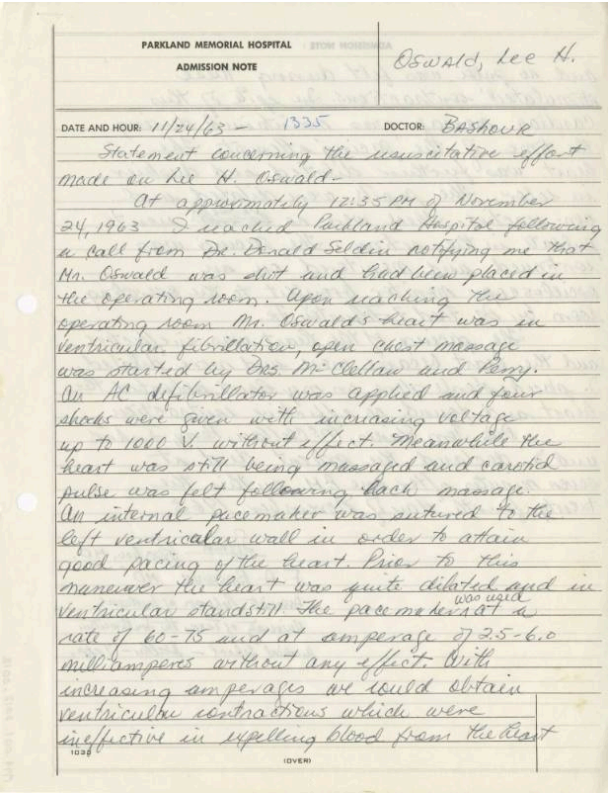


Basic Detail Report



Dr. Fouad A. Bashour's handwritten doctor's statement about treatment of Oswald

Date
11/24/1963

Primary Maker
Fouad A. Bashour

Medium
Paper

Dimensions
11 x 8 1/2 in. (27.9 x 21.6 cm)

Object number
1994.001.0012.0018

Description

Original handwritten doctor's statement about patient Lee Harvey Oswald from Parkland Memorial Hospital. Written on Sunday, November 24, 1963, by Dr. Fouad A. Bashour, after surgical attempts to revive Oswald from a gunshot wound were unsuccessful. The statement, written on both sides of the page, reads: "Date and Hour: 11/24/63 - 13:35 Doctor: Bashour Statement concerning the resuscitative effort made on Lee H. Oswald - At approximately 12:35 PM of November 24, 1963 I reached Parkland Hospital following a call from Dr. Donald Seldin notifying me that Mr. Oswald was shot and had been placed in the operating room. Upon reaching the operating room Mr. Oswald's heart was in ventricular fibrillation, open chest massage was started by Drs. McClellan and Perry. An AC defibrillator was applied and four shocks were given with increasing voltage up to 1000v. without effect. Meanwhile the heart was still being massaged and carotid pulse was felt following each massage. An internal pacemaker was sutured to the left ventricular wall in order to attain good pacing of the heart. Prior to this maneuver the heart was quite dilated and in ventricular standstill. The pacemaker was used at a rate of 60-75 and at amperage of 2.5-6.0 milliamperes without any effect. With increasing amperages we could obtain ventricular contractions which were ineffective in expelling blood from the heart, and no pulse was felt during these 'stimulated' contractions. In spite of this cardiac massage was maintained during the time of the 'pacing' attempt. The heart was further dilated and dusky in color. The pupils were dilated and non-reactive. There were no vessels seen to pulsate in the retina. The pacing was continued and monitored on an oscilloscope monitor brought to the operating room by Dr. Fred F. Thursten, Jr. The pacing of the heart was ineffective and the heart became more and more dilated. I placed a sterile glove on my hand, palpated the heart and found no effective contraction. Drs. Tom Shires, McClelland, Perry, Jenkins and I declared the patient dead at

seven minutes after one P.M. on this the twenty-fourth day of November, 1963. Signed [?] MD. F.A.
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