

BETTY JEAN THORNTON, 3807 Bellwood, Telephone FE 7-8775, an employee of Scott-Foresman Educational Publishers, which is located on the fourth floor of the Texas School Book Depository building, 411 Elm Street, advised she arrived at work on November 22, 1963, at 8:30 a.m. She said that although she now understands LEE HARVEY OSWALD had worked for the Texas School Book Depository recently she had never seen him before as far as she knows. She said she did not see him on the morning of November 22, 1963, nor did she see him in the building after the shooting. She advised she was standing on the street when the President's car passed by and she heard what she thought was a number of firecrackers. Immediately afterward someone said the President was hit and she overheard on the police radio in a three-wheel motorcycle nearby that the President had been shot. She said people began running toward the embankment as if the shots had come from that direction. She said she turned toward the Texas School Book Depository and entered same however did not observe anyone in the lobby or running down the stairwell. She entered the elevator and rode to the fourth floor where JANE BERRY, another employee of the company, was telling other employees what had happened. She said she believed workmen from the Texas School Book Depository and employees had been working on the fifth floor for ten days prior to the shooting but she did not know whether these employees were up there on the day of the shooting.

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