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ROY S. TRULY, 4932 Jade Drive, Dallas, Texas, Superintendent, Texas School Book Depository, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, was interviewed in the presence of J. R. LEANSALLE, Detective, Homicide Bureau, Dallas Police Department, at which time he furnished the following information:

He was working in the capacity of superintendent of the above agency on Friday, November 22, 1963. About 19 employees work in the plant itself in the Shipping and Order Department under his supervision. LEE HARVEY OSWALD was one of these individuals. TRULY felt quite sure he saw OSWALD at work during the morning hours of November 22, 1963. TRULY originally hired OSWALD as a temporary employee and although the busy season for this business was just past, he had not been contemplating any layoff of OSWALD at this time. He works a lot of extra employees during the summer and early fall each year and OSWALD was one of these extras.

On November 22, 1963, he, in company with Mr. O. V. CAMPBELL, one of the Vice Presidents of the Texas School Book Depository, started to lunch from their place of business at 411 Elm Street, a few minutes past 12 noon. They noted a parade had started; wherein President JOHN KENNEDY was scheduled to ride, and they stopped to watch it. He saw the President go by and at about that time heard three explosions.

The crowd of people in the area began to surge back toward the building at 411 Elm Street and he realized that what he had heard must have been shots. He moved toward the building and thought at first the shots came from behind the building. He saw a police officer in uniform approaching the building and realized he probably knew nothing of the building and therefore, TRULY ran into the building with him. They stopped at the freight elevators and, observing that these elevators were not on the first floor, they ran up the stairway after he showed the officer where the stairway was. As they reached the second floor landing, the officer opened a door to a small lunch room next to the business office on that floor, and stuck his gun in the door. LEE OSWALD was in the lunch room. The officer asked him if he was an employee, to which OSWALD replied that he was. TRULY and the officer gave this no further consideration, inasmuch as OSWALD was an employee, and they ran up to the fifth floor of the

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building. TRULY saw an elevator and he and the officer jumped onto the elevator and rode to the seventh floor. Then they proceeded up a short stairway and out onto the roof of the building. They searched the roof area thoroughly and found no one. They stood a moment looking down onto the crowd below, in the vicinity of the building, and also looked out over the railroad tracks that pass nearby.

When TRULY and the officer came back down to the lower floors of the building, other officers were looking around on the floors below. He recalled one officer on the fourth floor, and possibly an officer on the fifth floor. By that time there were a lot of people inside the building milling around. Probably some of them were not employees who worked in the building.

Mrs. REED, or READ, an employee working under TRULY, advised TRULY that OSWALD had come through an office area where she was with a "Coke" or "Dr. Pepper" in his hand. She said she remarked to him, OSWALD, something to the effect that it was an awful thing that had happened out there, referring to the incident on the street outside the building, and OSWALD mumbled something in reply. TRULY tried to account for the employees under his supervision about 15 minutes after this and OSWALD was missing. He advised Chief LUMPKIN and shortly thereafter Captain FRITZ, both of the Dallas Police Department, of this. He did not see OSWALD any more after that until time of this interview.

TRULY had no information of any affiliation with organizations on the part of OSWALD. He stated that initially he first heard of OSWALD on about October 14, 1963, when a lady from Irving, Texas, whose name he cannot recall, telephonically advised him that her neighbor's brother was working for TRULY and had stated that TRULY's agency needed some more help; that LEE OSWALD might be suitable for such employment, and that he had a baby and his wife expected another. TRULY believed this neighbor's brother was possibly WESLEY FRAZIER, an employee of Texas School Book Depository, and TRULY talked to him.

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He saw nothing objectionable about him and told him he had some extra work to be performed. TRULY does not run a thorough check on temporary employees, but has them fill out an application for him. In this form, OSWALD listed three or three and a half years in the U. S. Marines, with an honorable discharge. TRULY felt that if OSWALD was in the U. S. Marines for that long a time and was not long out of the service, this was a good recommendation for him, and therefore he hired him.

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