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BONNIE RAY WILLIAMS, residence 1502 Avenue B, Apartment B, employed at the Texas School Book Depository, furnished the following information:

During the past three weeks he has been putting in new flooring in the Texas School Book Depository Building at the corner of Houston and Elm Streets. During that time, he became acquainted with a young man known to him as LEE.

WILLIAMS stated on November 22, 1963, he worked installing flooring on the sixth floor of the building until about 11:30 a.m. At that time, he went down on an elevator from the sixth floor to the first floor. At the same time, CHARLES GIVENS was on the other elevator, descending at the same time. As they were going down, he saw LEE on the fifth floor. He had previously seen LEE at least once that morning at about 8 a.m. on the first floor, filling orders.

At approximately 12 noon, WILLIAMS went back upstairs in the elevator to the sixth floor with his lunch. He stayed on that floor only about three minutes, and seeing no one there, descended to the fifth floor, using the stairs at the west end of the building. There he joined two other men known to him as HANK and JUNIOR. They were looking out windows on the south side of the building approximately at the middle of the building and saw the car of President JOHN KENNEDY come north on Houston Street and then make a turn going west on Elm Street down into the triple underpass and passing directly in front of the Texas School Book Depository. While they were watching this car pass, WILLIAMS heard two shots which sounded like they came from right over his head. He stated he was not hanging out the window, but did glance up and saw no one. He stated he and the other two then ran to the west end of the building where they looked out and they did not realize that the President had been shot and WILLIAMS did not see him shot. While they were standing at the west end of the building on the fifth floor, a police officer came up on the elevator and looked all around the fifth floor and left the floor. WILLIAMS stated he and HANK and JUNIOR were standing where they would have seen anyone coming down from the sixth floor via the stairs and that they did not see anyone coming down. He

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stated someone might have been coming down on the elevator and they would not have noticed that. He stated that after the police officer left the fifth floor, WILLIAMS went down to the fourth floor where there were a lot of women around the west end of the floor. BILL SHEPLEY asked about LEE, but no one had seen him.

WILLIAMS stated that while working on the sixth floor until 11:30 a.m. on November 22, 1963, he did not see LEE or anyone else in the southeast corner of the building. He stated there were a number of shelves stacked with books in this area and he would have been unable to see this corner from where he was working. He pointed out, however, that he did go to the windows on the south side of the sixth floor, middle of the building, about three minutes after 12, and did not see anyone standing at any of the windows at that time.

WILLIAMS stated that LEE was always reading the newspapers, but that he did not read the sport pages like many men do, but read "politics." He stated LEE would read something in the paper and then laugh about it. On one occasion he looked at the paper LEE was reading when he laughed and noticed LEE was reading something from the front page of the newspaper.

WILLIAMS advised that LEE did not seem to have any close friends or associate with anyone else on the job. He recalled that LEE at one time rode to work with a boy named WESLEY who works in the Depository. He last saw WESLEY between 10 and 11 a.m. on November 22, 1963, on the sixth floor of the Depository, talking to Mr. SHEPLEY.

WILLIAMS stated he had seen numerous pictures of LEE HARVEY OSWALD on television and that OSWALD was identical with LEE referred to above.