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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

ON THE

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Dallas, Texas
Wednesday, April 8, 1964
10:50 A. M.

The President's Commission met, pursuant to recess, at 10:50 a. m., in the office of the U. S. Attorney, 301 Post Office Building, Bryan & Ervay Streets, Dallas, Texas.

PRESENT:

Joe Ball, Staff Counsel

Odell Oliver, Reporter

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MR. BALL: Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give before the Commission will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MR. DOUGHERTY: I do.

STATEMENT OF JACK EDWIN DOUGHERTY

MR. BALL: Will you state your name and address for the record?

MR. DOUGHERTY: Jack Edwin Dougherty.

MR. BALL: And your address?

MR. DOUGHERTY: 1827 South Marsalis.

MR. BALL: How old are you?

MR. DOUGHERTY: Forty.

MR. BALL: Where were you born?

MR. DOUGHERTY: Here in Dallas.

MR. BALL: Where did you go to school?

MR. DOUGHERTY: Sunset High School.

MR. BALL: You went through Sunset High School?

MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

MR. BALL: What year did you get out of high school? About?

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1 MR. DOUGHERTY: Oh, 1937.

2 MR. BALL: 1937?

3 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

4 MR. BALL: What kind of work did you do after
5 that?

6 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, of course, a year or
7 so, you might say -- just work in grocery stores
8 until I was nineteen and volunteered for the Armed
9 Services in October -- October 24, 1942.

10 MR. BALL: How long were you in the Service?

11 MR. DOUGHERTY: Two years, one month,
12 seventeen days, to be exact.

13 MR. BALL: And you were discharged from the
14 Service, then, after the War, was it?

15 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

16 MR. BALL: What did you do during the Service
17 -- during your period in the Service?

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, you might say just
19 about a little bit of everything, from guard duty to
20 --

21 MR. BALL: Did you have any active service?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, no -- I volunteered for
23 active service, but they said you couldn't very well
24 volunteer -- you have to be drafted, so they said,
25 they told me at the time.

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1 MR. BALL: Did you ever leave the United
2 States during the War?

3 MR. DOUGHERTY: Oh, yes.

4 MR. BALL: Where did you go?

5 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I was stationed, oh,
6 for about a year up in Indiana up there -- Seymour,
7 Indiana.

8 MR. BALL: Then where did you go from there
9 in the Service?

10 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I stayed there until I
11 got discharged.

12 MR. BALL: You didn't ever go outside the
13 country to Europe?

14 MR. DOUGHERTY: Oh, no.

15 MR. BALL: Or to the South Seas?

16 MR. DOUGHERTY: No.

17 MR. BALL: You stayed in this country all the
18 time?

19 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

20 MR. BALL: Now, did you ever have any difficulty
21 with your speech?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: No.

23 MR. BALL: You never had any?

24 MR. DOUGHERTY: No.

25 MR. BALL: Did you ever have any difficulty in

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1 the Army with any medical treatment or anything of
2 that sort?

3 MR. DOUGHERTY: No.

4 MR. BALL: None at all?

5 MR. DOUGHERTY: No.

6 MR. BALL: What did you do after you got out
7 of the Army?

8 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, jobs were pretty
9 scarce about the time I got out of the Service, so I
10 just went from place to place and applied and put
11 my application in, so I started over here at the
12 Texas School Book Depository and put my application
13 in there and I got it through the Suburban Employment
14 Agency, and I been working there ever since.

15 MR. BALL: And that was when -- in 1940, was
16 it, you started to work at the Texas School Book
17 Depository?

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: September 17, 1940.

19 MR. BALL: 1940 what?

20 MR. DOUGHERTY: Let's see, I have been with
21 them eleven years -- that would be --

22 MR. BALL: That would be 1950², wouldn't it?

23 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes -- that's 1952.

24 MR. BALL: 1952?

25 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, that's right, to be

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1 exact.

2 MR. BALL: What did you do between the time
3 you got out of the Service and 1952?

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I didn't do anything
5 to be frank with you.

6 MR. BALL: You didn't?

7 MR. DOUGHERTY: No.

8 MR. BALL: You didn't work?

9 MR. DOUGHERTY: Oh, no.

10 MR. BALL: You stayed at home?

11 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, sir.

12 MR. BALL: Did you live with your father and
13 mother?

14 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

15 MR. BALL: Have you ever been married?

16 MR. DOUGHERTY: No.

17 MR. BALL: And you still live with your father
18 and mother?

19 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

20 MR. BALL: Now, what kind of work have you
21 been doing at the Texas School Book Depository in
22 the last few years?

23 MR. DOUGHERTY: Oh -- shipping clerk.

24 MR. BALL: And what kind of work is that?

25 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, that's when they bring

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1 the orders from on the second floor, and in other
2 words, you fill them from the -- they are orders,
3 I guess you would call them orders, to fill from
4 there, and outside of doing little odd jobs besides
5 that -- that's it.

6 MR. BALL: Did you know a fellow named Lee
7 Harvey Oswald that worked at the Texas School Book
8 Depository?

9 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I'll be frank with you,
10 Mr. Ball, I don't believe nobody knew him too well.
11 You might say he wouldn't have too much to say to
12 anybody. He just stayed all to hisself, and I'll
13 be frank with you, I just flat didn't know him.

14 MR. BALL: Now, on November 22, 1963, that's
15 the day the President was shot?

16 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

17 MR. BALL: What time did you go to work?

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I got there -- it was
19 after 7:00 o'clock in the morning.

20 MR. BALL: Do you usually get there in the
21 morning at 7:00 o'clock?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

23 MR. BALL: Why do you get there at 7:00
24 instead of 8:00, when the rest of the men get there?

25 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, you might say, I have

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1 a little -- extra chores to do.

2 MR. BALL: You do that-- you get there at
3 7:00 all the time, don't you?

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, I've been doing it for
5 eleven years.

6 MR. BALL: That's what Mr. Truly told me,
7 that you get there real early.

8 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

9 MR. BALL: And you did get there about 7:00
10 that morning?

11 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

12 MR. BALL: Let's see, Mr. Dougherty, you said
13 that you have some extra chores -- what are those
14 extra chores?

15 MR. DOUGHERTY: I have to see to it that the
16 water system is pumped up. In other words, the air
17 pressure is up to where -- up to forty pounds so
18 that if it isn't pumped up, the alarm goes off,
19 and the ADT runs that alarm system, and we immediately
20 call Mr. Truly and of course they call me.

21 MR. BALL: What is the ADT?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: That's that -- I don't
23 know too much about it -- it has something to do
24 with the alarm system they have got down there.

25 MR. BALL: You mean the pressure, do you?

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1 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

2 MR. BALL: Is that a fire alarm system?

3 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes -- you could call it
4 that.

5 MR. BALL: Now, what else do you do there
6 early in the morning?

7 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, let's see, I have to
8 check and see that there is no leaks in the building,
9 that the pipes are not leaking somewhere.

10 MR. BALL: Anything else you do?

11 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, I believe that just about
12 covers it.

13 MR. BALL: What time do you usually go to
14 lunch?

15 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, usually about 12:00
16 o'clock or 12:00 noon.

17 MR. BALL: Do you carry your lunch most of
18 the time from home?

19 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

20 MR. BALL: And where do you usually eat your
21 lunch?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, they have got what they
23 call a domino room in there and I usually eat it in
24 there.

25 MR. BALL: You usually eat your lunch in the

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1 domino room?

2 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

3 MR. BALL: And how long do you take for lunch?

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, from 12:00 to 12:45.

5 MR. BALL: Forty-five minutes?

6 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

7 MR. BALL: Do you always take a full hour?

8 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, I usually do.

9 MR. BALL: Now, do you remember the day of
10 November 22, 1963; you do, don't you?

11 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

12 MR. BALL: The day that the President was
13 shot?

14 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

15 MR. BALL: Do you remember what time you went
16 to work that day?

17 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes -- let's see -- it was
18 12:30.

19 MR. BALL: What time did you go to work that
20 morning?

21 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, that particular morning
22 -- let's see, we didn't go back.

23 MR. BALL: No, I mean, what time did you go
24 to work the first thing in the morning?

25 MR. DOUGHERTY: It was 8:00 o'clock when we

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1 were actually started to work.

2 MR. BALL: What time did you get to the
3 building?

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: At a quarter to 7:00.

5 MR. BALL: At a quarter to 7:00?

6 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

7 MR. BALL: You told the FBI officers that
8 you got there about 7:00 o'clock.

9 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I mean, inside the
10 building.

11 MR. BALL: Inside the building?

12 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes -- when I got inside the
13 building it was 7:00 o'clock.

14 MR. BALL: You parked your car?

15 MR. DOUGHERTY: I don't have a car -- I have
16 to ride the bus.

17 MR. BALL: Did you see Oswald come to work
18 that morning?

19 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes -- when he first come
20 into the door.

21 MR. BALL: When he came in the door?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

23 MR. BALL: Did you see him come in the door?

24 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, I saw him when he first
25 come in the door -- yes.

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1 MR. BALL: Did he have anything in his hands
2 or arms?

3 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, not that I could see of.

4 MR. BALL: About what time of day was that?

5 MR. DOUGHERTY: That was 8:00 o'clock.

6 MR. BALL: That was about 8:00 o'clock?

7 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

8 MR. BALL: What door did he come in?

9 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, he came in the back
10 door.

11 MR. BALL: Where were you then?

12 MR. DOUGHERTY: I was -- sitting on top of
13 the wrapping table.

14 MR. BALL: Now, do you remember that you gave
15 a statement to the Federal Bureau of Investigation
16 and to a man by the name of Ellington, or a Mr.
17 Anderton, the day after -- the 23rd of November?

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes -- I talked to so many
19 of them -- it is kind of hard to remember.

20 MR. BALL: And there is a statement that
21 they took when they talked to you and in it you
22 said, "I recall vaguely, having seen Lee Oswald,
23 when he came to work at about 8:00 a. m. today."

24 MR. DOUGHERTY: I did -- that morning.

25 MR. BALL: That seems to be dated the 22nd

1 day of November, 1963.

2 MR. DOUGHERTY: That's right.

3 MR. BALL: The full statement is, "I am
4 employed by the Texas School Book Depository, 411
5 Elm Street, Dallas, as an order filler, and reside
6 at 1827 South Marsalis Street, Dallas, Texas."

7 Did you tell them that?

8 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

9 MR. BALL: "I started to work today, 11-22-63,
10 at about 7:00 a. m. o'clock."

11 Did you tell them that?

12 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

13 MR. BALL: The statement says, "I recall
14 vaguely having seen Lee Oswald, when he came to
15 work at about 8:00 a. m. today."

16 MR. DOUGHERTY: That's right.

17 MR. BALL: Now, is that a very definite
18 impression that you saw him that morning when he
19 came to work?

20 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, oh -- it's like this --
21 I'll try to explain it to you this way -- you see,
22 I was sitting on the wrapping table and when he
23 came in the door, I just caught him out of the
24 corner of my eye -- that's the reason why I said it
25 that way.

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1 MR. BALL: Did he come in with anybody?

2 MR. DOUGHERTY: No.

3 MR. BALL: He was alone?

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, he was alone.

5 MR. BALL: Do you recall him having anything
6 in his hand?

7 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I didn't see anything,
8 if he did.

9 MR. BALL: Did you pay enough attention to
10 him, you think, that you would remember whether he
11 did or didn't?

12 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I believe I can --
13 yes, sir -- I'll put it this way -- I didn't see
14 anything in his hands at the time.

15 MR. BALL: In other words, your memory is
16 definite on that, is it?

17 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

18 MR. BALL: In other words, you would say
19 positively he had nothing in his hands?

20 MR. DOUGHERTY: I would say that -- yes, sir.

21 MR. BALL: Or, are you guessing?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: I don't think so.

23 MR. BALL: You saw him come in the door?

24 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

25 MR. BALL: The back door on the first floor?

1 MR. DOUGHERTY: It was in the back door.

2 MR. BALL: Now, that back door is the door
3 that opens onto what? That back door would be the
4 first floor?

5 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

6 MR. BALL: And it opens where?

7 MR. DOUGHERTY: On the back dock -- on the
8 back dock side over there.

9 MR. BALL: That would be what direction from
10 the first floor -- what wall of the first floor --
11 north?

12 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, let's see, to be frank
13 with you -- I don't know which one it would be.

14 MR. BALL: Is there only one back door?

15 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, there is only one back
16 door.

17 MR. BALL: Did you see him again that
18 morning?

19 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, just one more time.

20 MR. BALL: Where was that?

21 MR. DOUGHERTY: That was on the sixth floor.

22 MR. BALL: On the sixth floor?

23 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

24 MR. BALL: About what time of day?

25 MR. DOUGHERTY: It was about 11:00 o'clock --

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1 that was the last time I saw him.

2 MR. BALL: What was he doing up there?

3 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, as far as I could tell,
4 he was getting some stock -- as far as I could tell.

5 MR. BALL: What were you doing there?

6 MR. DOUGHERTY: I was getting some stock also.

7 MR. BALL: And were there some other workmen
8 up there at the time?

9 MR. DOUGHERTY: Not that I know of.

10 MR. BALL: Well, do you remember Shelly, Dan
11 Arcie, ^{Bonnie} ~~Johnnie~~ Williams, Bill Lovelady, and Charlie
12 Givens who were working up there that morning --
13 laying floor on the sixth floor?

14 MR. DOUGHERTY: Oh, yes, they were laying
15 floor -- yes, sir.

16 MR. BALL: And were they there at the time
17 you were there?

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: Oh, yes, sir, they were there
19 -- yes, sir.

20 MR. BALL: Is that the same time you saw
21 Oswald?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir, just about that
23 time.

24 MR. BALL: And how long were you on the sixth
25 floor?

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1 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, just long enough to get
2 some stock.

3 MR. BALL: Where did you go then?

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: I went to the fifth floor.

5 MR. BALL: What did you do then?

6 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I went to the fifth
7 floor to get some stock also on the fifth floor.

8 MR. BALL: Then what did you do?

9 MR. DOUGHERTY: Then, just about that time --
10 I thought I heard --

11 MR. BALL: Wait a minute -- did you go to
12 lunch?

13 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I went back downstairs
14 to eat lunch -- yes, sir.

15 MR. BALL: What time?

16 MR. DOUGHERTY: Oh, it was 12:00 o'clock.

17 MR. BALL: When you talked to the FBI men,
18 I've got a statement here dated the 19th of December,
19 1963, a statement from Special Agent William O.
20 Johnson, and he reports that you told him that you
21 saw Lee Harvey Oswald at approximately 8:00 a. m.
22 when he, Oswald, arrived.

23 MR. DOUGHERTY: That's right.

24 MR. BALL: That you saw Oswald again at
25 approximately 11:00 a. m. on the sixth floor?

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1 MR. DOUGHERTY: That's right.

2 MR. BALL: But you didn't see him again
3 after that, is that your testimony?

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

5 MR. BALL: Is that the truth?

6 MR. DOUGHERTY: That's right.

7 MR. BALL: And it also says, this report from
8 Mr. Johnson, states that you told him that just
9 prior to 12:00 noon you and five other men were
10 working on the sixth floor. Were you?

11 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, we were working on the
12 sixth floor.

13 MR. BALL: What were you doing?

14 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I was getting some
15 stock off of the sixth floor.

16 MR. BALL: You weren't helping the men lay
17 floor?

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, sir.

19 MR. BALL: Did you go down to lunch?

20 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

21 MR. BALL: To what floor?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: The first floor.

23 MR. BALL: How did you get down there?

24 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well -- used the elevator.

25 MR. BALL: Did you go down alone or with

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1 someone?

2 MR. DOUGHERTY: I went down alone.

3 MR. BALL: Where did you eat your lunch?

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: In the domino room.

5 MR. BALL: Now, what time did you go back to
6 work?

7 MR. DOUGHERTY: Oh, at 12:30.

8 MR. BALL: Did you know that the President
9 was going to pass in a motorcade that noon?

10 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, they said something
11 about it.

12 MR. BALL: Did you intend to go out and
13 watch him?

14 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I would have loved to
15 to have went out and watched him but the steps were
16 so crowded -- there was no way in the world I could
17 get out there.

18 MR. BALL: Did you take a look at it -- did
19 you go out and take a look at it, or didn't you?

20 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well -- no, sir.

21 MR. BALL: Now, you were on the first floor
22 in the domino room when you finished your lunch,
23 didn't you?

24 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

25 MR. BALL: And did you stay there any length

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1 of time after you finished your lunch?

2 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, sir -- just a short
3 length of time.

4 MR. BALL: Then what did you do?

5 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, then, I went back to
6 work.

7 MR. BALL: And where did you go to work?

8 MR. DOUGHERTY: Let me see -- oh, up to the
9 sixth floor.

10 MR. BALL: Did you go to the sixth floor?

11 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

12 MR. BALL: About what time?

13 MR. DOUGHERTY: Oh, it was about 12:40 -- it
14 was about 12:40.

15 MR. BALL: Had you heard any shots before
16 that?

17 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes -- I heard one -- it
18 sounded like a backfire.

19 MR. BALL: Where were you when you heard that
20 shot?

21 MR. DOUGHERTY: I was on the fifth floor.

22 MR. BALL: You were on the fifth floor?

23 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

24 MR. BALL: Now, when you left your lunch, did
25 you go to the fifth floor or the sixth floor to go

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1 back to work?

2 MR. DOUGHERTY: I went on the fifth floor
3 when I was getting ready to go down to eat lunch.

4 MR. BALL: Yes, and then what happened?

5 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, at that time -- I was
6 about ten feet away --

7 MR. BALL: Wait a minute-- did you hear the
8 shots before or after you had your lunch?

9 MR. DOUGHERTY: Before -- before I ate my
10 lunch.

11 MR. BALL: You heard shots before you ate
12 your lunch?

13 MR. DOUGHERTY: Let's see -- yes, I believe
14 I did.

15 MR. BALL: Well, now, you remember having
16 your lunch, do you?

17 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

18 MR. BALL: Do you remember after you had
19 your lunch, you went back to work that day?

20 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

21 MR. BALL: When you talked on the day this
22 accident happened, on the 22nd of November, 1963, in
23 a statement made to the Federal Bureau of Investiga-
24 tion and, Mr. Dougherty, you told them you went
25 down to the first floor to eat your lunch?

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1 MR. DOUGHERTY: That's right.

2 MR. BALL: And that you went back to work?

3 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

4 MR. BALL: And you told him on the 19th day
5 of December, Mr. Johnson, that you went back to work
6 on the sixth floor, and as soon as you arrived on
7 the sixth floor, you went down to the fifth floor
8 to get some stock?

9 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir, that's right.

10 MR. BALL: And while you were on the fifth
11 floor, you heard a loud noise?

12 MR. DOUGHERTY: That's right -- it sounded
13 like a car backfiring.

14 MR. BALL: And did you hear more than one
15 loud explosion or noise?

16 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, that was the only one I
17 heard.

18 MR. BALL: You only heard one?

19 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

20 MR. BALL: And where did it sound like it
21 came from?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: It sounded like it came from
23 overhead somewhere.

24 MR. BALL: From overhead?

25 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

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1 MR. BALL: How did you get to the fifth
2 floor?

3 MR. DOUGHERTY: Elevator.

4 MR. BALL: You were on the fifth floor when
5 you heard this, were you?

6 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

7 MR. BALL: Which elevator did you take?

8 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, you see, there's one
9 on this side and one on this side -- the one on
10 this side is the one I took.

11 MR. BALL: Well, now, "The one on this side
12 and the one on this side," doesn't mean much when
13 it's written down.

14 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I know it.

15 MR. BALL: Can you tell me whether it was the
16 east side or the west side elevator?

17 MR. DOUGHERTY: East side.

18 MR. BALL: Is it the one that you punch a
19 button on?

20 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

21 MR. BALL: Or the one that you use a control
22 on?

23 MR. DOUGHERTY: It's the one you push a
24 button on.

25 MR. BALL: The one you push a button on?

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1 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

2 MR. BALL: I believe that is the west side,
3 isn't it?

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, I believe it is.

5 MR. BALL: Now, that's the one you took up?

6 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

7 MR. BALL: Where did you take that -- to what
8 floor?

9 MR. DOUGHERTY: I took it up to the sixth
10 floor.

11 MR. BALL: Then what did you do?

12 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, when I got through
13 getting stock off of the sixth floor, I came back
14 down to the fifth floor.

15 MR. BALL: What did you do on the fifth
16 floor?

17 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I got some stock.

18 MR. BALL: Then what happened then?

19 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, then immediately I
20 heard a loud noise -- it sounded like a car
21 backfiring, and I came back down to the first floor,
22 and I asked Eddie Piper, I said, "Piper, what was
23 that?" I says, "Has the President been shot?"
24 He said, "Yes."

25 MR. BALL: You didn't say -- did you say,

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1 "Has the President been shot?" -- you told the FBI
2 agent that you went down to the first floor and
3 you saw a man named Eddie Piper and asked him if
4 he heard a loud noise.

5 MR. DOUGHERTY: I asked him that too.

6 MR. BALL: And Piper said he had heard three
7 loud noises and told you that somebody had just
8 shot the President; is that right?

9 MR. DOUGHERTY: That's right.

10 MR. BALL: Who mentioned the fact that the
11 President had been shot first -- you or Eddie Piper?

12 MR. DOUGHERTY: Eddie Piper.

13 MR. BALL: Did you say anything to Piper
14 about the President being shot?

15 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, sir.

16 MR. BALL: When you talked to Eddie Piper,
17 did you know that the President had been shot?

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, sir -- I didn't know
19 that at the time.

20 MR. BALL: When is the first time you heard
21 that the President had been shot?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: When Eddie told me that.

23 MR. BALL: Eddie told you that?

24 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

25 MR. BALL: You told Mr. Johnson of the Federal

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1 Bureau of Investigation that when you were on
2 the fifth floor, you heard a loud noise and it
3 appeared to have come from within the building, but
4 you couldn't tell where -- you told him that on
5 the 19th; did you tell him that?

6 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir.

7 MR. BALL: On the day that this happened, on
8 the 22nd of November, you told the FBI agents
9 Ellington and Anderton, that you heard "a loud
10 explosion which sounded like a rifle shot coming from
11 the next floor above me."

12 Now, did you tell them that it sounded like
13 a rifle shot, coming from the next floor above you,
14 or didn't you?

15 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I believe I told them
16 it sounded like a car backfiring.

17 MR. BALL: Well, did you tell them it sounded
18 like it was from the floor above you, or didn't
19 you tell them that?

20 MR. DOUGHERTY: No.

21 MR. BALL: You did not tell them that?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: No.

23 MR. BALL: Did it sound like it came from
24 the floor above you?

25 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, at the time it did --

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1 yes.

2 MR. BALL: Tell me this -- when you heard
3 that explosion or whatever it was -- that loud noise,
4 where were you on the fifth floor -- tell me exactly
5 where you were?

6 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I was about ten feet
7 from the west elevator -- the west side of the
8 elevator.

9 MR. BALL: That's the elevator that uses
10 the push button; is that right?

11 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

12 MR. BALL: And what were you doing?

13 MR. DOUGHERTY: I was getting some stock.

14 MR. BALL: And what did you do then?

15 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I came on back down-
16 stairs.

17 MR. BALL: How did you come downstairs?

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: I used that push button
19 elevator on the west side.

20 MR. BALL: Did you hear Mr. Truly yell
21 anything up the elevator shaft?

22 MR. DOUGHERTY: I didn't hear anybody yell.

23 MR. BALL: Or, did you see Mr. Truly?

24 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, when the FBI men --
25 I imagine it was who it was -- he showed me his

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1 credentials, but he asked me who the manager was,
2 and I told him, "Mr. Truly." He told me to go find
3 him. Well, I didn't know where he was so I started
4 from the first floor and just started looking for
5 him, and by the time I got to the sixth floor, they
6 had found a gun and shells.

7 MR. BALL: When you went up to the sixth
8 floor, it was after they found the shotgun and
9 shells?

10 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, sir, and I found out
11 later he was on the fourth floor, which I didn't
12 find.

13 MR. BALL: Did you ever see a gun around
14 there?

15 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, sir, I sure didn't.

16 MR. BALL: Did you ever see anybody with a
17 gun in the place?

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, sir.

19 MR. BALL: Did you see any strangers in the
20 building that day?

21 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, sir.

22 MR. BALL: Did you ever see Lee Oswald carry
23 any sort of large package?

24 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I didn't, but some of
25 the fellows said they did.

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1 MR. BALL: Who said that?

2 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, Bill Shelley, he told
3 me that he thought he saw him carrying a fairly
4 good sized package.

5 MR. BALL: When did Shelley tell you that?

6 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, it was -- the day after
7 it happened.

8 MR. BALL: Are you sure you were on the
9 fifth floor when you heard the shots?

10 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes, I'm positive.

11 MR. BALL: Did you see any other employee
12 on the fifth floor?

13 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, sir, I didn't see nobody
14 -- there wasn't nobody on the fifth floor at all --
15 it was just myself.

16 MR. BALL: You told me that just before you
17 heard the shots, you had been on the sixth floor?

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

19 MR. BALL: And then you went down to the
20 fifth floor?

21 MR. DOUGHERTY: That's right.

22 MR. BALL: Did you see anybody on the sixth
23 floor when you were there, before you went to the
24 fifth floor?

25 MR. DOUGHERTY: Oh, yes, I did.

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1 MR. BALL: Who?

2 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, there was Bill Shelley,
3 Billy Lovelady --

4 MR. BALL: That was in the morning, wasn't
5 it?

6 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

7 MR. BALL: That wasn't after lunch, was it?

8 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, sir.

9 MR. BALL: After lunch, did you ever see
10 them on the sixth floor?

11 MR. DOUGHERTY: No, sir -- I didn't.

12 MR. BALL: Now, did you hear this shot either
13 before or after lunch?

14 MR. DOUGHERTY: It was before lunch -- it
15 was before lunch.

16 MR. BALL: You think it was before lunch you
17 heard the shot?

18 MR. DOUGHERTY: I believe it was -- yes, sir.

19 MR. BALL: And you were alone, were you?

20 MR. DOUGHERTY: Yes.

21 MR. BALL: That's all I have to ask you, and
22 this will be written up and if you would like to
23 come down and read it and sign it, you can, or you
24 can waive your signature.

25 What do you want to do?

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1 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, whatever you want to
2 do -- it doesn't make any difference.

3 MR. BALL: Would you like to come down and
4 read it over and sign it?

5 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, if you've got time
6 I'll sign it now.

7 MR. BALL: Well, we have to write it up --
8 this has to be written up and it will be so that
9 you can read it. This young lady will notify you
10 and you can come down and read it over and sign it.

11 Will you do that?

12 MR. DOUGHERTY: All right.

13 MR. BALL: And we will mark these statements
14 as Dougherty Exhibits Nos. A, B, and C, and attach
15 them to your deposition.

16 Thank you very much, and goodbye.

17 MR. DOUGHERTY: That's quite all right -- thank
18 you.

19 (Instruments referred to marked by the Reporter
20 as Dougherty Exhibit Nos. A, B, and C, for
21 identification.)

22 (The witness, Dougherty, was thereupon excused
23 from the deposing room.)
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