

September 18, 1975
Washington, D. C.

I, Sterling B. Donahoe, having been duly sworn, make the following free and voluntary statement to Inspector J. Allison Conley and Special Agent Fred B. Griffith, whom I know to be employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

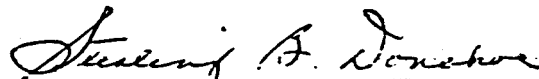
I subscribe to Time Magazine and in the September 15, 1975, issue, I read an article appearing on page nineteen entitled, "The Oswald Cover-Up." The article alleges that Lee Harvey Oswald visited the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation prior to the assassination of President Kennedy and left an allegedly threatening note. This article also alleges that after the assassination of President Kennedy anguished Federal Bureau of Investigation men in Dallas asked their superiors in Washington for guidance about the note. The article continues that John P. Mohr, then the Bureau's administrative chief, told the Dallas Agents to destroy it. My reading of this Time article is the first knowledge I have ever had of this matter concerning Oswald and a note he allegedly left at the Dallas Office.

At the time of the assassination and in the months following I was assigned as the Number One Man in the office of Assistant to the Director Alan H. Belmont, whose overall responsibility included supervision of all the Bureau's investigative matters including the assassination of President Kennedy. For the first thirty days subsequent to the assassination Mr. Belmont was totally involved


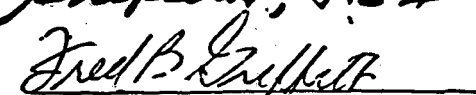
in coordinating the various investigative activities which concerned the assassination and as a consequence I was primarily involved in handling all other matters normally handled by the office. My knowledge of the assassination investigation and related investigations was, therefore, not totally inclusive.

This morning I read an article in the Washington Post of September 18, 1975, page A 3, which referred to the threatening letter left by Oswald at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Dallas Office and which indicated there was a decision to destroy the letter which was made at a meeting of top agency officials in Washington the weekend after Kennedy's death. I am quite certain that I worked that entire weekend and I did not hear any such letter ever discussed nor did I hear any conversation about the destruction of any record relating to such letter. At no subsequent time have I ever heard any information about the existence or destruction of such a letter until the current publicity as referred to above.

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.


Sterling B. Donahoe

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of September, 1975.


Inspector, FBI

Special Agent, FBI