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I, Roy Sansom Truly, wish to make the following statement to Special Agents William N. Carter and Arthur W. Blake of the U. S. Secret Service.

I live at 4932 Jade Drive, Dallas, Texas, and I am a Director of the Texas School Book Depository and I am also Superintendent of Operations. I have been employed with this firm since 1934 and the firm is now located at 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas. The building in which our company is located has been owned for many years by Mr. D. Harold Byrd who leaves <sup>2563</sup> at 6909 Vasser in Dallas. Mr. Byrd is now a retired Army Colonel. <sup>737</sup> The building has been leased by the Texas School Book Depository since 1961. This is a privately owned firm and is not a part of any governmental agency. The Texas School Book Depository is a business involved in the shipping and distribution of textbooks for various publishers to schools in Texas and other states. The building is not occupied at night except for a company janitor who works until about 7 or 8 P. M. doing janitorial work. When he leaves, he locks the building. From Sunday through Thursday, two employees of the Acme Building and Maintenance Company, 1901 Laws Street, Dallas, come into the building during the evening hours and do janitorial work in the publishers offices and toilets on the second, third, and fourth floors. After they leave, the building is locked and unoccupied. The Smith Detective Agency and Nightwatch Service of 610 North Akard, Dallas, makes a periodic check of the building during the night time hours to determine if the doors are locked and the lights are shut off.

With regard to the employment by this firm of Lee Harvey Oswald, the following circumstances took place on or about October 14, 1963. I received a telephone call from a woman whose name I did not recognize at that time. She told me that she lived in Irving and that she had a young man staying at her home in need of a job and his wife was expecting a child any day. Since the assassination of the President on November 22, 1963, and the subsequent mentioning of Mrs. Payne of Irving, I now recall that she was the woman who called me about a job for her friend. During my telephone conversation with Mrs. Payne, she told me that she had a neighbor whose brother was employed at the Texas School Book Depository and who had stated that there might be a job opening at this firm. I told Mrs. Payne to have her friend to come down for an interview and on the following day, probably October 15, 1963, Oswald came to my office and at that time told me that he was an honorably discharged veteran of the U. S. Marine Corp and had never been arrested or in any difficulty with the police and needed a job very much. He filled out an application stating he was an honorably discharged Marine.

The work load at my firm varies seasonably and since I did need extra temporary help at that time, I hired Mr. Oswald and I told Mr. Oswald that I had nothing but a temporary job to offer him and he accepted. The job of

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an order filler was his position and during the first few hours of his employment which began probably on October 16, 1963, Oswald worked with other employees learning the job routine and then worked by himself filling orders. Oswald appeared to be a quiet type of person and did his work satisfactorily. It did not appear to me that he associated to any extent with any of the other employees. Oswald was paid at the rate of \$1.25 per hour during the entire period of his employment. He worked a regular eight hour day and five days a week and to my knowledge never missed a day's work.

With regard to the events of November 22, 1963, at about 12:10 P.M., I walked outside to the front of the building with Mr. O. V. Campbell, Vice-President of this firm, and we stood directly in front of the building entrance until the Presidential motorcade passed by which was close to 12:30 P.M. I heard three shots fired and moments later a man who I believed to be a motor cycle policeman came running up the the entrance of the building, and I accompanied him inside. He asked me something about the location of the stairway, and I accompanied him to the rear of the building. We passed momentarily by the freight elevator but since neither were on this floor, we ran up the back stairway to the second floor. I had started to go up the stairway to the third floor when I noticed that the officer was not following, and I heard him say something. I then went back and found that he was standing near the entrance to the lunch room, and he had drawn his weapon. Just inside the lunch room door, Lee Oswald was standing and the officer was facing him. At that time, the officer asked me if this man worked here to which I replied, "yes". The officer and I then proceeded to the stairway and continued on up to about the fifth floor where I noticed a freight elevator. We rode the freight elevator up to the seventh floor and ran up a little stairway to a small penthouse which had a door opening on to the roof. We made a quick examination of the roof-top area and the officer over the lot below. We stopped momentarily on the other floors for a quick look and then returned to the first floor.

By this time, there were numerous people including police officers on the first floor of the building. A few minutes after returning to the first floor, I noticed officers taking the names and addresses of the various people in the building. At that time, many of the shipping and order room boys were standing in one location, and I noticed that Lee Oswald was not among the group. Therefore, I notified the authorities that this boy was missing.

To the best of my knowledge when the police officer and I encountered Oswald in the lunch room on the second floor right after the shooting, Oswald was wearing light colored clothing and probably a tee shirt.

I have read over this statement, and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

R. S. Truly  
Roy Sansom Truly

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
4th day of December, 1963.  
"Auth. Title 5, Sec. 93 USC"

William N. Carter  
William N. Carter, Special Agent  
U. S. Secret Service

WITNESS: Arthur W. Blake  
Arthur W. Blake, Special Agent  
U. S. Secret Service