

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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JAMES JARMAN, 3942 Atlanta, advised he formerly resided at 3166 1/2 Thomas and that he is currently employed with the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD), 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas. He stated that he knew LEE OSWALD only casually through their mutual employment with TSBD. He stated that from what he could observe OSWALD was not particularly well acquainted with anyone employed at TSBD. He said that no one could seem to get acquainted with OSWALD and that he, himself, had never talked to OSWALD sufficiently to draw any conclusion as to OSWALD's thoughts, aspirations, or attitudes. He noted that OSWALD worked as an order filler on the first floor of the building occupied by TSBD, but that he had access to every floor of the building in the course of carrying out his duties as an order filler. He said he had observed OSWALD reading on a number of occasions, but he did not know the nature of the literature being read by OSWALD. He believed it consisted of newspapers, paperbacks, and possibly other forms of literature.

JARMAN stated that on November 22, 1963, he observed OSWALD on the first floor of the TSBD building, around 8:15 a.m. He stated OSWALD had filled an order for books that was not correct and that he, himself, told OSWALD to obtain the right book inasmuch as he, himself, is an order checker. He said he next saw OSWALD about 9 a.m. or possibly a little later. JARMAN said OSWALD looked out the window and observed that people were gathering outside the building and asked him why they were there. JARMAN told him the President of the United States was supposed to come that way sometime that morning. He stated OSWALD asked him which way the procession would be going and JARMAN told him he thought probably it would be going down Main Street, turning on Houston, and then on Elm Street. He said he next saw OSWALD between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon, when OSWALD was taking the elevator to an upper floor, at which time they had no conversation. OSWALD had an order-filler pad.

JARMAN said that as the President passed by he, himself, was watching the procession from a fifth floor window of the TSBD building; that he was in the third window from the east side of the building which was located in the front of the building, overlooking the procession. He stated that two other employees,

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HAROLD NORMAN and BONNIE RAY (LNU) were in the first window from the east side of the building two windows away from him, from which vantage point they were viewing the procession. He said that he heard a shot and then saw President KENNEDY move his right hand up to his head. After an elapse of three or four seconds, he heard a second shot and then the vehicle bearing President KENNEDY speeded up and he was unable to observe any more about the presidential vehicle. He said a third shot was heard by him closely following the second shot possibly within second or two afterward. He said these shots sounded to him to be too loud to have been anywhere outside the TSED building.

JARMAN said that he and HAROLD NORMAN and BONNIE RAY (LNU) went to the west side of the building on the fifth floor where they discussed the shots. He said they decided the shots had come from inside the building because they were too loud to have come from outside the building. He said that HAROLD NORMAN stated at that time that something had fallen from above him and that a piece of debris, in addition, had hit him in his face; that his window was open at the time, where he was viewing the procession below. JARMAN said that he did not see OSWALD again and has not seen him since the presidential motorcade passed the TSED building on November 22, 1963. He stated also that he did not see OSWALD at the start of their work day on November 22, 1963, pointing out that OSWALD normally got to work in advance of him.