



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Commission Exhibit No. 825  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

February 12, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter of February 6, 1964, enclosing an affidavit executed by me, wherein I categorically state that Lee Harvey Oswald was never an informant of the FBI.

Pursuant to your request, there are enclosed nine additional affidavits, executed by personnel of this Bureau who, because of their assignments, would have been responsible for or cognizant of any attempt to develop Lee Harvey Oswald as an informant of the FBI. In addition, there is enclosed an affidavit, executed by John W. Fain, retired Special Agent of the FBI. Mr. Fain took part in interviews of Lee Harvey Oswald on June 26, 1962, and August 16, 1962, at Fort Worth, Texas.

You will note that each of the individuals concerned denies any knowledge that Lee Harvey Oswald ever was an informant of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover", is written below the typed name. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Enclosures 10

AFFIDAVIT

I, J. GORDON SHANKLIN, being duly sworn, depose as follows: I have been Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since April 22, 1963. In my position as Special Agent in Charge, it is my responsibility to authorize and approve any payments to confidential informants. I have never made, nor have I authorized to be made, any payment to Lee Harvey Oswald for information furnished or for any other purpose. I have reviewed the records of this office and there is no record of any payment ever having been made or authorized for Lee Harvey Oswald.

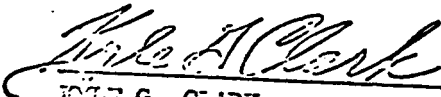
J. Gordon Shanklin  
J. GORDON SHANKLIN  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me on 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1964.

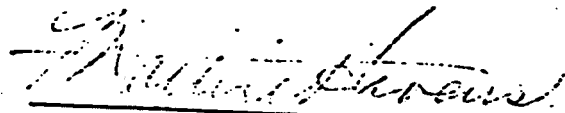
William W. [Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Dallas County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT

I, **EYLE G. CLARK**, being duly sworn, depose as follows:  
I have been Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since August 23, 1961. In such position, in the absence of the Special Agent in Charge, I must authorize any payments to informants or sources furnishing information. I have never made or authorized any payment to Lee Harvey Oswald. I have reviewed the records of this office and there is no record of any payment ever having been made or authorized for Lee Harvey Oswald.

  
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**EYLE G. CLARK**  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me on 11/17 day of Nov, 1964.

  
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**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
Dallas County, Texas

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AFFIDAVIT

I, JAMES P. HOSTY, JR., Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since January 21, 1952, having been duly sworn, make the following statement:

At no time prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy did I ever see or talk to Lee Harvey Oswald. I have never made payments of any kind to him. In addition, I have never made any attempt to develop him as an informant or source of information.

*James P. Hosty, Jr.*

JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me on 5th day of February, 1964.

*Notary Public*

NOTARY PUBLIC  
Dallas County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT

I, BURNETT TOM CARTER, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since October 19, 1936, having been duly sworn, make the following statement:

On June 26, 1962, at Fort Worth, Texas, I sat in on an interview of Lee Harvey Oswald which was conducted by former Special Agent John W. Fain (retired). In the course of this interview neither Special Agent Fain nor myself made any payment of any kind to Lee Harvey Oswald for any information he was furnishing or might in the future furnish; no effort was made to recruit his services in any capacity on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the U. S. Government; and no overtures, or promises of payment or otherwise, looking toward his possible future recruitment in any capacity on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the U. S. Government, were made to him.

I never saw or talked to Lee Harvey Oswald on any other occasion.

Burnett Tom Carter  
BURNETT TOM CARTER  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me on 5th day of February, 1964.

W. H. [Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Dallas County, Texas

AFFIDAVIT

I, ARNOLD J. BROWN, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since February 23, 1949, having been duly sworn, make the following statement:

On August 16, 1962, at Ft. Worth, Texas, I sat in on an interview of Lee Harvey Oswald which was conducted by former Special Agent John W. Fain (retired). In the course of this interview neither Special Agent Fain nor myself made any payment of any kind to Lee Harvey Oswald for any information he was furnishing or might in the future furnish; no effort was made to recruit his services in any capacity on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the U. S. Government; and no overtures, or promises of payment or otherwise, looking toward his possible future recruitment in any capacity on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the U. S. Government, were made to him.

I never saw or talked to Lee Harvey Oswald on any other occasion.

Arnold J. Brown  
ARNOLD J. BROWN  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me on 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
Feb., 1964.

Arthur J. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Dallas County, Texas

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AFFIDAVIT

I, KENNETH C. HOWE, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since January 6, 1941, having been duly sworn, make the following statement:

I never saw or talked to Lee Harvey Oswald and never made any payments of any kind to him. I have no knowledge indicating he was ever an informant or source of information for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Kenneth C. Howe  
KENNETH C. HOWE  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me on 5th day of February, 1964.

William H. ...  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Dallas County, Texas

INTERVIEW

I, H. G. Maynor, Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, being duly sworn, depose as follows:

I have been assigned as Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation since June 12, 1961, and specifically during the period that LEE HARVEY OSWALD resided in New Orleans, Louisiana, during 1963. All matters relating to informants are my responsibility and at no time have I instructed any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to make any effort to develop LEE HARVEY OSWALD as an informant. During the above period, I am aware that no effort was made to develop LEE HARVEY OSWALD as an informant. In view of my responsibility and knowledge of all informant matters, I am aware that no money was paid to LEE HARVEY OSWALD as an informant or for allegedly serving as an informant. Payments to informants are personally approved by me and it would be impossible for LEE HARVEY OSWALD to have been paid any funds without my knowing of same.

*H. G. Maynor*

H. G. Maynor,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 10th day of February, 1964.

*Louis C. LaCour*

Louis C. LaCour,  
NOTARY PUBLIC, New Orleans, La.  
(My commission expires at my death)



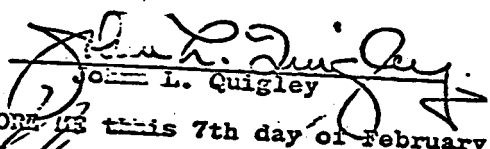
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I, John L. Quigley, being duly sworn, depose as follows:

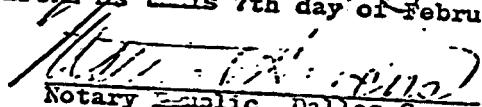
On August 10, 1963, I questioned ~~Lee~~ Harvey Oswald at the First District Station, New Orleans Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, for the purpose of obtaining data concerning himself and his activities. At this time Oswald was under arrest on a local charge of Disturbing the Peace. This was the only time I ever saw or questioned Oswald.

During the questioning of Oswald, I neither attempted to induce or suggest to Oswald that he become an informant; nor did I give any consideration to such action.

In view of the above, I did not at any time give Oswald money for serving as an informant.

  
JOHN L. QUIGLEY

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this 7th day of February, 1964.

  
Notary Public, Dallas County, Texas

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO )

SS

CURTIS O. LYNUM, being by me first duly sworn,  
deposes and says:

That he was Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from December, 1958, until April 18, 1963. In this position he had the responsibility for authorizing any payment to informants or sources of information; that he never made or authorized to be made any payment to LEE HARVEY OSWALD; that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was not used as an informant or source during his tenure in Dallas.

*Curtis O. Lynum*  
CURTIS O. LYNUM

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 10th day of February, 1964

*James A. Johnson*  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
in and for the City and County of  
San Francisco, State of California

My Commission Expires February 5, 1968

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THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF HARRIS }

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared John W. Fain, to me well known, and who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

I am a retired Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and reside at 12711 Pebblebrook, Houston, Texas.

I was formerly employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from September 8, 1942, to October 29, 1962.

During the year 1962, I was assigned to the Dallas Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and in connection with my work as a Special Agent I had occasion to interview Lee Harvey Oswald. This first interview occurred at Fort Worth, Texas, on or about June 26, 1962, and I was assisted in this interview by Special Agent B. Tom Carter.

Upon a second occasion I interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald on or about August 16, 1962, at Fort Worth, Texas, and upon this occasion was assisted by Special Agent Arnold J. Brown.

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At no time during or in connection with the above interviews did I or either of the above named agents make ~~any~~ payment of any kind to Oswald for any information he ~~provided~~ furnished us or which he might furnish in the future. No ~~effort~~ effort was at any time made to recruit Lee Harvey Oswald's ~~services~~ services in any capacity on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any other Government agency. Furthermore, ~~no~~ suggestion, either express or implied, was ever made ~~that~~ Oswald might act as an informant or employee in any ~~capacity~~ capacity for the Federal Bureau of Investigation or for any ~~Government~~ Government agency.

During these interviews, Lee Harvey Oswald ~~exhibited~~ exhibited an arrogant and hostile attitude, and in view ~~of~~ his uncooperative attitude I never felt that he could ~~be~~ trusted to furnish any reliable information.

John W. Fair

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 29th day of January  
A.D. 1964

Kathleen Semrath

Notary Public in and for  
Harris County, Texas