

Dallas, Texas
September 28, 1975
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I, WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN, being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Inspector J. ALLISON CONLEY and Special Agent in Charge PHILIP A. MC NIFF, both of whom have identified themselves to me as being employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I have been advised that an allegation has been made that LEE HARVEY OSWALD delivered a letter to the Dallas Office prior to the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY and have been questioned concerning this incident. The extent of my knowledge is as follows:

About the middle of August, 1975, on a workday, I had occasion to drive MRS. FENNER to her physician for one of a series of five weekly shots she was receiving for medical reasons. On this particular occasion, after MRS. FENNER had received her shot, and I was driving her back to the office, she stated that she had something that she had to talk about to someone. She then related that she had been interviewed in MR. GUNDERSON'S office about a letter that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had brought to the office for SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. MRS. FENNER said when interviewed she was told to tell the truth which she said she did.

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MRS. FENNER continued that she had looked at the letter and OSWALD had said if HOSTY did not leave MARINA alone, he would blow up the office. MRS. FENNER said she took the letter to either MR. SHANKLIN or MR. CLARK. Then MRS. FENNER again reiterated that she had told the whole truth during this interview. MRS. FENNER did not relate to me any information concerning disposition of the note and concluded that she was told during this interview that she was not to talk to anyone about it. During the balance of the drive to the office, MRS. FENNER then talked about other matters, including her medical problems. When we arrived at the office, she got out of the car and I proceeded about my business.

Upon hearing this information related by MRS. FENNER concerning OSWALD and the note, I paid no particular attention to her comment, and I want to clarify this by stating that MRS. FENNER and I have worked closely together for the past ten years in handling applicant and related matters in the Dallas Office. MRS. FENNER is a great talker, a hypochondriac, one who, in my opinion, tends to exaggerate many situations and considering all these facts, I simply did not regard her comments as being earthshaking. I simply had a doubt as to whether she had been interviewed as claimed.

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I did not tie in the above conversation of MRS. FENNER with any previous information I had heard concerning the KENNEDY assassination. Upon being specifically questioned by Inspector CONLEY as to an incident which took place in about April, 1975, in the east squad room of the Dallas Office, I now recall SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING speaking rather abruptly to MRS. FENNER. I did not hear the complete conversation. I did hear MRS. FENNER mention something about a statement or letter and SA GEMBERLING be abrupt in his answer, telling her in effect to shut-up. MRS. FENNER walked away. I do not recall the name OSWALD or a note being mentioned in this conversation.

Sometime either immediately before this incident involving MRS. FENNER and SA GEMBERLING or soon thereafter, while in MRS. FENNER's office, she voluntarily mentioned an incident involving SA URAL E. HORTON, JR. and SAC SHANKLIN. As best I can recall, she related that HORTON and SHANKLIN were travelling together in a car en route to a retirement function for SA MABRAY in Abilene, Texas, and HORTON had mentioned SHANKLIN about a letter that OSWALD had brought to the office. According to MRS. FENNER, she understands that when SHANKLIN learned this information, he almost jumped out of the car. As I recall, MRS. FENNER was passing on information she had obtained from HORTON.

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I have been assigned to the Dallas Office since July, 1958. Other than the above cited instances, until seeing the news story in the Dallas Times Herald on Sunday, August 31, 1975, I have no knowledge concerning OSWALD's visit to the Dallas Office and his note to SA HOSTY.

I have read each of the 4 pages of this affidavit and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

Will Taylor Huff

Sworn to and subscribed before me on September 2, 1975, at Dallas, Texas.

Witnesses:

J. Allison Conley
Philip A. McRiff