

September 15, 1975
Washington, D. C.

I, Fletcher D. Thompson, being duly sworn make the following free and voluntary statement to Inspector J. Allison Conley and Special Agent Fred B. Griffith, whom I know to be employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Conley has advised me of information coming to the Bureau's attention indicating the possibility that Lee Harvey Oswald had personally appeared at the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation sometime prior to the assassination of former President Kennedy and at that time left a note.

The first I learned of the alleged note having been left by Oswald was sometime within the last two weeks when I noted a short news article in either a magazine or newspaper indicating that the allegation had been made that such a note had been left by Oswald but never reported by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. My immediate reaction was that I had never heard of such a note nor had I ever heard that Oswald at any time had been in the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At the time of the assassination of President Kennedy I was assigned to the General Investigative Division at FBI Headquarters as a Supervisory Special Agent and on the afternoon of Sunday, November 24, 1963, I received instructions to prepare to travel to the Dallas Office with Supervisory Special

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Agent Richard D. Rogge, also assigned to the General Investigative Division, and was to depart from Andrews Air Force Base at approximately 9:00 PM that same night. My instructions were to go to Dallas and to prepare a Letterhead Memorandum covering the facts surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy in order that a report might be released "to the American people" on the following Tuesday. It was my understanding that these were instructions furnished by then President Johnson to Director Hoover. We proceeded to Dallas by Special Air Force Jet plane arriving late Sunday night or the early morning hours of Monday, November 25. We were met by a Special Agent of the Dallas Office and proceeded directly to a hotel where we left our luggage and went directly to the Dallas Office. We immediately began a review of teletypes, memoranda and other available information which would assist us in our undertaking of preparing a summary Letterhead Memorandum. I had passing contact with a number of personnel in the Dallas Office including Inspector Malley of FBI Headquarters, who had arrived earlier on Sunday, November 24, and also with Special Agent in Charge Gordon Shanklin, Special Agent Kenneth Howe, Special Agent Robert Gemberling, Special Agent Joseph Loeffler, and others whose names I do not immediately recall. Primarily, however, I was concerned with reviewing paper rather than interviewing people and I was busily engaged until the early morning hours of Tuesday, November 26, with trying to put together a chronological, brief but complete summary of the case. This was prepared and typed by the early morning of November 26 and I was instructed by Inspector Malley

to personally return to FBI Headquarters in Washington with the Letterhead Memorandum. Upon arrival in Washington, D. C., at about noontime on November 26, I turned the memorandum over to my Section Chief, Mr. James Handley, or to his assistant, Mr. Gallagher.

After returning to Washington, D. C., I continued to work full time on various aspects of the on-going investigation. I can categorically state that at no time did I see any written communication nor did anyone advise me that Oswald had been by the Dallas Office and left any note. While twelve years have passed since the preparation of this Letterhead Memorandum I definitely feel that had such information come to my attention I would still recall it and it is certainly the type of information which I would have considered extremely important and pertinent and would have included it in my report.

I have read the above statement consisting of this and two other pages, initialled each page, and it is true and accurate to the best of my recollection.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of September, 1975.

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