has no idea what will become of the building, according to Warner Lewis, Byrd's administrative assistant. In spite of "an awful lot of inquiries," especially in the months just after the assassination, Lewis says no individuals or organizations have been

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able to show any hard cash to back up their visions of turning the building into a Kennedy museum.

Byrd's current asking price, says Lewis, is roughly \$1 million, including land, plus solid assurance that the building "won't be turned into a carnival."

"He would still be interested" in bids from history-minded groups, Lewis says, "but he doesn't want anything detrimental to the city."

If various groups have considered buying the depository as a historical site, the National Park Service has not been among them.

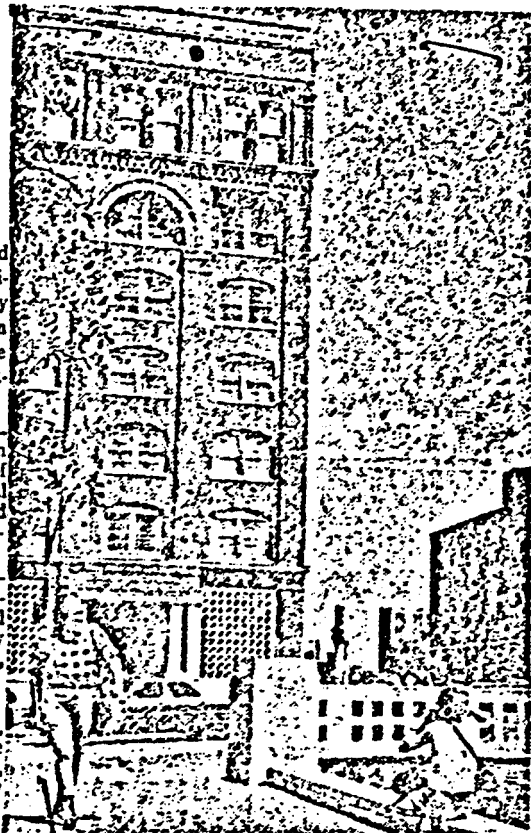
In Washington, a spokesman said neither he nor the park service's Southwest regional director could recall any suggestions that the government pur-

chase the building. He indicated that the public pain of President Kennedy's death probably was still too close—especially in Dallas—for any dispassionate discussion of preserving the setting.

Ford's Theater provides an interesting parallel, for within months of the assassination of President Lincoln the federal government purchased it and turned it into an office-warehouse.

The shabby old depot-courthouse area around the depository has undergone several physical changes since the day of the assassination—Nov. 22, 1963.

There is a new marble high-rise courthouse, a junior college, a \$120 million complex of office towers climbing skyward—and, undoubtedly, higher property values.



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The Texas Book Depository