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with him. THAYER WALDO sat in the back. On the return trip, MIKE HOWARD mentioned that there had been a Negro male in the Texas School Book Depository at the time the assassination had occurred. After the shooting, the Negro left the building hastily because he was afraid he might be implicated in some way as he had several minor arrests against him for gambling or vagrancy. PAT HOWARD said MIKE HOWARD told this as an amusing incident and never at any time did he indicate that this Negro male had actually been a witness to anyone shooting at the President.

PAT HOWARD recalled that MIKE HOWARD's source of information about the Negro male was a detective on the Dallas Police Department, whose name was not recalled by PAT HOWARD. PAT HOWARD said it was his recollection that this Negro male had been identified shortly after the assassination and had been checked out by the Dallas Police Department and the Secret Service.

PAT HOWARD said that the next morning after the story came out in the "Fort Worth Star Telegram", that a Negro witness had observed LEE HARVEY OSWALD shooting the President, he called THAYER WALDO at the "Star Telegram" and protested, but had not received any sort of satisfactory answer from WALDO regarding his reasons for having written the story.

At the conclusion of the interview, PAT HOWARD reiterated that neither he nor his brother, MIKE, had told WALDO that the Negro male MIKE talked about had been a witness who had observed LEE HARVEY OSWALD shoot at the President in the Texas School Book Depository at Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

On June 2, 1964, Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, advised that Lieutenant JACK REVILL, of the Dallas Police Department, talked with a Negro male by the name of CHARLES DOUGLAS GIVENS on the day of the assassination.

GIVENS told REVILL that he had been in the Texas School Book Depository, Dallas, Texas, with OSWALD on the morning of

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November 22, 1963, but was on the street during the period the Presidential motorcade passed by the Texas School Book Depository. Chief CURRY related that everyone who might have any knowledge of OSWALD, known as LEE to GIVENS, was being questioned.

✓ Lieutenant REVILL referred GIVENS to Captain WILL FRITZ, Homicide Bureau, Dallas Police Department, who talked with GIVENS briefly on November 22, 1963, but never had GIVENS in custody at any time.

Chief CURRY stated that a rumor got out later that the Dallas Police Department had a Negro in protective custody who allegedly had knowledge of the assassination by OSWALD. CURRY stated that this was absolutely false and the Dallas Police Department never had GIVENS or anyone else in protective custody during the course of their investigation.

Chief CURRY stated these were all the facts known to the Dallas Police Department concerning GIVENS, and that any story to the contrary was not true.

✓ On June 3, 1964, CHARLES DOUGLAS GIVENS, a warehouseman, Texas School Book Depository building, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, advised he presently resides at 4208 1st Avenue, Dallas, Texas, and has home telephone number HA 1-2837. He said he moved to this address in March 1964, and had previously resided at 2511 Cochran Street, Dallas, Texas. GIVENS stated he was born May 16, 1925, at Kemp, Texas, and is married to DORIS GIVENS. He said they have no children.

GIVENS stated that on November 22, 1963, he was working on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository building until about 11:30 A.M., when he used the elevator to travel to the first floor, where he washed his hands. He said he now recalls he returned to the sixth floor at about 11:45 A.M. to get his cigarettes which he had left there. GIVENS stated it was at this time he saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD, known then to him as LEE, standing in the southeast corner of the building on that floor. He said OSWALD had orders and a clip board in his hand, and, in

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response to a question by GIVENS as to whether or not OSWALD was going to come downstairs, OSWALD replied, "No, not now." GIVENS stated he then got on the elevator and, as he was leaving the sixth floor, OSWALD yelled at him to close the gates on the elevator so that he, OSWALD, could have the elevator returned to the sixth floor.

GIVENS advised he remained on the first floor of the Texas School Book Depository building until about 12:00 noon, at which time he walked out of the building and stood on the sidewalk in front of the building for several minutes. He said he then walked to the Classified Parking Lot at Elm and Record Streets, and then onto Main Street to watch the Presidential motorcade. He said he viewed the motorcade in company with EDWARD SHIELDS, who was then and is presently employed in the Texas School Book Depository warehouse, located behind the Texas School Book Depository building, and with JAMES LACY, who was then employed at the Classified Parking Lot at Elm and Record Streets.

After the motorcade passed, GIVENS said he walked back to the Classified Parking Lot, at which time he heard, as he now recalls it, three shots, which came from the direction of the Texas School Book Depository building. He said the time was around 12:30 P.M. Upon hearing these shots, GIVENS said he walked back to the Texas School Book Depository building and attempted to enter, but was unable to because the police were not letting anyone in or out of the building. GIVENS said he then crossed the street and stood with a number of others watching the activity at the Texas School Book Depository building.

GIVENS advised to the best of his recollection, between 1:30 P.M. and 2:00 P.M., Lieutenant DAWSON of the Dallas Police Department saw him and said, "GIVENS, we've been looking for you, they need you downtown to give a statement." GIVENS said he accompanied Lieutenant DAWSON in a police cruiser to the Dallas Police Station. He said other employees of the Texas School Book Depository were already at the Police Station. GIVENS stated these other employees had been interviewed by the Dallas

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