

Dallas, Texas

September 5, 1975

I, JOE A. PEARCE, being duly sworn, make the following free and voluntary statement to Inspector EDGAR N. BEST and ARTHUR F. NEHRBASS.

I previously furnished an affidavit in this matter on July 22, 1975, and have been provided a copy of this affidavit. I have been asked whether I am in a position to amplify what I previously stated and whether there are any inaccuracies in my previous affidavit.

I have been specifically asked whether I ever saw OSWALD, whether I ever had the note he delivered in my hands, and whether I ever read the note he delivered.

The information I furnished in my July 22, 1975, affidavit remains a true and correct account of what transpired.

I categorically deny that I ever saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD. I categorically deny that I ever had in my hands or in my possession any note left by LEE HARVEY OSWALD. I categorically deny that I ever read any note left by LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

I do now recall after deliberating on this matter since my prior affidavit that there were several discussions

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in approximately the latter part of the 1960s concerning a note left by OSWALD for HOSTY. During some of these discussions FENNER remarked to others in my presence to the effect that I had seen this note. On none of these occasions did I contradict the statement made by Mrs. FENNER.

At no time did I report to any supervisory official or anyone else the alleged existence of this note.

I can only explain my failure to correct FENNER's statements concerning me on my lack of appreciation of the seriousness of what she was communicating to the people involved.

I never initiated any conversation concerning OSWALD's visit or the existence of this note. It is my recollection that in these conversations in my presence I was always a passive party and never an active participant.

Joe A. Pearce  
JOE A. PEARCE

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
September 5, 1975, at Dallas, Texas

C. T. Kehibass  
Edgar W. Pearce