

Dallas, Texas
September 5, 1975

I, CHARLES T. BROWN, JR., 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 the above, my first knowledge of the note reported to have been left at the Dallas Office by LEE HARVEY OSWALD, came about through a conversation at some time in the early part of 1964 with Special Agent Vince Drain. Because Agents of the Dallas Office had been so deeply involved in the assassination investigation, different aspects of the case were frequently discussed by the Agents and one of the main aspects was OSWALD's motive and mental condition which would have caused him to do this act. As best as I can recall in talking

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with DRAIN one day along this vein, DRAIN asked me if I knew about the note, which had been delivered to the office by OSWALD.

I told him I did not. He then advised me that OSWALD had left a note at the office prior to the assassination in which note OSWALD stated that if the FBI did not stop harassing his wife, he would blow up the FBI and the Dallas Police Department. When I heard this, I was shocked and amazed that information of this type had been received prior to the assassination. As I recall, I was so shocked and amazed at this revelation that I did not press further as to the disposition of the note and to this date, I have never known what disposition was made of the note.

In discussing the receipt of the note, DRAIN advised me that on the occasion of OSWALD's visit to the office, NAN FENNER, who was receptionist in the office at this time, and Special Agent JOE PEARCE, who was a clerk in the office at that time, were present in the reception room at the time OSWALD appeared in the office with the note. At no time did Special Agent DRAIN advise me as to who his source was.

After the present inquiry regarding this matter was begun, I tried to recall in my own mind, the names of any persons to whom I had furnished the information about the note and the only individual I could recall as a possibility, was

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Special Agent EMORY E. HORTON. SA HORTON and I had ridden to work together for many years and I, knowing that HORTON himself was deeply enmeshed in the investigation, think at this time I was probably the first one who brought this information to the attention of Agent HORTON.

Shortly after the assassination of President KENNEDY on November 22, 1963, I participated in an interview with MARINA OSWALD at the Inn of the Six Flags, at Arlington, Texas, along with Special Agent JIM HOSTY, and an interpreter from the U. S. Secret Service, whose name I do not recall. During the course of this interview, MARINA spoke very little and we had the impression that she understood English much better than she indicated but was not communicating with us on that evening because of her fear that she would be deported from the United States because of the incident involving her husband in the assassination. During the interview, MARINA made no reference to the fact that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been to the Dallas Office a short time prior to the assassination. In another interview a day or so after the first interview, at no time during the interview did MARINA state LEE HARVEY OSWALD had appeared at the Dallas Office prior to the assassination.

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I can categorically state that I have never discussed this matter with anyone outside the Bureau nor have I ever caused anyone to discuss the matter with anyone outside the Bureau.

In response to the question as to why I did not bring this information to the attention of one of the officials in the Dallas Office, I presumed information of this gravity would be already known to the office officials.

Charles T. Brown, Jr.

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

Witnesses:

Harold N. Bassett

Francis M. Mulley
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