

Statements of Witnesses - JACK EDWIN DOUGHERTY 19 H 618

March 18, 1964, made a statement to two FBI agents, attesting, "At the time President Kennedy was shot I was at a point about 10 feet from the elevator on the fifth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building. I was alone at this time.

"I did not see Lee Harvey Oswald at the time President Kennedy was shot.

"On the morning of November 22, 1963, I saw no person in the Texas School Book Depository Building that was a stranger to me."

An earlier Dougherty statement dated December 19, 1963, 19 H 619-20, is intended to clarify one he made to the FBI November 22. Dougherty stated he saw Oswald at approximately 8 a.m. and again approximately 11 a.m. on the sixth floor but not thereafter. Just prior to noon, he and five other men were working on the fifth floor. When Dougherty went to the first floor to eat his lunch. He said that he "went back to work at approximately 12:45 PM, at which time he returned to the 6th floor. He stated that as soon as he arrived on the 6th floor, he went down to the 5th floor to get some stock." While he was on the 5th, he heard a loud noise seeming to come from within the building but he didn't know where.

It is obvious that Dougherty's times are wrong, but if he is telling the truth, he didn't know Oswald was - if he was - on the sixth floor at approximately the time of the assassination.

The statement of Nov. 22, typed the 23rd, is on pp.19 H 621-2. It is not too unlike the one above, the major difference being that he only recalled vaguely having seen Oswald at 8 a.m., he eliminated his trip to the sixth floor after lunch, and reported that "about 12:45 p.m. or 1 p.m., when I heard a loud explosion which sounded like a rifle shot coming from the next floor above me." So the clarification eliminates that.