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On January 4, 1964, SAs JOHN T. KESLER and VERNON MITCHEM personally observed the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) building from the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth floors of the steel structure of the new courthouse building, presently under construction on the corner of Houston and Commerce Streets, Dallas, Texas.

From the sixth floor of the steel structure, it was impossible to observe the southeast corner window of the TSBD building, where the assassin fired at President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

From the ninth floor of the steel structure, the seventh floor and roof of the TSBD building could be observed; however the window from which the assassin fired at President KENNEDY and Governor JOHN CONNALLY could not be observed. The lower portion of the TSBD, including the entrance thereto, could not be seen from the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth floors of the steel structure. However, the area near the triple underpass, between Elm and Main Streets, could be observed, but distinguishing features of the individuals in the vicinity of this triple underpass could not be observed.

From the personal observation of SAs KESLER and MITCHEM, from the sixth floor of the steel structure of the new courthouse building, it would have been impossible to observe the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, on November 22, 1963.

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