Suspected Killer Defected

Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with murdering the President and a Dallas policeman, defected to Russia in 1959, according to an announcement in the book firm building just a few days later. Oswald got a job in the Texas School Book Depository Building, overlooking the motorcade route. On Oct. 16 he rented a room on the first floor, where he claimed to think of hiding. He said Truly and two other employees ran into the building.

In the morning, Truly said he had interviewed and hired Oswald in a couple of months earlier. He went to the police station and told the policemen that Oswald was a worker. The policemen and Truly found the employee in the room. They were standing in front of the building when Truly was found.

Friday Oswald was seen by Truly in the room at 411 Elm when the shooting started.

On Sept. 21 President Kennedy, S. Truly and a Dallas policeman were killed.

In connection to Kent Biffle overhearing Truly he makes a mention of this again in the DMN edition from November 21 2000: "Hours dragged by. The building superintendent showed up with some papers in his hand. I listened as he told detectives about Lee Oswald falling to show up at a roll call. My impression is that there was an earlier roll call but it was inconclusive inasmuch as several employees were missing. This time, however, all were accounted for but Oswald. I jotted down all the Oswald information. The description and address came from company records already examined by the superintendent. The superintendent would recall later that he and a policeman met Oswald as they charged into the building after the shots were fired."

Ochus Campbell, the vice president of the TSBD stated in the NYHT on November 22: "Shortly after the shooting we raced back into the building. We had been outside watching the parade. We saw him (Oswald) in a small storage room on the ground floor. Then we noticed he was gone." Mr. Campbell added: "Of course he and the others were on their lunch hour but he did not have permission to leave the building and we haven't seen him since." There were several employees missing after the assassination-B.K.