

March 19, 1964
Dallas, Texas

"I, Billy Nolan Lovelady, freely furnish the following statement to Eugene P. Petrakis and A. Raymond Switzer, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am a Caucasian male and reside at 7722 Hume Drive, apartment C, Dallas, Texas. I was born on February 19, 1937, in Myrtle Springs, Texas.

"At approximately 12:15 PM, November 22, 1963, I walked out the front entrance to the Texas School Book Depository where I am employed as a stock clerk on the first floor. I have been so employed since December 16, 1961. I walked out in front of the building to await the Presidential Motorcade which I knew was due to pass the Depository building about 12:30 PM.

"At the time the Presidential Motorcade passed the Depository building heading west of Elm Street, I was standing on the top step to the far right against the wall of the entranceway to the Texas School Book Depository building. At this time I recall that William H. Shelley, who resides at 128 South Tatum, Dallas, and Mrs. Sarah Stanton, also of Dallas, Texas, both of whom are likewise employed by the Texas School Book Depository, were standing next to me.

"I recall that following the passing of the Presidential Motorcade, as the car in which the President was riding traveled down the Elm street extension, I heard several loud reports which I first thought to be firecrackers and which appeared to me to be in the direction of Elm Street viaduct just ahead of the Motorcade. I did not at any time believe the shots had come from the Texas School Book Depository building. I am acquainted with Lee Harvey Oswald as a fellow employee only and I recall that on the morning of November 22, 1963, I was on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository putting down a new wooden floor when Oswald came over to me and asked where a certain book was stored. I don't recall name of book but told him that book was out of stock. That is the last time I saw Oswald prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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"I do not recall seeing any strangers in the building on the morning of November 22, 1963.

"I recall that following the shooting, I ran toward the spot where President Kennedy's car had stopped. William Shelley and myself stayed in that area for approximately five minutes when we then re-entered the Depository building by the side door located on the west side of the building. After several minutes we were asked to stay in the building by a police officer and at approximately 1:45 PM, I and several other employees accompanied a police officer to City Hall for questioning. I returned to the building briefly at 4:30 PM to pick up my coat following the interview at City Hall and immediately departed and went home.

"I have read this and the preceding three pages, initialed each page and each correction and found it true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/Billy Nolan Lovelady

"Witnessed:

"/s/Eugene F. Petrakis, Spec. Agt., FBI, Dallas, Texas, 3/19/64.

"/s/A. Raymond Switzer, Special Agent, FBI, Dallas, Texas,
3/19/64."

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