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TYPE OF CASE	Protective Research	STATUS	Continued	TITLE OR CAPTION Assassination of President Kennedy	
INVESTIGATION MADE AT	Dallas, Texas	PERIOD COVERED	12/2 - 6/63	Texas School Book Depository	
INVESTIGATION MADE BY	Special Agents Arthur W. Blake, William N. Carter and Elmer W. Moore				

DETAILS

SYNOPSIS

This report covers inquiries which were made at the Texas School Book Depository, 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas. All employees who work in this building and who were present at work on November 22, 1963, have been interviewed as set forth below, and written statements taken from those who were able to furnish pertinent information concerning the assassination.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

The Texas School Book Depository is a privately-owned firm engaged in the warehousing and shipping of textbooks for various publishers. The books are shipped to schools in Texas and surrounding states. The firm presently occupies a building at 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, and has occupied the building since January 1962. Prior to that time, the firm was located at 501 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas. The presently occupied building is leased from Mr. D. Harold Byrd, 6909 Vassar, Dallas, Texas, who has owned the building for many years.

The officers of this company are Mr. Jack C. Cason, President, 4015 Druid Lane, Dallas, Texas; Mr. O. V. Campbell, Vice President, 7120 Twin Tree Lane, Dallas, Texas; and Mr. Roy S. Truly, Director and Superintendent of Operations, 4932 Jade Street, Dallas, Texas.

This firm also furnishes office space for seven publishing companies, whose books and publications are handled by the Texas School Book Depository. These publishers are as follows: Lyons and Carnahan, Room 201; South Western Publishing Company, Room 203; Allyn and Bacon, Room 301; The MacMillan Company, Room 302; The American Book Company, Room 303; McGraw-Hill Book Company, and their subdivision, Gregg Publishing Company, Room 305; and Scott-Foreman Company, Room 401.

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with other employees learning the job of order filling and after that worked by himself. Mr. Truly added that Oswald was a very quiet person and accomplished his duties in a satisfactory manner. Oswald was paid at the rate of \$1.25 per hour, worked a regular day shift from 8:00 A.M. to 5:45 P.M. five days a week, and had never missed a day's work during the period of his employment which ended at noon on November 22, 1963. Oswald's duties required that he, on occasion, visit the warehouse areas of all floors in the building including the 6th floor. Mr. Truly stated that about 12:10 P.M. on November 22, 1963, he and Mr. O. V. Campbell, Vice-President of the Depository, walked out the front entrance to the building and stood at the bottom of the steps waiting for the Presidential motorcade to pass by. He continued that the President's automobile passed his location at about 12:30 P.M., and a moment later three shots rang out. Almost immediately, Mr. Truly saw a motorcycle patrolman pushing through the crowd and heading for the entrance of the Depository Building. Mr. Truly ran inside the building with the patrolman, who asked "Where is the stairway?" and Mr. Truly escorted him to the rear stairway. As they passed the shaft for the two freight elevators, Mr. Truly paused momentarily and, noting that neither of the elevators was available, he directed the way up the back stairway. As Mr. Truly started up the stairway from the second to the third floor, he noticed that the patrolman was not with him and, at the same time, he heard the patrolman say something. Mr. Truly returned to the second floor and saw the patrolman standing at the doorway leading to the lunch room, with his pistol drawn and pointed at Oswald, who was then just inside the lunch room near the doorway. The patrolman asked Mr. Truly if he worked in the building and Truly replied "Yes".

Then Mr. Truly and the patrolman continued up the back stairway to the fifth floor where they found an elevator and they rode the elevator to the seventh floor. They proceeded up a short stairway to the door leading out onto the roof of the building, where a quick examination was made of the roof-top area. They then returned to the seventh floor, got in the elevator, and proceeded down, stopping briefly at each floor to make a hurried search. When they arrived at the first floor, there were numerous people about, many of them police officers. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Truly noticed that most of the shipping and order room employees were congregated together in a group, and that Oswald was not among them. Mr. Truly immediately conveyed this information to one of the police officers.

It is Mr. Truly's recollection that, at the time, he and the patrolman met Oswald at the lunch room door, shortly after the shooting, Oswald was dressed in light colored clothing and probably a T-shirt.

The above information was incorporated into a statement executed by Mr. Truly.

Additional information about the company and obtained from Mr. Truly is set forth as follows: The Texas School Book Depository operates another warehouse located at 1917 N. Houston Street, Dallas, Texas, and at the present time, there are three men employed there, none of whom work at the building located at 411 Elm Street. These men are Mr. H. B. Aiken, foreman, Edward Shields, and Frank Hester.