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I, Ural E. Horton, Jr., being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to J. Allison Conley and Philip A. McNiff, who have identified themselves to me as being an Inspector and Special Agent in Charge, respectively, of the FBI.

With regard to my affidavit furnished to Inspector Conley on July 22, 1975 at Buffalo, Wyoming I made reference on page two, paragraph one, that during the assassination investigation I had heard that SA Hosty had received a note from Oswald allegedly containing a threat against Hosty.

I have been asked to furnish and been questioned with regard to any other specific details I can recall as to when I initially learned of the alleged Oswald note to Hosty. While I cannot specifically recall the date or time period this information first came to my attention neither can I recall the identity of whom I heard it from. I can narrow down the period of time I first learned this information by specifically recalling that on November 22, 1963 I was in Washington, D. C. On this date I completed attendance at a two week In-Service session and soon after the assassination of President Kennedy was instructed to fly immediately to the Dallas Office, which I did. I reported for duty upon arrival in Dallas and commenced working on the case almost immediately. On Saturday night, November 23, 1963 I was permitted to return to my Resident Agency at Abilene, Texas for fresh clothing and then returned on the following day to Dallas to continue assignment on the special investigation. I remained on temporary assignment in Dallas for a number of weeks before being instructed to return to my regular assignment in Abilene. I do believe I was back in Abilene by Christmas, 1963. I first learned of the Oswald note to Hosty during this period of time I was temporarily assigned to the Dallas Office.

As to how and under what circumstances I first learned of the Oswald note to Hosty I have no specific recollection whatsoever. I can positively recall that I did hear there was an Oswald note to Hosty and that it allegedly contained a threat to Hosty however I never at any time saw the note, nor am I aware of what happened to the note. I have the impression that the note and circumstances surrounding it never received official investigative attention but I have no direct knowledge that this is a fact.

In paragraph three, commencing on page one of my July 23, 1975 affidavit I set forth a conversation had with Mr. Shanklin in January, 1974. At that time when Mr. Shanklin asked me what I thought of Hosty, before replying, I thought about the note from Oswald and my impression that no official action had been taken. This caused me to qualify my statement that Hosty was a very capable agent, to include the remark that I thought Hosty was a "damn fool" if it was true he had gotten a note from Oswald and not opened a case on Oswald or checked further into it. I cannot further add to the previous affidavit concerning Mr. Shanklin's response to my remarks.

I have read and initialed each of the four pages of this affidavit and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

/s/ Ural E. Horton, Jr.

Sworn and subscribed before me on September 4, 1975
at Duncanville, Texas.

Witnessed: /s/ J. Allison Conley
Inspector, FBI
Washington, D. C.

/s/ Philip A. McNiff
SAC, New York