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**Lusby, Maryland
September 17, 1975**

I, Elbert T. Turner, being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Inspector J. Allison Conley and Special Agent Fred B. Griffith, who I know to be employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I have read an article in the September 15, 1975, issue of "Time" Magazine on page 19. This article entitled "The Oswald Cover-up" alleges that Lee Harvey Oswald visited the Dallas Office prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and left a note which contained a threat. This article states that John P. Mohr, then a Bureau official told the Dallas agents to destroy the note.

This note was first called to my attention by a representative of the Associated Press who telephoned me at my Hyattsville, Maryland home sometime during the week of Labor Day 1975. The reporter referred to a note written by Oswald containing a threat against an FBI agent. He continued that Director Kelley of the FBI had confirmed such a note had been written and destroyed. The reporter related that one of my friends had suggested that I was knowledgeable concerning the FBI investigation of the Kennedy assassination but the reporter said he did not know my position in the Bureau or what connection I had with the investigation. I told the reporter I would make no comment. He then asked if I would discuss the matter for background purposes and I again responded "no comment."

My wife who had overheard my end of this telephone conversation inquired what the call was about. I related that the AP said Oswald had written a note threatening an FBI agent. I commented to her I did not remember any threatening note by Oswald but that I did have a hazy recollection that he had complained to the Dallas Office concerning inquiries made about his wife.

On Friday, September 12, 1975 a representative of the New York Times telephoned me at my Hyattsville home and made reference to the Oswald note and gave him the same "no comment" reply.

After receiving these telephone calls I had a recollection that Oswald had complained to the Dallas Office about inquiries made concerning his wife but I

have been unable to recall whether his complaint was by a visit to the office or by letter. Although I did not pay much attention to these press inquiries, I did not recall that Oswald's complaint contained any threat to an agent or anyone else.

During the interview today with Inspector Conley I have given this matter further consideration and do recall having received knowledge of Oswald's complaint. I believe I received this knowledge from reviewing some communication in the Bureau file and I believe this was in the file before November 22, 1963, although I could be mistaken concerning the time period. I have no recollection of discussing this Oswald complaint with anyone so must conclude that my knowledge was gained by having read something in the file.

It has been brought to my attention during this interview that when SA Hosty interviewed Oswald on November 22, 1963 at the Dallas Police Department, Oswald became agitated when he learned of SA Hosty's identity. While I am reasonably sure I saw the results of this particular interview of Oswald by SA Hosty, I do not believe that was the communication referred to above which concerned Oswald's complaint about inquiries made about his wife.

At the time of the assassination the Oswald case had recently been assigned to me in my capacity of supervisory Special Agent in the Espionage Section. After the assassination I was the coordinator for the Domestic Intelligence Division in preparing the material concerning Oswald. I believe I continued in that capacity until the latter part of January 1964 or early in February 1964 at which time I was given a different assignment.

I do not recall any discussion whatsoever concerning Oswald's alleged visit to the Dallas Office or an Oswald note. I recall no discussion with anyone as to reporting it or not reporting it; I do not recall any conversation concerning retention or destruction of an Oswald note and have no knowledge of any conference or get-together when such matters were discussed.

With reference to the two telephone calls from the press, referred to above, my initial reaction was if there was such a note and it had been destroyed as reportedly confirmed by Mr. Kelley, that it was only the original note that might have been destroyed but that the file must contain the contents of any such note.

With respect to the press allegations of a possible FBI coverup concerning Oswald or any aspect of the assassination investigation I wish to state categorically that during the time I was connected with the investigation there

was no cover-up, no discussion of a cover-up and no reason to cover-up. On the contrary the whole objective of the investigation was to determine who all might have been involved and report all of the results to the proper authorities.

I have read the above statement consisting of this and five other pages, initialed each page, and state that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

/s/ Elbert T. Turner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of September, 1975.

/s/ J. Allison Conley
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/s/ Fred B. Griffith
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