

FBI Aide Recalls Oswald Note

Washington

An FBI receptionist testified before a House subcommittee yesterday that she read a threatening note Lee Harvey Oswald left in the Dallas bureau before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Nanny Lee Fenner, who is still employed with the Dallas FBI bureau, said the letter contained a threat to "blow up" the FBI office or the Dallas Police Department if an agent did not let Oswald's wife alone.

But J. Gordon Shanklin, the agent in charge of the Dallas office at the time and now retired, denied any knowledge of the Oswald letter.

A Judiciary subcommittee, headed by Don Edwards (Dem-

Calif.), is investigating charges that the FBI purposely withheld evidence, including the note, from the Warren Commission, which probed the Kennedy assassination.

In a session last month, the subcommittee was told by James B. Adams, deputy associate FBI director, that FBI agent James P. Hosty Jr. and Shanklin have given contradictory stories about the destruction of the Oswald letter.

Hosty, whose name appeared in Oswald's address book, is now assigned to the Kansas City office. Adams said Hosty claimed he destroyed the letter on Shanklin's instructions only two hours after Oswald was pronounced dead on Nov. 24, 1963.

Mrs. Fenner said she first came into contact with Oswald

when he brought a letter to her reception desk in the Dallas bureau during lunchtime.

"He had a wild look in his eyes," she said.

Mrs. Fenner recalled that Oswald asked for Hosty but when told he was not there, "Threw a letter on my desk and said, 'Give it to him.'"

She said part of the letter was sticking out of the envelope and she read its last two lines. She recalled that it said, "I will either blow up the Dallas Police Department or the FBI office."

She also recalled that the Oswald letter contained "something about" blowing up buildings of Oswald's wife was not left alone.

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