

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Ruth Paine, 222 Winona Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, telephone area code 215 - VI 9-6799, was telephonically contacted at which time she provided the following information. Mrs. Paine stated that she was telephonically contacted approximately a week prior by a reporter from a Dallas newspaper who told her his name was Ainsworth (phonetic). She stated that Mr. Ainsworth was inquiring concerning her testimony before the Warren Commission relative to information she had that Lee Harvey Oswald had told her that he had gone to the Dallas FBI Office and left a note. Mrs. Paine stated that after receiving this call she contacted former Special Agent Bardwell Odum in Dallas, Texas. She stated she had been contacted by Odum a number of times subsequent to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and prior to her testimony before the Warren Commission. Her purpose in calling Odum was to alert him that she had received the call from the reporter Ainsworth.

Mrs. Paine was asked to recall specifically how she found out that Lee Harvey Oswald had gone to the Dallas FBI Office and who had told her at a later point in time that he actually did not go to the office. Mrs. Paine stated that she had been contacted by an Agent named Hosty early in November, probably on November 1, 1963, concerning Marina and Lee Harvey Oswald. She stated that following this contact and to the best of her recollection it was the following weekend Lee Harvey Oswald again visited Marina in her apartment. She stated she had a four-room apartment consisting of two bedrooms, one of which she occupied with her children and a second occupied by Marina. The two other rooms consisted of a living room and kitchen. She stated on the weekend of November 8th she saw a great deal of Oswald as when he visited the apartment they shared meals together and she specifically recalls taking him to Dallas to obtain a driver's permit. To the best of her recollection it was on this weekend that Oswald told her that he had visited the Dallas Office of the FBI and was quite upset concerning the visit the prior week by Agent Hosty to the apartment. She states she does not recall anyone specifically telling her that she learned later on that in fact Oswald had not gone to the Dallas Office of the FBI. She stated it only came to her attention when the newspaperman Ainsworth read her testimony in the Warren Commission to her. The only explanation she can give for making that statement was that prior to testifying before the Commission she had been in contact with Agent Odum a number of times, at least half a dozen, and it was her thought that possibly Odum had told her that Oswald had never gone to the FBI Office. She also states that in recent conversation with Odum, Odum has told her that he never knew that Oswald had come to the Dallas FBI Office. She was sure Hosty had never so told her.

telephonic contact on 9/25/75, New York, New York File # _____

Inspector Edgar N. Best/wmj

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