

(7) Memo 10/24/75

cards to R & G memo not prepared.

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Cooke to RJG

Assassination of President  
John F. Kennedy  
11/22/63  
Dallas, Texas

Callahan  
Adams  
Jenkins  
RJG  
O'Connell  
Cooke  
O'Little  
Bassett  
McDermott  
Mintz  
MOORE  
Wannall

During the appearance of  
Deputy Associate Director James B.  
Adams before the House Subcommittee  
on Civil and Constitutional Rights  
on 10/21/75, one of the Subcommittee  
members asked why information  
from Lee Harvey Oswald's ~~reporting~~  
Notebook regarding Special  
Agent James P. <sup>HOSTY</sup> Hosty was not

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initially furnished to the Warren Commission. A question was asked as to what would motivate an agent to tear out or delete the information. The subcommittee member stated it would indicate that the decision was made by higher ups and not by Hosty himself. Mr. Adams answered that he believed the initial reports were ~~summary~~ ~~summary~~ summary in nature and the information was furnished in a subsequent report. He

said he would find out the full reason and inform the Subcommittee if they so ~~soon~~ desired. Thus far, no official request has been received from the Subcommittee, but the following information has been retrieved from Bureau files in anticipation of such a ~~request~~ request:

① Letter from Director, FBI to J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, The President's Commission, ~~dated~~ dated 1/27/64. ~~January 27, 1964~~, (attached), wherein on pages 2 and 3, information

regarding Hosty ~~and a Duffie~~  
being mentioned in Dowald's Notebook  
was furnished to the Commission

2) Letter from Rankin to  
Director, FBI, dated 2/20/64 (ATTACHED),  
wherein the Commission requests  
the circumstances regarding the  
omission of the ~~the following~~  
notations regarding Hosty  
from Dallas report of Special  
Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated  
12/23/63.

3) Letter from Director, FBI,  
to Rankin dated 2/27/64 (attached)

wherein it was ~~also~~ explained that the Notebook entries contained in the 12/23/63, were those which required investigative attention. The letter states that the FBI <sup>never</sup> ~~has~~ purported that the 12/23/63 report ~~and~~ contained the complete listing of Oswald's address book.

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4) affidavit <sup>of explanation by</sup> ~~of~~ Special Agent Gemberling (Gemberling made the decision as to what information ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~included~~ in the 12/23/63 report).

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5) affidavit of explanation by

Special agent John T. Kessler (Kessler was responsible for reviewing photographic copies of the pages of Oswald's Notebook to determine which items needed investigative attention).

67) A. Rosen to A. H. Belmont memorandum dated 2/26/64 <sup>LATTACHED</sup> relating to a meeting between Inspector                      Malley and Rankin wherein in Rankin points out that the FBI furnished the Warren Commission concerning Hosty's name being in Oswald's Notebook prior to any question being raised about it. Rankin stated the members of the ~~com~~ Commission were fully aware that there had been no effort on the part of the Bureau not to make this information available.

2) <sup>h.c.?</sup> It is noted from H. N. Bassett  
to Mr. Callahan memorandum of  
10/24/75, that Special Agent  
Gemberling received a telephone  
call on 10/23/75, from Les Whitten,  
an associate of columnist Jack  
Anderson. Whitten said he had  
been reviewing records at the  
archives and had located  
~~an affidavit~~ Gemberling's affidavit  
regarding this matter. He asked  
if Gemberling would stand on what  
he had said at the time.  
Gemberling told him that he



^certainly  
would and told him he felt  
any inquiries should be channeled  
through FBIHQ.

(5) "The Washington Merry-Go-  
Round" ~~column~~ column by Jack  
~~Anderson~~ Anderson and Leo Whittan  
in the 10/28/75 ~~edition~~ edition of  
the "The Washington Post", <sup>(attached)</sup> states,  
among other things, that on 12/23/63,  
the FBI gave the Warren Commission  
a summary of Oswald's notebook.  
Continuing, the article states, "The  
Summary conveniently omitted the  
fact that Hosty's name, telephone

and license tag had been in the  
Notebook. The commission found out  
about the omission and demanded  
an explanation. On January 27, 1964,  
Hoover acknowledged that Hosty's  
Name had been in the ~~S~~ Notebook."  
The article ends, "There's ~~no~~  
more to Hoover's great cover-up,  
which we'll report in a future  
column."

Action: CID recommends that the attached material be used in answering any Congressional or Press inquiries regarding ~~Hosty~~ the information concerning Hosty being in Oswald's Notebook.

Special

Given -  
Need -

Dallas airtel to Bureau 2/25/64  
entitled Lee Harvey Oswald,  
IS-R-Cuba.  
Probably in 105-82555.  
(contains ~~affidavit~~ affidavit  
of SA Robt. P. Semberling).

- 105-82555 - 2173 ✓
- 2172 ✓
- 2157 ✓
- 2243 ✓
- 2250 ✓
- 2414 ✓
- 2651 ✓

John Houston  
John T. Neenan

- 2098 - 2/7/64
- 2241 - 2/25/64
- 2243 - 2/25/64

copy of 9<sup>th</sup>

① John Thomas Kessler  
VII ~~593-594~~

② IX ~~53~~

③ XV ~~703, 744~~

① Report (Summary) -  
SA Robt. P. Gemberling 12/23/63  
P 672-

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105-1517  
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SP12

② Set to WC 1/27/64 - set for the inf

③ Set to WC 2/27/64 - set forth explanations - contained affidavits of  
RPG + John T. Parker.

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② 105-82555-1517

③ 105-82555-2240

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K- Hinson