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On February 10, 1964, an article appeared in the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" by THAYER WALDO, stating that an informed source had advised that a witness was being held in protective custody who could identify LEE HARVEY OSWALD as the slayer of President KENNEDY. The witness was not identified but was described as a Negro employed as a janitor at the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD) on November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas. The original story stated that the source had said the witness was working on the sixth floor of the TSBD at the time of the assassination, but after the publication of the first edition, the source allegedly stated that the witness was actually on the fifth floor at the time of the shooting which he heard but did not see and that the witness had hidden behind crates, yet he heard footsteps coming down the stairs after the shots were fired. The source maintained, however, that the witness identified the man coming down the stairs as OSWALD.

KP Previous investigation identified three Negro employees, HAROLD DEAN NORMAN, JAMES JARMAN and BONNIE RAY WILLIAMS, as being on the fifth floor of TSBD at the time of the assassination and as hearing the shots but none of them saw who fired the shots.

Previous investigation has also established that EDDIE PIPER, now identified as a janitor at TSBD, and as the only janitor employed there on November 22, 1963, was on the first floor at the time of the shooting.

The appearance of the above described article first became known at approximately 8:30PM on February 9, 1964, when there was a news flash on WBAP-TV to the effect that such an article was to appear in the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" of February 10, 1964.

On February 9, 1964, Mr. JACK BUTLER, Managing Editor, "Fort Worth Star Telegram" was contacted by SA B. TOM CARTER at Fort Worth, Texas, and Mr. BUTLER

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advised he did not know anything about the story. He determined, however, that the story was one written by a reporter by the name of THAYER WALDO who was not at the time available. At the time of SA CARTER's contact with BUTLER, he advised that the original story published in the first edition was being changed and that it would be "somewhat watered down" for the later morning edition.

On February 9, 1964, SA VINCENT E. DRAIN contacted Dallas County Sheriff W. E. BILL DECKER and Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY of the Dallas Police Department, both of whom advised that they had no knowledge of anyone in protective custody such as described in the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" story.

On February 9, 1964, SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN contacted FORREST SORRELS, Secret Service Agent in Charge, who likewise stated he had no knowledge of any witness being held in protective custody.

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On February 10, 1964, JACK BUTLER, Managing Editor, "Fort Worth Star Telegram", advised SA B. TOM CARTER that his reporter THAYER WALDO obtained his information in connection with the story alleging an assassination witness was in protective custody, from a source which the newspaper thought to be completely reliable. He stated that his paper is "aghast" at developments and is of the opinion that the source was wrong. Mr. BUTLER declined to reveal WALDO's source for the story but stated that the source did not name a specific person as being an eye-witness to the assassination.

Mr. BUTLER stated THAYER WALDO was not available but that he would contact WALDO and if WALDO was willing to reveal his source he would contact the Dallas FBI Office.

On February 11, 1964, Mr. THAYER WALDO, reporter for the "Fort Worth Star Telegram" newspaper, stated that in connection with the story on February 10, 1964, he did not wish to divulge his source. He stated that anybody in his business would accept his source as "pure gold". He stated he asked the source the name of the witness and the source replied, "I don't know" and later changed that to "I don't remember".

WALDO stated that the source said "when I saw this boy he was the scarest nigger I ever saw. All you could see were the whites of his eyes". WALDO stated that according to his source, the witness stated when he fled the Texas School Book Depository, he surrendered to the Special Service because that branch of the Police Department had picked him up on crap-shooting charges in the past. According to WALDO, the source stated that the witness made the statement "man you don't know how fast is fast unless you saw me run", referring to his exit from the TSBDD building.

Mr. WALDO stated that after he received this information from his source he went directly to his newspaper and wrote up the story explaining that he did not take

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notes during the time the source gave him the story. He stated that after the story was originally written, the source called him on the telephone and the only change in the story was the fact that the witness was not on the sixth floor but on the fifth floor.

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