Oswald had two police encounters, with Marrion Baker and with Welcome Barnett, and each time a supervisor vouched that he was an employee—Truly in the 2nd-floor lunchroom and Shelley on the front landing.

Auto theft Detective Ed Hicks, who had heard about this second-hand, was referring to Barnett when he was quoted in the November 23rd London Free Press that “Oswald apparently came out the front door of the red-bricked warehouse. A policeman asked him where he was going. He said he wanted to see what the excitement was about.”

That same day the Sydney Morning Herald printed another snippet about this Barnett encounter. But the Washington Post version showed that Chief Curry was already confusing the two encounters:

The Chinese whispers continued at Henry Wade’s Sunday night press conference, an attempt to lay out the DPD’s case against the now-dead Oswald, which was little more than “a hodge-podge of facts and misinformation.” Wade contended that “a police officer, immediately after the assassination, ran in the building and saw this man in a corner and tried to arrest him; but the manager of the building said he was an employee and it was all right.” He was obviously referring to Baker but, since no one from the DPD would come forward, had jotted down beforehand what few details he could recall.

Kamp also cites a telephone call from J. Edgar Hoover to LBJ, but doesn’t tell the reader that at the beginning of this same excerpt Hoover informs him that Oswald’s gun was found “on the fifth floor of that building.” This call, on November 29th, includes an obvious account of the Barnett encounter: “at entrance of the building... he was stopped by police officers and some manager in the building told the police officers, ‘well, he’s all right... he works there... you needn’t hold him.’ They let him go. That is how he got out.”

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86 Reclaiming History by Vincent Bugliosi, p. 305
87 LBJ Phone Calls, November 1963, 11/29/63 p. 5 @ historymatters.com