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INVESTIGATION MADE AT <b>Dallas, Texas</b>	PERIOD COVERED <b>12/2 - 6/63</b>	<b>Texas School Book Depository</b>
INVESTIGATION MADE BY <b>Special Agents Arthur W. Blake, William H. Carter and Elmer W. Moore</b>		

DETAILS SYNOPSIS

This report covers inquiries which were made at the Texas School Book Depository, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas. All employees who work in this building and who were present at work on November 22, 1963, have been interviewed as set forth below, and written statements taken from those who were able to furnish pertinent information concerning the assassination.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

The Texas School Book Depository is a privately-owned firm engaged in the warehousing and shipping of textbooks for various publishers. The books are shipped to schools in Texas and surrounding states. The firm presently occupies a building at 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, and has occupied the building since January 1962. Prior to that time, the firm was located at 501 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas. The presently occupied building is leased from Mr. D. Harold Byrd, 6909 Vassar, Dallas, Texas, who has owned the building for many years.

The officers of this company are Mr. Jack C. Gason, President, 4015 Druid Lane, Dallas, Texas; Mr. O. V. Campbell, Vice President, 7120 Twin Tree Lane, Dallas, Texas; and Mr. Roy S. Truly, Director and Superintendent of Operations, 4932 Jade Street, Dallas, Texas.

This firm also furnishes office space for seven publishing companies, whose books and publications are handled by the Texas School Book Depository. These publishers are as follows: Lyons and Carnahan, Room 201; South Western Publishing Company, Room 203; Allyn and Bacon, Room 301; The MacMillan Company, Room 302; The American Book Company, Room 303; McGraw-Hill Book Company, and their sub-division, Gregg Publishing Company, Room 305; and Scott-Foresman Company, Room 401.

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The normal working hours for the employees of the Texas School Book Depository are from 8:00 A.M. to 4:45 P.M. with a 45-minute lunch period. The employees of the publishing companies have varying work schedules, but all of them are normally out of the building by 5:00 P.M.

Mr. Eddie Piper, age 55, 3402 Munger Avenue, Dallas, telephone TA 5-2190, is employed by the Texas School Book Depository as handyman and janitor. His normal working hours are from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., and he usually works until 7:00 or 8:00 P.M. Among his duties are to clean the offices and toilets of the Depository after all the employees have left for the day. He also checks to see that all the lights are out and doors locked before he leaves. During the evening hours, and usually after Piper leaves the building, two employees of the Acme Building and Maintenance Company, 1901 Laws Street, Dallas, come to the Depository Building, and they clean the offices of the publishing companies and the toilets on the second, third, and fourth floors. These people usually leave the building around midnight. They are furnished with keys to the building and are required to lock the entrance when they leave. The building then remains unoccupied for the rest of the night.

The Smith Detective Agency and Nightwatch Service, 610 N. Akard Street, Dallas, makes periodic checks of the building during the night-time hours, to determine whether all doors are locked and all lights out.

The portions of the first, second, third and fourth floors, not occupied by offices, are used for book storage, and the entire fifth, sixth and seventh floors are used for book storage. The actual filling of orders and packing of books for shipment takes place on the first floor of the building.

During the period of December 2 through 5, 1963, all persons employed in this building were interviewed and the results of these interviews are set forth as follows:

Mr. Jack C. Cason, President of the Texas School Book Depository, stated that to his knowledge he had never seen Oswald. Among Mr. Cason's duties is public relations and he is away from the building much of the time in that capacity. On November 22, 1963, Mr. Cason left the building at about 11:00 A.M. to meet some friends who were arriving in town to attend his daughter's wedding scheduled for November 23, 1963. Therefore, he was not in the building or in the area at the time of the assassination and had no knowledge of those events.

Mr. O. V. Campbell, Vice-President of the Depository, advised that although he does not have the title, he actually acts as office manager, takes care of the payroll, and does the hiring of office personnel. The office of this firm is located on the second floor of the building and the office personnel has very little, if any, contact with the warehouse employees. Mr. Campbell continued that to his knowledge he had never known Oswald, and does not recall ever having

seen him prior to the time Oswald's photograph was shown on television on the day of the shooting. At the time of the shooting, Mr. Campbell was standing on the steps at the front entrance to the Depository Building, and was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning the assassination.

Mr. Campbell continued that Oswald had made no provisions for disposition of wages due him for the week of November 18, 1963. The actual amount due, after deductions, was \$43.37, representing four and one-half day's pay from Monday, November 18, to noon on November 22, 1963. All of the warehouse employees including Oswald are normally paid in cash on a twice monthly basis. On October 31, 1963, and on November 15, 1963, Oswald was paid \$104.41 in cash, representing wages, less deductions, for those periods.

On December 3, 1963, Mr. Campbell wrote a company check, #6052, in the amount of \$43.37 payable to Mrs. Lee Harvey Oswald, and representing full payment due Oswald for his last week of employment. This check was turned over to Special Agent William N. Carter, Secret Service, for delivery to Mrs. Marina Oswald, widow. Mr. Campbell also furnished a copy of Oswald's W-4 form which was executed on October 16, 1963, the first day of his employment.

Mr. Roy S. Truly, Director of the Texas School Book Depository, and Superintendent of Operations, has been interviewed on several occasions between November 26 and December 4, 1963. Mr. Truly probably had more contact with Oswald than any of the other employees at the Depository.

Mr. Truly stated that Oswald's employment with this firm resulted from the following circumstances: On or about October 14, 1963, Mr. Truly received a telephone call from a woman living in Irving, Texas. He had never heard of her prior to that time and did not recall her name until newspaper stories subsequent to the shooting on November 22, 1963, mentioned a Mrs. Paine of Irving, Texas, and he then recalled that she was the woman from whom he had received the above-mentioned telephone call. Mrs. Paine stated that she had a young man staying at her home who was unemployed, in need of a job, and whose wife was expecting a child in the very near future. Mrs. Paine continued that she had a neighbor whose brother, Wesley Frazier, worked at the Depository, and Frazier had stated that he thought there might be a job open at the Depository.

Mr. Truly stated that he did need a temporary order filler at that time and he told Mrs. Paine to have her friend come down for an interview. On the following day, October 15, 1963, Lee H. Oswald came to Mr. Truly's office for an interview at which time he told Mr. Truly that he was honorably discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps, that he had never been arrested, or in any difficulty with the police, and that he was badly in need of a job. Mr. Truly decided to hire Oswald and told him to report for work the following day, which was October 16, 1963. During the first few hours of his employment, Oswald worked

with other employees learning the job of order filling and after that worked by himself. Mr. Truly added that Oswald was a very quiet person and accomplished his duties in a satisfactory manner. Oswald was paid at the rate of \$1.25 per hour, worked a regular day shift from 8:00 A.M. to 5:45 P.M. five days a week, and had never missed a day's work during the period of his employment which ended at noon on November 22, 1963. Oswald's duties required that he, on occasion, visit the warehouse areas of all floors in the building including the 6th floor. Mr. Truly stated that about 12:10 P.M. on November 22, 1963, he and Mr. O. V. Campbell, Vice-President of the Depository, walked out the front entrance to the building and stood at the bottom of the steps waiting for the Presidential motorcade to pass by. He continued that the President's automobile passed his location at about 12:30 P.M., and a moment later three shots rang out. Almost immediately, Mr. Truly saw a motorcycle patrolman pushing through the crowd and heading for the entrance of the Depository Building. Mr. Truly ran inside the building with the patrolman, who asked "Where is the stairway?" and Mr. Truly escorted him to the rear stairway. As they passed the shaft for the two freight elevators, Mr. Truly paused momentarily and, noting that neither of the elevators was available, he directed the way up the back stairway. As Mr. Truly started up the stairway from the second to the third floor, he noticed that the patrolman was not with him and, at the same time, he heard the patrolman say something. Mr. Truly returned to the second floor and saw the patrolman standing at the doorway leading to the lunch room, with his pistol drawn and pointed at Oswald, who was then just inside the lunch room near the doorway. The patrolman asked Mr. Truly if he worked in the building and Truly replied "Yes".

Then Mr. Truly and the patrolman continued up the back stairway to the fifth floor where they found an elevator and they rode the elevator to the seventh floor. They proceeded up a short stairway to the door leading out onto the roof of the building, where a quick examination was made of the roof-top area. They then returned to the seventh floor, got in the elevator, and proceeded down, stopping briefly at each floor to make a hurried search. When they arrived at the first floor, there were numerous people about, many of them police officers. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Truly noticed that most of the shipping and order room employees were congregated together in a group, and that Oswald was not among them. Mr. Truly immediately conveyed this information to one of the police officers.

It is Mr. Truly's recollection that, at the time, he and the patrolman met Oswald at the lunch room door, shortly after the shooting, Oswald was dressed in light colored clothing and probably a T-shirt.

The above information was incorporated into a statement executed by Mr. Truly.

Additional information about the company and obtained from Mr. Truly is set forth as follows: The Texas School Book Depository operates another warehouse located at 1917 N. Houston Street, Dallas, Texas, and at the present time, there are three men employed there, none of whom work at the building located at 411 Elm Street. These men are Mr. H. S. Aiken, foreman, Edward Shields, and Frank Easter.

Employment in the shipping and order filling section, supervised by Mr. Truly, varies seasonally. The normal number of employees is 13 or 14, but in January each year he hires about four extra personnel for six weeks to two months. Then, again in June, he hires about ten to fifteen extra persons for the summer months which is the busiest time for the company. In late August and September most of these extra employees are dropped. However, about three to five of the extra employees are kept on during October, and then during the months of November and December, employment drops to the normal of about thirteen or fourteen. Oswald was hired as a temporary employee and probably would have been dropped within the next week or two after November 22, 1963.

Mr. Truly also advised that the office of his firm usually employs about seventeen persons, and that they sometimes hire an extra one or two persons during the summer months.

Employees who work in the shipping and order filling section do not punch a time card. Mr. William H. Shelley, the senior employee in that section, makes a visual check of those present and reports to Mr. Truly if anyone does not show up for work. Attendance and employment records had been seized by the FBI and were not available for examination.

With regard to the boxes of books which were stacked in a disorderly fashion near the sixth floor window from which the shots were fired, Mr. Truly advised that several of his regular employees were engaged in laying a new plywood floor on the sixth floor, and had temporarily moved these boxes of books to clear an area in which they were working.

Mr. Truly was questioned about the identity of the first law enforcement officer to reach his building after the shooting and he stated that, to his knowledge, the first officer to enter the building was the motorcycle patrolman whose activities were previously described in this report. This officer has been identified as Patrolman M. L. Baker, Dallas Police Department, and a copy of his statement was obtained. He further stated that no one contacted him regarding security measures prior to the visit of the President to Dallas.

Mr. William H. Shelley, senior employee in the shipping and order filling department, was interviewed on December 2, 1963. He acts as foreman of that section although he does not have the title. Mr. Shelley is 37 years of age, and he lives at 126 S. Tatum Avenue, Dallas, telephone FE 7-1969. He has been employed by the Texas School Book Depository continuously since October 1945.

Mr. Shelley furnished the information that Oswald worked directly under his supervision, that he normally spoke to Oswald three or four times a day concerning the work, but that he had never had any social conversation or any association outside of working hours with Oswald. He continued that Oswald was always at work on time, never missed a day's work, and that he learned the operations of his job faster than any other new employee they had hired.

Shelley continued that Oswald never took part in conversations with the other employees and appeared to want to be left alone. On the day of the shooting Mr. Shelley last saw Oswald at about 11:50 A.M., at which time Oswald was working at his normal duties on the first floor. It is Mr. Shelley's recollection that Oswald was wearing khaki trousers and a T-shirt.

The other employees of the shipping and order filling department were interviewed and the information obtained from them is set forth as follows:

Eddie Piper, 3402 Manger Avenue (telephone TA 1-2190), Dallas, employed as a janitor, and normally works from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 or 8:00 P.M. Piper stated that he had never become closely acquainted with Oswald, although he had occasion to see him many times each day in connection with their work. At about 12:00 noon on November 22, 1963, Piper last saw Oswald on the first floor and at that time Oswald said, "I'm going up to each lunch". Piper stated that he ate lunch on the first floor and was still on that floor at the time of the shots, that he looked up at the clock, and it was 12:25 P.M. Piper did not see Oswald again.

Charles D. Givens, 37 Cochrane Street, Dallas, telephone RI 2-4670, has been employed at this firm for about two months as a general laborer. He had never had any contact with Oswald other than to say "hello". On November 22, 1963, Givens, along with other employees working on the sixth floor, was laying the new plywood floor. Givens stated that he saw Oswald on the sixth floor at about 11:45 A.M. on that date, and that Oswald was carrying a clipboard that appeared to have some orders on it. Givens felt that Oswald was looking for some books to fill an order, which is his job, and did not give the matter further thought. Shortly, thereafter, Givens and the other employees working on the floor-laying project quit for lunch and they took both elevators. They were racing the elevators to the first floor and Givens heard Oswald call to them to send one of the elevators back up. It is Givens' recollection that Oswald was wearing a brown shirt, when he last saw him. After Givens ate lunch, he left the building and was several blocks away at the time the shooting took place. He had gone to visit a friend who is employed at a nearby parking lot.

Billy Nolan Lovelady, 7722 Eume Drive, Dallas, stated that he has been employed with this firm for about two years as a stock man. He stated that he never got to know Oswald, that he was not friendly, was a wise guy, and a loner, and that he, Lovelady, decided to let him alone and not try to get friendly with him. The other employees usually play dominoes during their lunch period after they have eaten, but Oswald never showed any interest in taking part in the games. On November 22, 1963, Lovelady last saw Oswald at about 10:00 A.M., although Lovelady was in one of the elevators coming down from the sixth floor at about noon and he heard Oswald ask them to send one of the elevators back up. Lovelady was one of the employees working on the floor-laying project on the sixth floor.

Daniel Garcia Arce, 1502 Bennett Street, Dallas, telephone TA 1-3289, has been employed for about three months as a general laborer. He had never become well-acquainted with Oswald, although he knew him by name. On November 22, 1963,

Arce was working on the sixth floor with the others, laying the plywood floor, and he rode down the elevator with the others at the time that Oswald called to them to send one elevator back up. Arce was standing on the corner in front of the building at the time of the assassination.

With regard to the report that a man wearing a western style hat was seen leaving the building shortly before the shooting, Arce advised that an elderly man dressed in a brown suit and wearing a western style, wide-brimmed hat, had come into the building and asked directions to the men's room. Arce pointed out the men's room at the rear of the first floor and the man proceeded to that location. Several minutes later, Arce saw this same man leave the building, get into an old model, black Buick and drive away. This incident took place prior to the arrival of the Presidential motorcade.

Jack E. Dougherty, 1827 S. Marsalis Street, Dallas, telephone WH 6 7170, has been employed in the shipping department of this firm for 11 years. On November 22, 1963, Dougherty was working with the crew laying the new floor on the sixth floor, and descended in the elevator with them to the first floor a few minutes before noon. When Dougherty was interviewed, he seemed to be very confused about times and places. Mr. Truly furnished the information that, although Dougherty is a very good employee and a hard worker, he is mentally retarded and has difficulty in remembering facts, such as dates, times, places, and has been especially confused since the assassination. Dougherty was therefore not questioned further.

Frankie Kaiser, 5230 W. Ledbetter Street, Redbird Mobile Trailer Park, Duncanville, Texas, is employed as truck driver and has worked at the company for about a year and a half. Kaiser had very little contact with Oswald and knew nothing about his personal life. Kaiser stated that Oswald didn't talk with any of the employees and always stayed by himself. Kaiser was ill and did not report for work on either Thursday or Friday, November 21 and 22, 1963, and therefore had no information of the events of November 22.

Carl E. Jones, 3709 Spring Avenue, Apt. #204, Dallas, telephone RA 1-1848, has been employed as a shipping clerk for about two and one-half months. He stated that he did not know Oswald well, that he was not friendly, and that the only time he spoke to anyone was to inquire about the location of a certain book. Jones continued that he did not see Oswald at all on Friday, November 22, 1963. Jones watched the Presidential motorcade from a point directly in front of the Depository building.

Roy E. Lewis, 2903 South Boulevard, Apt. 210, Dallas, stated that he has been employed at the depository for about four months and has the job of order filler. He described Oswald as a quiet person who kept entirely to himself, apparently not wanting to make friends with anyone. Lewis last saw Oswald at about 10:30 A.M. on November 22, 1963, and at that time Oswald was working at his regular job of filling orders. Lewis was standing out in front of the building at the time the shots were fired.

Buell Wesley Frazier, 2439 W. 5th Street, Irving, Texas, has been employed at the depository as an order filler since September 13, 1963. Frazier lives with his sister, Mrs. Linnie Mae Randle, at the Irving address and it was Mrs. Randle who told Mrs. Paine that there might be a job available at the Texas School Book Depository.

Frazier stated that he became acquainted with Oswald the first day that Oswald started work at the depository and they discussed the fact that they both lived in Irving. Frazier says that he asked Oswald if he would like to ride back and forth to work with him since he, Frazier, was driving to work every day. Oswald replied that he was living in a room in Dallas, and would remain in Dallas during the week, but that he would like to ride with Frazier to Irving after work on Friday evening and return to work with him on Monday morning, each weekend, and Frazier agreed. During the period that Oswald rode back and forth with Frazier to Irving on weekends, Frazier claims that there was very little conversation between them and that Oswald did not appear to be very friendly. The conversation consisted of small talk about the weather and Frazier's automobile.

On one weekend, which Frazier believes to be the weekend of November 16 - 17, 1963, Oswald told him that he would not be going to Irving since he was going to take an examination for a driver's license.

On November 21, 1963, Thursday, Oswald told Frazier that he would like to ride to Irving with him that evening, since he wanted to pick up some curtain rods that he needed for his room. Oswald did ride home with Frazier on that evening after work and Frazier let him out of the car in front of the home of Mrs. Ruth Paine in Irving. The following morning, November 22, 1963, while Frazier was eating breakfast at his sister's home, he saw Oswald waiting for him outside the house. When he got outside and entered his automobile, he noticed a package lying on the back seat. Frazier noted that this package was about two feet long and the ends were folded over so that the contents could not be seen. Frazier asked Oswald about the package and Oswald stated that the package contained the curtain rods he had mentioned on the previous day. When Frazier arrived at the parking lot to the north of the depository building, where he leaves his car while at work, he remained in the car for a few minutes running the engine to charge the battery. Oswald got out of the car, opened the back door and removed the package from the back. Oswald then proceeded toward the depository building, walking ahead of Frazier. Oswald was carrying the package in a perpendicular position under one arm in such a way that not much of the package was visible. He entered the building ahead of Frazier and when Frazier got to the building entrance, Oswald was not in sight. It is Frazier's recollection that Oswald did not bring his lunch with him on that day as he usually did, and he also told Frazier that he would not be riding to Irving with him after work on Friday evening.

Frazier continued that he never drove Oswald anywhere, other than back and forth to work from the building to Irving, and he specifically stated that he had never driven Oswald to any rifle range.



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The only thing Frazier can recall about Oswald's clothing on November 22, 1963, was that Oswald was wearing a gray jacket.

A signed, sworn statement was taken from Frazier covering his recollection of pertinent events.

Harold Norman, 4858 Beulah Street, Dallas, Texas, stated that he has been employed as an order filler at the depository for about three years. He continued that he had become casually acquainted with Oswald since they were both doing the same type of work, but that he had never had any conversation with Oswald other than brief discussions about their work. Norman said that the last time he saw Oswald on November 22, 1963, was at about 10:00 A.M. on the first floor when they were both engaged in their normal duties, and that they did not speak to each other at that time.

Norman continued that at about 12:15 P.M. on November 22, 1963, after he had eaten his lunch, he and Bonnie Ray Williams and James Jarman, both employees at the depository, went to the fifth floor of the building to watch the Presidential parade pass by. They took a position in the last two windows at the east end of the building, overlooking Elm Street.

Just after the President passed their position, Norman heard a shot fired and several seconds later, he heard two more shots spaced closely together. Norman claims that he knew immediately that the shots had come from directly above his position, since he heard the bolt action of the rifle and he also heard the expended shells fall to the floor. Norman also claims that some dust fell from the ceiling of the fifth floor which convinced him that there was some type of activity taking place directly above him.

Norman stated that he continued looking out the window and saw many of the people down on the street run toward the west end of the building, and then he and Williams and Jarman went to the west side of the building and looked out the windows on that side. They had some brief discussion about what they should do and then decided they better return to the first floor and they proceeded to the stairway and walked all the way down to the first floor. Norman estimated that the elapsed time from when he heard the shots until they started down the stairs was about five minutes. He did not see anyone else on the stairway while on the way down.

A signed, sworn statement was taken from Norman.

Bonnie Ray Williams, 1502 Avenue B, Apartment B, Dallas, has been employed as a wrapper in the shipping room since September 8, 1963. Williams was not well acquainted with Oswald but knew that he was an employee in the building. On the morning of November 22, 1963, Williams was working with the crew that was laying the new plywood floor on the sixth floor of the building, and continued that as he and the others were coming down from the sixth floor for lunch shortly before noon, Oswald called to them from either the fifth or sixth floor and asked them to send up an elevator. Williams stated that the elevator was not sent up.

After Williams picked up his lunch on the first floor he returned to the sixth floor and sat near the windows in the center of the building overlooking Elm Street and ate his lunch. Included in his lunch was a chicken sandwich and Williams claims that there were some chicken bones in the sandwich and he left them on the floor at the time he ate. He also left an empty Dr. Pepper bottle at the same location. He drank the Dr. Pepper with his lunch.

Williams said that he spent just a few minutes eating his lunch and that during that time he did not see anyone else or hear anything on the sixth floor. As soon as he finished his lunch, Williams went to the fifth floor of the building and he estimated the time to be prior to 12:15 P.M. There he met Norman and Jarman and they remained at that location to watch the Presidential parade pass by. It is Williams' recollection that he was standing in the second set of double windows facing Elm Street from the east side of the building and he can recall having heard only two shots. He felt that the shots came from the sixth floor but he did not hear the shells fall to the floor nor did he hear the bolt action of the rifle. He went with Norman and Jarman to the windows on the west side of the building and looked out there. During this time these three discussed what they should do, being convinced that the shots came from the sixth floor of the building, and they then decided to return to the first floor. While they were still on the fifth floor, Williams saw a policeman near the stairway at the back of the building, but he did not know whether the policeman was going up or down the stairway. The policeman did not speak to Williams and apparently did not see him.

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pass by. Jarman was standing near Williams in a front window overlooking Elm Street when the parade went by and a moment later he heard three shots. He went with Williams and Norman to the west side of the building where they looked out those windows for a few minutes and then went down the back stairway to the first floor. He did not see any police officer on the stairway, but says that he did see a woman looking out a window on the west side of the fourth floor as they went down. Jarman did not see Oswald or anyone else on the stairway.

Jarman further stated that he did not hear the shells fall to the floor, nor did he hear the bolt action of the rifle. He recalled that he and Williams and Norman had had some discussion about what they should do, since they were convinced that the shots had come from the sixth floor, but they decided it would be too dangerous for them to go to the sixth floor and then proceeded to the first floor where all the employees were gathering. Jarman estimated that they remained on the fifth floor for about five minutes after the shots, before they started down the stairway.

Troy Eugens West, 5314 Colonial, Dallas, telephone HA 8-2926, has been employed by the depository for 16 years, and he works in the shipping department. His job requires that he spend most of his time at the first floor wrapping table and he saw Oswald almost every day and spoke to him, but he did not know his name until after the day of the assassination. West had never had any conversations with Oswald, other than a brief greeting.

West stated that he does not recall having seen Oswald at all on the day of the shooting. He continued that at the time of the President's assassination, he was just starting to eat his lunch on the first floor of the building near the area where he normally works. He heard the shots fired and stated that before he could leave the building, many people came in, including many police officers. He was not able to furnish any additional information.

All of the employees in the office of the Texas School Book Depository were personally interviewed on December 2, 1963, and none of them, with the exception of Mrs. R. A. Reid, was able to offer any information. Several of these employees stated that they had seen Oswald in the lunch room on the second floor from time to time, but that he never talked with anyone and no one knew his name prior to November 22, 1963.

Mrs. R. A. Reid, 1914 Elmwood, Dallas, stated that she has been employed at the depository for about seven years as an office employee. At the time the Presidential motorcade passed the building, Mrs. Reid was standing on the street in front of the building and she heard three shots fired. She thought then that the shots had come from within the building. She returned to the company office on the second floor almost immediately and, as she arrived in the office, she saw a man whom she recognized as an employee of the shipping department, enter the rear door of her office. That is the door that is next to the lunch room. Although she did not know his name at that time, she subsequently saw pictures in newspapers and on television and now knows that this man was Lee Oswald.

Mrs. Reid says that she exclaimed "Someone has shot the President. I hope they didn't hit him" or words to that effect. Oswald mumbled something which Mrs. Reid did not understand and walked on out the front door of the office next to the passenger elevator. There is also a stairway to the first floor at that location, but Mrs. Reid does not know where Oswald went after he left her office.

She continued that, to the best of her memory, Oswald was wearing a white T-shirt at that time and was carrying a coke bottle in his hand.

A signed, sworn statement was taken from Mrs. Reid.

Following are listed the other office employees of the Texas School Book Depository, all of whom have been interviewed and none of whom could furnish any information:

Mr. Joe R. Molina, 4306 Brown Street, Dallas, Texas  
Mr. Otis N. Williams, 3429 Southwestern, Dallas, Texas  
Mrs. R. E. Arnold, 3325 S. Tyler Street, Dallas, Texas  
Mrs. R. E. Sanders, 4226 Delmar, Dallas, Texas  
Mrs. Barney R. Drago, 2507 West Brooklyn, Dallas, Texas  
Mrs. Bonnie Richey, 220 S. Marsalis, Apt. #117, Dallas, Texas  
Mrs. Sarah Stanton, 227 S. Eving, Apt. #4, Dallas, Texas  
Mrs. Geneva L. Hine, 2305 Oakdale Road, Dallas, Texas  
Miss Judy Johnson, 915 Sunnyside, Dallas, Texas  
Miss Martha Reed, 338 W. 10th Street, Dallas, Texas  
Miss Stella Jacob, 730 W. 9th Street, Apt. #203, Dallas, Texas  
Miss Sharon Simmons, 3168 O'Bannon, Dallas, Texas  
Miss Jeannie Eolt, 2521 Pleasant Drive, Dallas, Texas  
Miss Virgie Rackley, 405 Wood Street, Ferris, Texas

All of the persons employed by the seven publishing companies with offices in the building of the Texas School Book Depository have been personally interviewed with the exception of two employees of the McGraw-Hill Book Company, Room 305, who were out of town on the day of the assassination. These persons are listed below, indicating by which firm they are employed. None of these persons was able to offer any information other than that several of them stated that they had seen Oswald in the company lunch room on occasion, but that he never spoke to anyone and they did not know his name until after the assassination, at which time his photograph appeared in the newspapers and on television.

ALLEN & BACON COMPANY - Room 301

Steven F. Wilson, Manager  
903 Carney Drive  
Carland, Texas ER 8-2753

Miss Ruth Hendrix  
2011 North Prairie  
Dallas, Texas TA 3-2615

Mrs. Mary Lea Williams  
3718 Inwood Road  
Dallas, Texas LA 7-1775

Mrs. Billie P. Clay  
6934 Casa Loma  
Dallas, Texas DA 1-2761

Mrs. Rudell Parsons  
3437 Amherst  
Dallas, Texas EM 8-4953

Mrs. Sue Dickerson  
7310 Brierfield Drive  
Dallas, Texas CA 4-4792

AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY - Room 303

Miss Joyce M. Stansbery  
4344 Potomac  
Dallas, Texas

LYONS & CARNAHAN - Room 201

Mrs. Vida Lee Whitley  
3426 Longview Avenue  
Dallas 27, Texas

GRACE PUBLISHING COMPANY  
HEARN-LEW BOOK COMPANY - Room 305

Mr. Lloyd R. Viles  
3210 St. Croix Drive  
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Helen Palmer  
2802 Larry Drive  
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Virginia Barman  
4228 Barton Lane Drive  
Dallas, Texas

Mary Brown -- was on a trip to St. Louis the week of the assassination.

Mrs. Delores Kones  
825 Arpege Circle  
Dallas, Texas

Mr. John Langston -- was in Wichita, Kansas, on the day of the assassination.

Mrs. Roberta Parker  
5916 Ellsworth  
Dallas, Texas

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY - Room 302

Mr. Spaulden Earnest Jones  
7723 Deer Trail Drive  
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. J. E. Dean  
7727 S. Bearden Lane  
Dallas, Texas

Miss Patricia Ann Lawrence  
302 N. Windemere  
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Lupe Whitaker  
1035 Glen Park Drive  
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Madie B. Reese  
704 N. Madison  
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Sandra Elerson  
404 E. 9th Street, Apt. 208  
Dallas, Texas

Miss Doris Burns  
2617 Shelby  
Dallas 19, Texas

Mr. Herb Junker  
1709 Lindy Lane  
Irving, Texas

Mrs. Edna Case  
1903 S. Vernon  
Dallas 24, Texas

SCOTT FORESMAN AND COMPANY - Room 401

Mr. Joe Bergin -- was in Chicago on November 22, 1963  
6015 Gaston Avenue  
Dallas, Texas : TA 3-5955

Miss Vicki Adams  
3651 Fontana  
Dallas, Texas

Miss Betty Foster  
5337 Lewis  
Dallas, Texas

Miss Sandra Styles  
2102 Garwyler, Apt. 119  
Irving, Texas

Miss Betty Thornton  
3807 Rolinda Drive  
Dallas, Texas FB 7-5775

Ruth Nelson  
6118 Coliad Avenue  
Dallas, Texas

Judy McCully  
4144 Emerson  
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Jane Perry  
3126 Lemon Ave., Apt. 2  
Dallas, Texas RI 7-4340

Mrs. Dorothy Garner  
911 Royal  
Forney, Texas

Mrs. Charles T. Davis  
902 Westmount  
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Elsie Dumas  
1233 E. Louisiana  
Dallas, Texas



Mrs. Yola Eepson  
417 S. Waverly Drive  
Dallas, Texas

Miss Mary Hollies  
242 W. Davis  
Dallas, Texas

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY - Room 203

Mr. Warren Caster, Manager  
3338 Morrell Road  
Dallas 27, Texas

Miss Gloria Calvery  
1023 Hurwitz, Apt. 120  
Irving, Texas

Carol Hughes  
510 Greenfield  
Garland, Texas

Karen Westbrook  
6606 Atna  
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Karen Hicks  
926 H. Marsalis, Apt. H  
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Carol Reed  
717 H. Lancaster, Apt. 214  
Dallas, Texas

Mrs. Bettie Lovelady  
2737 Fairbrook  
Irving, Texas

Mrs. Vicki Davis  
103 Fairhill  
Grand Prairie, Texas

ASSIGNMENTS

Signed, sworn statements made by the following-named persons:

Mr. Roy S. Early  
Mr. Duell Mackay Praxier

Mr. Harold Norman  
Mrs. R. A. Reid

Copies of signed, sworn statements made by the following-named persons:

Mr. William H. Shelley  
Mr. Eddie Piper  
Mr. Charles Douglas Givens  
Mr. Billy Holan Lovelady  
Mr. Danny Garcia Arce  
Mr. Jack E. Dougherty  
Mr. Bonnie Ray Williams  
Mr. James Earle Jarman  
Patrolman M. L. Baker

AWB:mla

State of Texas )  
County of Dallas ) ss:  
City of Dallas )

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 at 6909 Vasser in Dallas. Mr. Byrd is now a retired Army Colonel. 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

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 paused 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

State of Texas )  
County of Dallas ) ss:  
City of Dallas )

I, Mr. Buell Wesley Frazier, 2439 West Fifth, Irving, Texas, do depose and state:

I work at Texas School Book Depository, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, and have been employed there since September 13, of this year. I first met Lee Harvey Oswald on his first day at work at the Depository. He told me that he lived in Irving. I told him he could ride home with me since he had stated that he did not have a car. Lee stated that he would ride with me on Friday evenings and Monday mornings since he had an apartment in Oak Cliff. He had very little to say in our first conversation.

I live in Irving, Texas with my sister, Lenny Randall, and she told me that a man by the name of Lee Oswald had come over where I worked for an interview, and he had been hired to begin work on the following Monday. His wife and one child lived in Irving. Mrs. Oswald was expecting another child at the time. Lee Oswald's wife and child lived in the same <sup>house</sup> ~~apartment~~ <sub>W.I.</sub> neighborhood with Ruth Payne. Each weekend on Friday evening, Lee would ride home with me and come back on Monday morning with the exception of one weekend which Lee Oswald stated he was staying in Oak Cliff to take a driver's test. He had previously told me that he was learning to drive.

On Thursday morning, November 21, 1963, Lee asked me if he could ride home with me that night. Lee had never gone home in the middle of the week before so I asked him why and he stated that he was going home to get some curtain rods for his apartment. I asked if he was going home Friday and he said no. On Thursday afternoon, I took him to Irving and let him out in front of Ruth Payne's house.

On Friday morning, the first time I saw him, I was sitting at the breakfast table about 7:00 with Mother and my two nieces. My sister was fixing my lunch. Mother looked up and asked who was at the window. I said that is Lee. At approximately 7:20 I started out to the carport and met Lee there. He was not in the car as yet. He had put a package in the back seat of the car. I got into the car and sort of glanced over my shoulder and saw a package in the seat. The package was approximately two feet in length. It was a brown paper sack and was folded so that the contents could not be seen. I asked Lee about the package, and he said it was curtain rods. He had told me the previous day that he was going to bring some curtain rods. Lee said very little on the way to work and did not speak until a subject was brought up.

When we arrived at work, I parked the car in the parking lot. Lee got out and took the package, and I stayed in the car charging my battery. Lee waited for me by the fence. As I got out of the car, Lee started walking to the warehouse; therefore, he was always a few feet ahead of me.

The package was under his arm lengthwise and the paper was all that could be seen. Lee came in the first door in the back of the depository building. I did not see him when I entered the building after him. Every time Lee rode to work with me he always brought his lunch, but on the day of the assassination he did not bring his lunch.

The only time I went to the sixth floor on Friday was to put up some stock and I didn't see Lee Oswald on that floor. I was standing on the front steps when the parade passed in front of the building. When the shooting occurred, I did not realize the shots were really shots until the second one. At first I thought it was backfire. I did not realize the shots had come from this building but thought they had come from somewhere around the triple underpass or railroad tracks. I returned to the building after the shooting and did not see Lee Oswald.

All I recall about Oswald's clothing on the morning of the assassination was a gray wool jacket. I don't remember what kind of shirt or pants he was wearing.

I have never driven Oswald anywhere other than between the Texas School Book Depository and Irving, Texas, where I live and where Oswald's wife and children were living. I have never driven him to any rifle range.

I have read the above statement consisting of two pages and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

*Buell Wesley Frazier*  
Buell Wesley Frazier

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

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

Witness: *Robert W. Blake*

AFFIDAVIT

State of Texas  
County of Dallas  
City of Dallas

I, Harold Norman, wish to make the following statement to Special Agents William Carter and Arthur W. Blake, United States Secret Service

I am 25 years of age, and I live at 4958 Beulah Street, Dallas, Texas. I do not have a telephone at my residence. I have been employed as an order filler at the Texas School Book Depository, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas for about three years.

I was acquainted with Lee Oswald during the time that he was employed at this company, but I never did get to know him well. I have spoken to him briefly to say "Hello" or in connection with my work, but I never carried on any conversations with him. He did not mix with the employees and did not appear to want to make friends with me or any of the others. I never saw him at any time other than in the building at work.

On the 22nd of November, 1963, to the best of my memory, the last time I saw him was about 10:00 A. M. when we were both working on the first floor of the building. I did not speak to him at that time.

About 12:15 P. M. on this same date, after I had eaten my lunch, I went to the fifth floor of the building to watch the parade of the President pass the building. Bonnie Ray Williams and James Jarman, who also work at this building went with me. We took a position in the south-east corner of the building on the fifth floor and I was looking out the window which is closest to the east end of the building overlooking Elm Street.

Just after the President passed by, I heard a shot and several seconds later I heard two more shots. I knew that the shots had come from directly above me, and I could hear the expended cartridges fall to the floor. I could also hear the bolt action of the rifle. I also saw some dust fall from the ceiling of the fifth floor and I felt sure that whoever had fired the shots was directly above me. I saw all of the people down on the street run toward the west side of the building, so I went to that side with Williams and Jarman, and looked out the west side window. We discussed the shots, and where they had come from and decided we better go down stairs. We walked down the stairs to the first floor and did not see anyone else on the stairway as we went down. From the time of the shots until we started down-stairs was about five minutes.

I have read over the above statement and it is the truth to the best of my knowledge.

Harold Norman  
Harold Norman

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 4th day of December, 1963.

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

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



State of Texas )  
County of Dallas ) ss:  
City of Dallas )

I, Mrs. R.A. Reid, 1914 Elmwood, Dallas, Texas, after being duly sworn, do depose and state:

I work for the Texas School Book Depository, 411 Elm St., Dallas, Texas, and have been employed by them for seven years. On November 22, 1963, I was working at the Depository as usual, and after lunch I went outside to view the presidential motorcade as it passed our building. As the motorcade drove by I heard what sounded like three shots. I thought at the time that the shots had come from the School Book Depository Building.

After the shooting I returned to our offices on the second floor of the building. Immediately after entering the office I saw one of the men from our shipping department come in the back office door. This door is nearest the lunch room. I did not know the man's name at the time but I have since seen his picture on television and I now recognize him as Lee Oswald. I spoke to Oswald and said, "someone has shot the President", I hope they didn't hit him". Oswald mumbled something and walked on out of the office. I couldn't understand what he said. At the time Oswald came through the office he had a coke in his hand. All I recall about Oswald's appearance is that he had a white T-shirt on.

Prior to the assassination day I had on occasion seen Lee Oswald in our building but at the time I did not know his name or who he was.

This is a statement to the best of my knowledge as to the events relating to the assassination and Lee Oswald.

*Mrs. R. A. Reid*

Mrs. R.A. Reid

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
4 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

Other material that is included in SS 491 follows.  
All this material is available elsewhere.

A list of it follows:

Sheriff's Affidavits:

ML Baker  
Bonnie Ray Williams  
Eddie Piper  
William Shellie  
Lovelady  
Arce  
Dougherty  
Jarman