

Dallas, Texas
September 2, 1975

I, NANNIE LEE FENNER, being duly sworn, hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Assistant Director HAROLD N. BASSETT and the Special Agent in Charge of the Tampa Office, FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR.

MR. BASSETT furnished me the sworn statement which I had given under date of July 15, 1975. He asked me to review this statement and inquired as to its accuracy and whether there was any additional information which I could furnish since submission of this statement.

To begin with, my statement of July 15, 1975 is accurate within the bounds of my recollection. I do recall that the note which OSWALD left contained additional comments other than what I furnished in my statement of July 15, 1975, but I simply cannot now recall what they were. I can however, categorically state that there was absolutely no mention concerning President KENNEDY which would indicate OSWALD to be the potential assassin of President KENNEDY. I also seem to recall that the note was written on lined paper, in a handwriting which I can best describe as a large scrawl, which was very childlike in nature.

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On further reflection, it is somehow my recollection that MISS HELEN MAY may have seen OSWALD as he was departing the office after he delivered the note. I seem to recall that as he was leaving, MISS MAY came to the reception desk and asked me something to the effect as to "Who was that character?" I told MISS MAY that that person had asked to see SA HOSTY and had left a note for him.

I also recall that when this person came to the reception desk and asked for SA HOSTY, he identified himself orally as MR. OSWALD.

MR. BASSETT has asked me whether following the admonition by both former ASAC CLARK and former Supervisor HOWE, whether I had discussed OSWALD's visit with anyone else. I have no recollection of doing so until approximately the Spring of 1975, when information was appearing in the local newspapers, indicating the possibility of reopening the investigation relating to the assassination of President KENNEDY. At that time, MISS MAY, in discussing these news accounts, commented that if the investigation was reopened, she wondered "What they would say if they knew OSWALD had visited the Dallas Office."

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I also recall that at about the same time, and I fixed the month as April, 1975, while at a water fountain in the Dallas Office, I had a discussion with former Special Agent, URAL E. HORTON. At that time, MR. HORTON mentioned that he had discussed OSWALD's visit to the Dallas Office and his leaving of a note, with SAC SHANKLIN during January, 1974. I recall those present during the discussion were SA's VINCENT E. DRAIN, WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN and one or two others, whose identities I cannot now recall. While I cannot say that SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING was actually in the group, he apparently was close enough to overhear the discussion because I recall him making a statement to the effect "I'll say one thing, it never showed up in the investigation." I also recall that both GRIFFIN and DRAIN made the comment that if they were ever asked about this, they would say they knew nothing about it. At about this time, I left the group in order to answer a telephone call.

MR. BASSETT asked me why I did not bring this matter to the attention of SAC SHANKLIN. I can only state that I was of the opinion that MR. CLARK was speaking in an official capacity and probably assumed that MR. SHANKLIN was aware of the matter, however, I have absolutely no information indicating that

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MR. SHANKLIN was aware of it.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on September 2,
1975, at Dallas, Texas.

Harold W. Barrett
Asst. Dir. F.B.I.
Francis M. Mulkey
SAC, FBI

Dallas, Texas
September 5, 1975

I, NANNIE LEE FENNER, being duly sworn, make the following free and voluntary statement to Inspector EDGAR N. BEST and Special Agent in Charge ARTHUR F. NEHRBASS.

I previously furnished affidavits on July 15, 1975, and September 2, 1975, in the matter of the allegation that LEE HARVEY OSWALD visited the Dallas Office and left a note for SA HOSTY.

I have no knowledge of the disposition HOSTY made of the note after I delivered it to him. I did not tell anybody that it was put in SA HOSTY's workbox.

Concerning JOE PEARCE's contact with the letter, it is my clear recollection that PEARCE did not see OSWALD but that he did have the envelope and/or letter in his hand and I am certain now that he did not read the letter. I had told him that "some nut" had left a letter and he merely picked it up and laid it down again.

Nannie Lee Fenner

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

Witnesses:

Arthur F. Nehrbass

Edgar N. Best