

I, KENNETH C. HOWE, being duly sworn, hereby make this free and voluntary statement to Assistant Director HAROLD N. BASSETT and Inspector FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR.

I have been advised by Mr. BASSETT of an allegation to the effect LEE HARVEY OSWALD appeared at the Dallas Office of the FBI sometime shortly before the assassination of President KENNEDY. Further, that on this occasion, OSWALD left a threatening note; however, the allegation contended there was a cover-up in the Dallas Office about OSWALD's visit, and the alleged note was never brought to the Bureau's attention.

I have been shown testimony by a Mrs. PAINE in which she advised OSWALD had told her he had visited the FBI office in Dallas; and also testimony by her to the effect she had later learned he never had visited the FBI office. In a subsequent magazine article she stated she had learned "from the FBI" OSWALD had never been to the Dallas Office.

The foregoing testimony by Mrs. PAINE was first known to me when told to me on Wednesday, July 16, 1975, by Mr. BASSETT. I had never previously read or heard of this testimony by Mrs. PAINE. I never talked to Mrs. PAINE either in person or telephonically, and if she ever did inquire of the FBI concerning the above I have no knowledge of it, nor do I have any

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knowledge to whom she might have talked if she did so inquire. I never received information from anyone at any time indicating Mrs. PAINE had asked the Bureau whether OSWALD had been to the Bureau office.

As to my knowledge of OSWALD's possible visit to the Dallas FBI office prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY, I can only say I do recall having received information that NAN FENNER, then receptionist at the Dallas Office, had stated she thought OSWALD had been into the office sometime prior to the assassination. Whether this was on the basis of some comment I heard MRS. FENNER herself make, or from some other source, I cannot now specifically recall. I do know I never discussed any such matter with Mrs. FENNER, or had her ask me about any such matter. Following having heard of it, though, I recall I did mention it to SAC SHANKLIN or ASAC CLARK - I can't honestly say which one at this time. I have been asked what the reaction or answer of the one to whom I talked was with reference to the matter, and this again, at this time, I cannot recall. I do know I heard nothing more about the matter thereafter, and, to my best knowledge, it was not a common rumor about the office this had possibly taken place. Whether it actually did take place I don't to this day know.

I have been told Mrs. FENNER has said she received a note from OSWALD addressed to AGENT HOSTY. Of this I have no knowledge.

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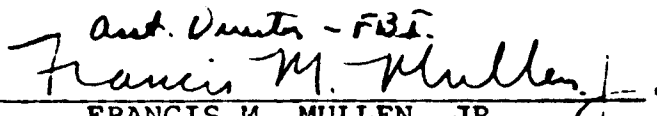
I never saw any such note and don't recall there was any mention of a note having been left in connection with OSWALD'S reported visit to the office.

I also understand Mrs. FENNER has stated I made a remark to her at one time to "forget the letter." I categorically deny having ever made any such statement to Mrs. FENNER or anyone else. As I said previously, I never discussed anything regarding OSWALD's alleged visit to the Dallas Office with Mrs. FENNER even after having been told, or having heard, she thought he had been there. I have no reason to doubt Mrs. FENNER's veracity, and I feel she probably is relating facts as she now best recalls them, but all this must be considered within the framework of the confusion and concerned turmoil which existed in the Dallas Office in the time following the assassination of President KENNEDY.


KENNETH C. HOWE

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on 7/16/75, at San Diego, California.


HAROLD N. BASSETT

Ast. Dir. - FBI.

FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR.
Inspector - FBI.

I, KENNETH C. HOWE, being duly sworn, hereby make _____
this free and voluntary statement to Assistant Director
HAROLD N. BASSETT and Inspector FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR.

With reference to the prior affidavit which I furnished
this date to Assistant Director BASSETT and Inspector MULLEN,
I would like to furnish the following additional information:

Paragraphs one through four of the prior statement are
true to my best knowledge and belief. For clarification this
is information up to and including line four on page two of
referenced affidavit.

As to OSWALD's reported visit to the Dallas Office and
the leaving of a note there, the following facts are as I recall
them. Subsequent to the assassination of President KENNEDY, in
searching for a serial or file of some sort in the workbox of
Agent HOSTY, I came upon a note which obviously appeared to be
from LEE HARVEY OSWALD. Upon reading this, and I have no present
recollection of the wording in the note, I took it, as I recall
to either SAC SHANKLIN or ASAC CLARK. I can't remember whether
the note was signed by OSWALD or whether his name was in the
note, but there was no doubt in my mind that it was from him.
It may be the note contained some reference to his wife, MARINA,
which ~~lead~~ ^{led} me to deduce it was from OSWALD. It is my recollec-
tion the note possibly contained some comment about HOSTY having

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interviewed "my wife" or "my wife, MARINA." The note, ¹²⁻¹⁴ and here again this is to my best recollection, appeared threatening in nature but specifically what was said or how it was said I no longer have any recollection.

Following the reporting of the foregoing incident, I had no discussion of the matter with either SHANKLIN or CLARK or anyone else to my recollection. The matter was never discussed by me subsequently ^{with 12-14} anyone and I have no knowledge what action if any was taken by the individuals to whom I delivered it. What subsequently happened to the note I have no knowledge.

I never saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD in the office of the FBI and I have no knowledge as to how instant note came into the office. I do recall having been told by someone it was delivered to the office by OSWALD to Mrs. FENNER but I never discussed this with Mrs. FENNER and have no further knowledge concerning the method by which the note reached the office.


I subsequently heard nothing more about the note, having considered I had fulfilled my obligation in reporting this to responsible authorities. What action was taken with regard to it, ^{or 12-14} if any, in connection with it, I do not know.

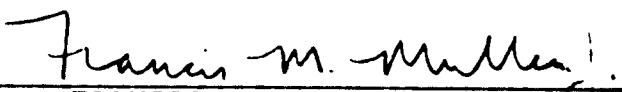
In my prior statement in reference to the last paragraph, this is true as it stands in the prior statement and I

again categorically deny having made any statement to
Mrs. FENNER or anyone else to "forget the letter."


KENNETH C. HOWE

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on 7/16/75 at San Diego, California


HAROLD N. BASSETT
Assistant Director, FBI


FRANCIS M. MULLEN, JR.
Inspector, FBI