

## AMBUSH BUILDING CHOSEN WITH CARE

Looms Over Kennedy Route  
—6th Floor Little Used

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DALLAS, Nov. 22—The building in which President Kennedy's assassin hid today could hardly have been more suited to the use made of it.

The Texas School Book Depository is a seven-story brick building that looms above the route Mr. Kennedy's motorcade took through Dallas.

It is at the corner of Houston and Elm Streets, but set back and above the street on which Mr. Kennedy's car was traveling.

The killer fired a high-powered rifle from the southeast corner window of the sixth floor. Jack C. Cason, president of the Depository, said someone could have hidden on that floor for several days without being discovered. The floor is used solely for storage.

In many areas it was stacked eight feet high with books. Reserve stocks of books are more readily available in the basement and on the second and fourth floors. Only when additional copies are needed did employees of the building have occasion to go to the sixth

floor.

### Killer Aware of Layout

These circumstances indicated that the killer was well aware of the layout of the building and the uses of the various floors.

No elevator goes to the sixth floor from the front entrance. The killer would have had to get off the elevator on the fourth floor, walk to the back of the building and take the stairs or one of two freight elevators to reach the sixth floor.

Mr. Cason said he did not know Lee H. Oswald, arrested as a suspect in the President's assassination. Oswald had told the police he was an employe of the book depository.

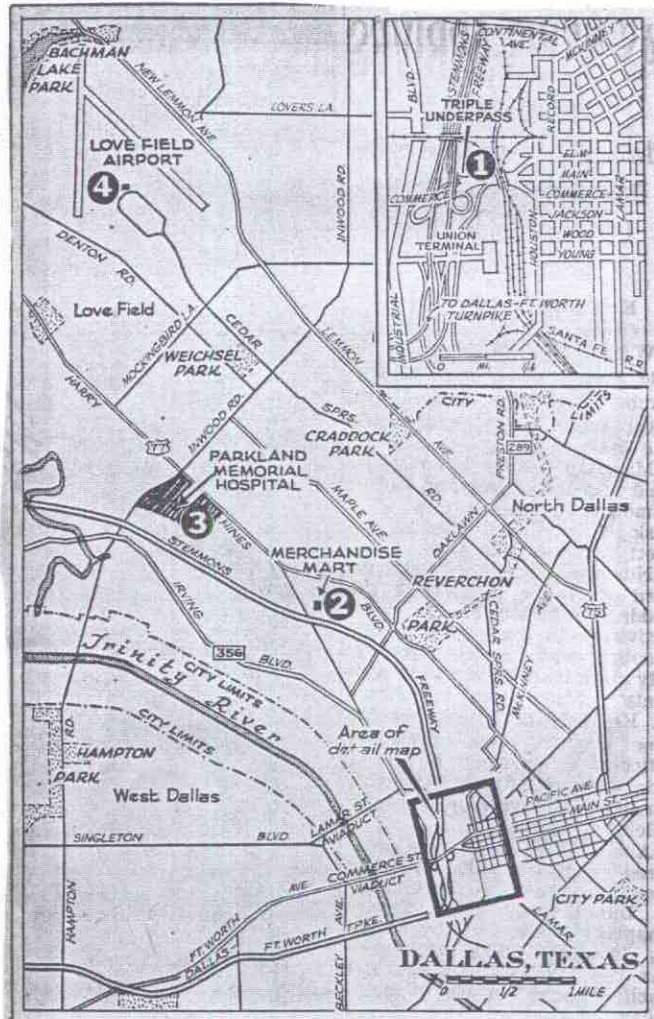
Late tonight the depository's personnel manager had not been located to comment.

The book depository is a building said to be about a half-century old. Its first floor apparently has been remodeled and is surrounded with grillwork. Above the first floor, however, the building's exterior has not been touched.

The sixth floor windows are surmounted by arches. But the window from which the killer is believed to have fired has a square of brickwork above it. Immediately above the sixth floor there is a cornice. The seventh floor then has windows differing from the rest of the building.

Atop the book depository building is a large neon sign.

About 90 persons are employed in the building but most of them were out watching the President's motorcade pass when the fatal shots were fired.



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**ASSASSINATION:** President Kennedy was shot at triple underpass (1) in Dallas. He was en route to Merchandise Mart (2) where he was scheduled to speak. He was taken to Parkland Hospital (3), where he was pronounced dead. At Love Field (4), his body was flown back to Washington and Lyndon Johnson took oath of office as President.





**CHARGED WITH ASSASSINATION:** Lee H. Oswald, in handcuffs, at police headquarters in Dallas. He was charged by police last night with the murder of President Kennedy.