

Dallas, Texas  
September 5, 1975

I, JOE B. ABERNATHY, 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 information regarding a note allegedly left by LEE HARVEY OSWALD at the Dallas Office, I wish to state that prior to reading the Sunday Times Herald on Sunday, August 31, 1975, I had no prior knowledge or information concerning such a letter.

During the first month of the assassination investigation, I was one of the coordinators assigned to Special Agent ROBERT P. GEMBERLING in connection with the KENNEDY assassination case.

In spite of the current information concerning the case daily and hourly, I had no previous knowledge of the above information.



We discussed current information freely among the coordinators and with MR. SHANKLIN and MR. JIM MALLEY.

During the day following the assassination, I was designated to go along with Special Agent JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. when we were to interview MRS. RUTH PAINE. During this interview, I cannot recall her having mentioned anything concerning OSWALD having been to the FBI Office, in fact, I do not believe she made such a statement.

Joe B. Abernathy

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

Witnesses:

Harold N. Barrett  
Asst. Dir. F.B.I.

Francis M. Mulley  
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