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Hoover reportedly hid Oswald note

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NEW YORK — A former head of the FBI's Domestic Intelligence Division says that J. Edgar Hoover ordered FBI officials to conceal from the Warren Commission information regarding a threatening note from Lee Harvey Oswald, Time magazine reported yesterday.

William C. Sullivan, who was head of the division at the time of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, also said that at least 10 top FBI officials were aware of the note's existence, the magazine said. Time said Sullivan made his statements in an interview last week.

In Washington, an FBI spokesman said, "Mr. Sullivan's statement is completely without any basis in fact, completely erroneous."

The note that Oswald took to the Dallas FBI office made no mention of Kennedy, FBI spokesmen have said. Its existence was verified recently by the FBI, but spokesmen said it was a vague threat of reprisal if FBI agents did not stop interviewing Oswald's Russian-born wife.

The Warren Commission determined that Oswald alone was responsible for Kennedy's death.

James Adams, deputy associate director of the FBI, told a House committee last week that an internal FBI investigation found no conclusive evidence that anyone knew of the note except James B. Hosty Jr., who had interviewed Mrs. Oswald and to whom the note was addressed.

Sullivan said that Hoover, FBI director until his death in 1972, was aware of the note and that John P. Mohr, who was the FBI's administrative chief until he retired in 1972, ordered the note destroyed.

Mohr has denied that he knew of the note or ordered it destroyed.

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