

September 10, 1975  
Washington, D. C.

I, Joseph J. Loeffler, being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Deputy Assistant Director J. Allison Conley and Inspector Edgar N. Best, whom I know to be employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As of November 22, 1963, I was a Supervisory Special Agent assigned to the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and had supervision of Desk Number Three. In this capacity I supervised criminal, accounting, and applicant matters. I continued my supervisory assignment in the Dallas Office until 1967, when I transferred to Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters.

I am aware of the recent publicity concerning the alleged visit of Lee Harvey Oswald to the Dallas Office prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and information contained in this article concerning a threatening note he may have left at the office. I personally read this account in the Washington Post on September 1, 1975. On my first reading of this account I was taken aback to learn that on the alleged visit by Oswald to the office he purportedly left a note. I recall that while assigned to the Dallas Office there was talk of Oswald visiting the Dallas Office but I was not apprised or aware of the fact that a note had been delivered by him. To the best of my recollection I first became knowledgeable of Oswald's visit to the

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Dallas Office sometime following the assassination of President Kennedy and in my best estimate it may have been during the week of November 24, 1963.

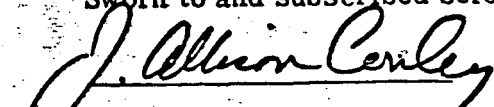
This information I learned from an unrecalled individual in the Dallas Office, and when this information was conveyed to me I considered it to be common knowledge in the office. At no time until I read it in the Washington Post was I aware that Oswald had left a note when he reportedly came to the Dallas Office. It is true that I was in the office immediately subsequent to the assassination but cannot recall any conversation or instructions as concerns the delivery of this alleged note. I further categorically deny that at any time was I present during any discussion concerning the receipt of a note from Oswald in the Dallas Office, or the decision to destroy such a note or any information whatsoever concerning this allegation.

I would like to further clarify my position immediately after the assassination by saying that I was assigned to marshal the investigation and insure that appropriate leads were being appropriately and expeditiously covered. In particular, these leads were directed at ascertaining witnesses who could testify concerning the shooting of the President.

I have read and initialled the above statement consisting of this and one other page and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

  
Joseph J. Loeffler

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 10th day of September, 1975

  
Edgar W. Bent