

Statement of Kerry Wendell Thornley dated September 28, 1967

Regarding Russian Instruction at Atsugi, Japan

1. My name is Kerry Wendell Thornley. I testified before Mr. Jenner, on the staff of the Warren Commission. My published testimony appears in Volume Eleven of the Warren Commission's 26 volumes.
2. While stationed at Atsugi, Japan, I learned through Special Services (the recreational/educational facility) that Russian lessons were available on the base. These were open to all enlisted men, at a small fee. I took a couple of lessons. The instructor was a Russian civilian who lived in Yokohama.
3. After returning to the United States, I had occasion to try out one of the phrases I had learned in this class on my Russian-speaking Jewish landlady on Napoleon Avenue in New Orleans. I said to her "Dobri noche". She looked at me and said: "What language is that?" I said that I thought it was Russian for Good Evening, or literally, "Peaceful Night". That is what I had been taught in my Russian class at Atsugi. My landlady replied, "Oh, that is not the type of Russian they speak in Moscow. That is Ukranian that you learned." I said a few of the other phrases that I learned in this Russian class and she became certain that what I had learned was definitely Ukranian.
4. The time I took the Russian lessons was the summer of 1960. This was, of course, long after Lee Oswald had departed from Atsugi. Since he had left Atsugi, before I had known him at El Torro Marine Base in the Spring of 1959, I have no direct knowledge that he took Russian lessons at Atsugi, or that he did not.

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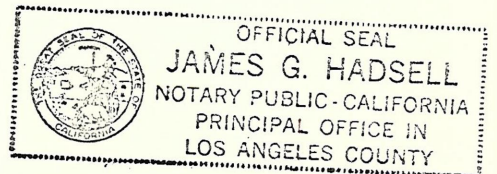
STATE OF CALIFORNIA      SS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

On September 28, 1967 before me, the undersigned,  
personally appeared

KERRY WENDELL THORNLEY,

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the  
within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same.

Signature *James G. Hadsell*  
JAMES G. HADSELL, Notary Public  
My Commission Expires April 2, 1968  
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