

STORAGE FLOOR

Kennedy Killer Hid In Area Used Little

President Kennedy's killer could have been holed up in that sixth story hideaway for as long as four days without anyone bothering him, the president of Texas School Book Depository said Friday night.

Police found remains of a chicken near the southeast corner window from which the assassin apparently fired.

They also found three expended shells lying alongside the three cases of books that the killer apparently had used to steady his aim.

Jack C. Cason, president of the depository, said the sixth floor was used solely as a "dead storage" area.

It was stacked about eight feet high with books.

Cason, who left the scene about 30 minutes before the president's caravan rode down Main Street, a block away, said the firm often had had difficulty finding employees who had fallen asleep amidst the stacks of books.

"Sometimes it will be three or four days without anybody going up to the sixth floor to get anything," Cason said.

He said the "dead storage" area was used to keep books already stocked in the basement and on the second and fourth floors. Only when they run out of copies there does anybody generally go to the sixth floor.

Cason said the killer was apparently "well aware" of the building's layout, because there is no elevator that goes up to the sixth floor from the front entrance.

He would have had to get off the elevator on the fourth floor, walk to the back of the building and get the stairs or one of two freight elevators on to the sixth.

Cason said he did not know the man arrested as a suspect, who told police he was an employee of the book depository. The firm's personnel manager could not be located.