

September 17, 1975
Washington, D. C.

I, William A. Branigan, having been duly sworn, make the following free and voluntary statement to Assistant Director Harold N. Bassett and Inspector J. Allison Conley, whom I know to be employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I have been advised of an allegation that Lee Harvey Oswald visited the Dallas Office prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, that he left a note which was threatening in nature, and that the note was subsequently destroyed.

The first I ever learned of this allegation was when I was contacted by Assistant to the Director - Deputy Associate Director James B. Adams on Saturday, August 30, 1975, when Mr. Adams asked some questions concerning the Oswald investigation and read to me a statement that was to be released in behalf of Mr. Kelley.

At the time of the assassination of President Kennedy I was the Section Chief of the Soviet Espionage Section and had been for a number of years. My Section had supervision of a pending investigation concerning Lee Harvey Oswald prior to and at the time of the assassination. Following the assassination of President Kennedy the Bureau's investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald attempted to reconstruct his life for the purpose of determining his motives in the slaying and whether he acted as a part of a conspiracy. This investigation was under

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my direct supervision as Section Chief. I want to repeat that at no time either prior to the assassination or subsequent to the assassination, did I have any information whatsoever regarding the alleged visit of Oswald to the Dallas Office, his leaving of a note and the subsequent destruction of same.

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.

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

Hugh V. Barrett
Asst. Dir. FBI.

J. Allison Conley
Inspector, FBI