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notice your number there for any calls at all that might have come in? What number did you use?

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Mr. SAWYER. I used No. 9. That is my regular call No. 9.

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Mr. BELIN. I notice here a No. 9, the first time that appears to come in here is at 12:40 p.m.; is that right?

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Mr. SAWYER. That is the first one after 12:40, sir.

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Mr. BELIN. The first one after 12:30?

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Mr. SAWYER. The first one after 12:30, yes, that is true.

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Mr. BELIN. Then at 12:40, there is a bunch of calls at 12:40, with the next call number at 12:43, so you assume sometime 12:40 and 12:43 you, as No. 9, called in, is that correct?

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Mr. SAWYER. That's correct.

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Mr. BELIN. Would you read what it says that you said there?

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Mr. SAWYER. "We need more manpower down here at the Texas Book Depository; there should be a bunch on Main if somebody can pick them up and bring them down here."

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Mr. BELIN. Was that said before or after you came down from the elevator?

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Mr. SAWYER. That was after.

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Mr. BELIN. Was that before or after you told the men there to guard the front door and not let anyone in or out?

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Mr. SAWYER. That was after.

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Mr. BELIN. Now the next time that No. 9 appears is at what time?

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Mr. SAWYER. Immediately after 12:43 and before 12:45.

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Mr. BELIN. What did you say then?

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Mr. SAWYER. "The wanted person in this is a slender white male about 30, 5 feet 10, 165, carrying what looks to be a 30-30 or some type of Winchester."

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Mr. BELIN. Then the statement is made from the home office, "It was a rifle?"

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Mr. SAWYER. I answered, "Yes, a rifle."

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Mr. BELIN. Then the reply to you, "Any clothing description?"

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Mr. SAWYER. "Current witness can't remember that."

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Mr. BELIN. Then the statement is made sometime before 12:45 p.m., and after the 12:43 p.m. call, "Attention all squads, description was broadcast and no further information at this time."

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Does that mean the description you made was rebroadcast?

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Mr. SAWYER. I rebroadcast that description. That is what that means.

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Mr. BELIN. I then notice on this radio log—I don't see anything more under 9, at least until after the, well, it is down until we have gone as far as 1:30 p.m., I don't see anything else, do you, sir?

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Mr. SAWYER. No. There is another broadcast in there somewhere, though. I put out another description on the colored boy that worked in that department.

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Mr. BELIN. What do you mean the colored boy that worked in that despository?

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Mr. SAWYER. He is one that had a previous record in the narcotics, and he was supposed to have been a witness to the man being on that floor. He was supposed to have been a witness to Oswald being there.

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Mr. BELIN. Would Charles Givens have been that boy?

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Mr. SAWYER. Yes, I think that is the name, and I put out a description on him.

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Mr. BELIN. How do you know he was supposed to be a witness on that?

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Mr. SAWYER. Somebody told me that. Somebody came to me with the information. And again, that particular party, whoever it was, I don't know.

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