

DEPOSITORY EMPLOYEES

Statements of Witnesses - William H. SHELLEY, April 7, 1964 (6 H 327-34)
Deposition - May 24, 1964 (7 H 390-3)

He is a high school graduate employed at the Book Depository since October 1949^{5 15}, as manager of the miscellaneous department. He was Oswald's immediate superior and said, "He did good work".

He said Oswald had access to all floors, but most of his work would be on the first, fifth, sixth and seventh. He said all he had to do was to tell ~~him~~ Oswald to do something and Oswald did it.

On the morning of the 22nd, Oswald was already at work "filling orders" when Shelley got there. He remembers seeing Oswald "when I came down to eat lunch about 10 to 12." Shelley had been on the sixth floor with the boys laying floor.

Note Shelley is not asked where he saw Oswald. He had said, "I do remember seeing him when I came down to eat lunch ... " Shelley had been on the sixth floor and ate his lunch in his own office, next to Truly's, on the first floor. (p.2328)

He also said that the second and third shots were much closer together than the first and second. ^{If} the Commission was going to take a vote, this arrangement of shots certainly would win. It decided other things about the shots by apparently counting noses; why it hasn't with this, I don't know. He was outside and on what he described as "the island" across the street from the Depository when Truly and the policeman entered. (p.329)

Thereafter he and Lovelady "walked on down to the first railroad track there on the dead end street and stood there and watched them searching cars down there in the parking lots for a little while and then we came in through our parking lot at the west end." Note he is not asked to estimate the time at which he returned. The reason is clear: It would establish that as of that time there was no security

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on the rear of the building. The persistent avoidance of such necessary specification by the Commission, in the absence^{ben} of everything else, would be sufficient to cause suspicion. When he came back in, Eddie Piper was in the shipping room. He says of Piper, "He was coming back from where he was watching the motorcade in the ^southwest corner of the shipping room." This obviously is a different version from Piper's. (p.330)

When recalled on May 14, Shelley recalled observing the ~~gun~~ rifles Caster had purchased. These were the only rifles he had ever seen in the building up until the time of the assassination.

He is then asked where he saw Oswald on the day of the assassination before noon, something they hadn't asked him in his first deposition, and he said it was on the first floor. (p.390)

Later when he went up to the sixth floor and went over to the southeast corner of the building, "they had it blocked off". Apparently the Depository was told not to go into that corner for several days. If any physical restraint was employed, if any guard was posted, it is not revealed here or anyplace else I have seen. In fact, this is the first reference I have seen to any kind of restriction of that area. (p.391)