

Dallas, Texas
September 5; 1975

I, JOE B. ABERNATHY, being duly sworn, hereby
make the following free and voluntary statement to Assistant
Director HAROLD N. BASSETT and Special Agent in Charge of the
Tampa Office FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR.

MR. BASSETT advised me of information coming to
the Bureau's attention indicating the possibility that LEE
HARVEY OSWALD had personally appeared at the Dallas Office
sometime prior to the assassination of former President KENNEDY
and at this time he left a note.

Concerning information regarding a note allegedly
left by LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the Dallas Office, I wish to
state that prior to reading the Sunday Times Herald on Sunday,
August 31, 1975, I had no prior knowledge or information
concerning such a letter.

During the first month of the assassination
investigation, I was one of the coordinators assigned to
Special Agent ROBERT P. GEMBERLING in connection with the
KENNEDY assassination case.

In spite of the current information concerning the
case daily and hourly, I had no previous knowledge of the
above information.

J.B.A.

We discussed current information freely among the coordinators and with MR. SHANKLIN and MR. JIM MALLEY.

During the day following the assassination, I was designated to go along with Special Agent JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. when we were to interview MRS. RUTH PAINE. During this interview, I cannot recall her having mentioned anything concerning OSWALD having been to the FBI Office, in fact, I do not believe she made such a statement.

James P. Hosty, Jr.

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

Witnesses:

Harold M. Bennett
Asst. Dir. FBI

Francis M. Mulley
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