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BILLY NOLAN LOVELADY, Apartment C, 7722 Hume Street, Dallas, Texas, advised that he has been employed by the Texas School Book Depository, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, since December 16, 1961, as a stockman.

SHELLY On November 22, 1963, LOVELADY and his foreman, BILL SHELLY, were standing on the front doorstep at 411 Elm Street at about 12:30 P.M. watching the Presidential Motorcade pass. At about this time he heard three shots. At first he thought it was a firecracker or the backfire of a motorcycle. He could not tell from which direction the shots came. He said immediately after hearing the shots he and SHELLY started running towards the Presidential car, but it sped away west on Elm Street under the triple underpass. He and SHELLY then returned to the Texas School Book Depository Building. During this time he saw no one run out of the building or saw no suspicious individuals.

No R.R. tracks LOVELADY advised that one LEE OSWALD was employed about a month or two ago at the Texas School Box Depository as an order filler. As such he had access to the entire building where books and school supplies are stored, specifically the basement, the first, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh floors.

LOVELADY described OSWALD as a "loner," who never seemed to be very friendly or associate with any of the other employees. At lunch periods OSWALD would go to the second floor on occasion by himself where he would eat his lunch and read a newspaper. If he did eat lunch in the lunchroom with the other employees he would stay by himself and "always had his face in the newspaper." On November 22, 1963, LOVELADY saw OSWALD at about 10 A.M. on the sixth floor, at which time he was filling an order. The last contact he had with OSWALD was at about 11:50 A.M. when LOVELADY, CHARLES GIVENS, a Negro employee, DANNY ARCE (phonetic), and another Negro male started down from the sixth floor on the two elevators to take their lunch break. As they passed the fifth floor, LOVELADY heard OSWALD call for them to stop, but one of the four told him "we're going to wash our hands" and did not stop for him.

After the shooting, and his return to the building, LOVELADY did not see OSWALD again at any time.

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LOVELADY stated he did not believe OSWALD had an automobile and had heard that he rode back and forth to work from Irving, Texas, with an employee named WESLEY, last name unknown, who is also an order filler. LOVELADY was of the opinion that from his conversation with WESLEY, last name unknown, that WESLEY had been the person who told OSWALD to seek employment at the Texas School Book Depository.

LOVELADY stated it takes thirty seconds for the elevators to go from the seventh floor to the first floor, as he has timed this. He stated there are three ways a person could leave the sixth floor -- by the elevator, by the stairs or by the fire escape. LOVELADY said he did not observe any strangers during the morning period prior to the lunch break, 12 noon.

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