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TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 9/3/75

FROM : B. H. Cooke

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Adams
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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

Reference is made to B. H. Cooke to Mr. Gallagher memorandum of 9/2/75, concerning an article from the 9/2/75 edition of "The New York Times" which related to a conversation on 11/22/63, between Special Agent (SA) James P. Hosty, Jr., then of the Dallas Office, and Lt. Jack Revill of the Dallas, Texas, Police Department. Information was set forth in that memorandum regarding a misunderstanding between Hosty and Revill as to whether or not Hosty had told Revill shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy that the FBI had prior information that Lee Harvey Oswald was capable of committing the assassination.

The article in "The New York Times" also reported that Dallas Police Chief J. E. Curry included the information from the conversation in a press conference thereafter and, within minutes, he claimed to have been telephonically contacted by SAC Gordon Shanklin who told him that the Bureau was extremely desirous that he retract the statement to the press. Chief Curry is quoted in the article as saying he did retract the statement before the press and told Lt. Revill to keep quiet about the information.

Bureau files contain a teletype and an airtel from Dallas to the Bureau, both dated 10/6/64, regarding this issue (62-109060-3850 and 62-109060-3845 respectively). Mention is made of several newspaper articles which set forth information from a letter from Curry to J. Lee Rankin of the Warren Commission dated 5/28/64. In the letter Curry states that based on Revill's information, on 11/22/63, he stated before newsmen that the FBI knew of Oswald's presence in Dallas and the Dallas Police had no information in its files regarding Oswald. Curry claims that within a few minutes of his statement to the press, he received a telephone call from SAC Shanklin during which

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Shanklin told him the FBI was extremely desirous that the statement be retracted. Curry then went before the press again and retracted his original statement to the extent that he did not, of his personal knowledge, know that the FBI knew of Oswald's presence in Dallas and that if the FBI did know, they were under no obligation to pass such information on to the Dallas Police.

In the teletype and airtel, SAC Shanklin advised that it was called to his attention that Chief Curry had been on national television and had either said or indicated that the FBI knew Oswald was in Dallas and had interviewed him recently and that apparently Curry was trying to place all the blame on the FBI.

SAC Shanklin said that he telephonically contacted Chief Curry on 11/23/63, and pointed out to him that the FBI had not interviewed Oswald in Dallas and that the FBI was under no obligation to furnish him information on all security subjects in the area. SAC Shanklin also told him that the FBI had no indication that Oswald was likely to kill the President and that the FBI was extending him full cooperation.

Chief Curry then told Shanklin that he was repeating information that someone had given him and he could not remember who the person was. He stated the next time he was on TV, he would rectify the error.

SAC Shanklin noted that Chief Curry did go back on TV and said he was only repeating information someone unrecalled had told him. He said the FBI had no obligation to furnish him such information and that the FBI was cooperating with him one hundred percent.

SAC Shanklin stated that from what Curry wrote to Rankin he was claiming that his information was based on Lt. Revill's memorandum, which was never mentioned to Shanklin.

Regarding Chief Curry waiting five months to advise the Warren Commission of the Revill memorandum and its related incidents, in the letter to Rankin, Curry explains that after the appointment of the Commission, he was reasonably sure

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that he would appear before that body and decided to present the memorandum personally at the time of his appearance. He stated that when he first read the Revill memorandum, he realized the gravity and seriousness of the information it contained. He said he had instructed Lt. Revill to keep the memorandum confidential.

ACTION: For information.

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