

Dallas, Texas
September 5, 1975

I, Emory E. Horton, being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Deputy Assistant Director J. Allison Conley and SAC Philip A. McNeff, both of whom I know to be with the FBI.

I am aware that an internal inquiry is underway in connection with Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly visiting the Dallas Office prior to the assassination of President Kennedy and his leaving of a threatening note for SA Hosty.

I have been assigned to the Dallas Office since January, 1960. On November 22, 1963, I was on annual leave visiting in the State of Oklahoma. Upon hearing of the assassination, I promptly returned to Dallas, arriving late evening November 22nd. I worked on the assassination phase of the investigation starting 11/22/63, until approximately early January, 1964.

Initially I conducted some interviews on the investigation, but after two or three days I was assigned to assist SA Robert P. Gemberling with the handling of paper, incidental to the over-all investigation and preparations of communications, including reports. In this capacity, I had a working knowledge

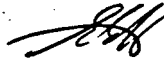


of the contents of communications, including reports, disseminated during the period of my assignment to said case.

On an unrecalled date subsequent to 1/1/64, but prior to SA Hosty's transfer out of the office in the fall of 1964, I was told by an unrecalled individual that Lee Harvey Oswald had, prior to 11/22/63, visited the Dallas Office and asked for SA James Hosty. On being told SA Hosty was not then in the office, Oswald allegedly left a missive for Hosty with the then receptionist-typist, Mrs. Nan Lee Fenner. It is my recollection the alleged communication was of a warning nature toward Hosty in that Hosty had reportedly been conducting investigation pertaining to Oswald and/or his wife. In this regard, I cannot state the specific nature of any warning or directive which may have been addressed to SA Hosty.

Regarding the source of my receipt of information regarding the alleged communication, I do not have any positive recollection as to who told me this allegation, but as I can only recall having discussed this matter with one person, that being SA Charles T. Brown, Jr. of the Dallas Office of the FBI, it is my assumption SA Brown was the individual from whom I initially learned of the alleged visit by Oswald and his actions in leaving a communication for SA Hosty.

Regarding the above alluded to alleged communication, I wish to state same was not incorporated in or otherwise treated, to the best of my recollection, in any communication



that I prepared, approved or reviewed in connection with the assassination.

As stated above, I do not at this point in time recall having discussed ~~this matter~~ with any person other than SA Brown, the alleged matter involving a note from Oswald. During the intervening years the alleged note has been referred to on a few occasions in conversations between SA Brown and myself and in this regard we merely identified it as "the matter we do not discuss."

Regarding the alleged note, I state I did not see the note, I have not been told by any person that they saw and/or read the note, and I have no recollection of the disposition of the note by the receptionist, but based on the normal course of business, I would assume she delivered same to SA Hosty.

I have been told that records indicate I testified before a Federal Grand Jury in Wichita Falls, Texas, in October, 1964. I am also told this grand jury was convened from October 7 - 9. I cannot specifically recall appearing before this grand jury; however, I have appeared before grand juries at Wichita Falls, Texas, while assigned investigative matters in the Dallas Office. I can recall no instances while attending the FGJ, Wichita Falls, wherein



I ever heard any discussion concerning the Oswald note incident.

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

Ernest Horton

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this 5th day of September, 1975.

Witnesses:

J. Albert Conley
Philip A. Lee