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- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Monahan
- 1 - Mr. Peelman
- 1 - Mr. Foster
- 1 - Mr. Clark

December 7, 1977

- 1 - Mr. Mintz (Attn: Mr. Coulson)

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (HSCA)

RE: INQUIRY CONCERNING PAGE 696 OF FBI, DALLAS
DIVISION REPORT OF SPECIAL AGENT (SA)
ROBERT P. GEMBERLING DATED DECEMBER 23, 1963.

On November 11, 1977, Deputy Associate Director James B. Adams met with Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director, HSCA, to discuss Committee matters, one of which involved the December 23, 1963, Dallas report of SA Robert P. Gemberling captioned, "Lee Harvey Oswald . . ." (Bureau file 105-82555). The Committee was desirous of ascertaining why page 696 of the report was numbered similarly to page 672, whereas pages 673 through 701, exclusive of page 696, are numbered differently. Pages 672 through 701 relate to information derived from an address book found among the possessions of Lee Harvey Oswald. Page 696 is significant since it reflects information from the same page in the address book which also bears the name of SA James P. Hosty under the date of November 1, 1963, together with the address and telephone number of the Dallas Field Office and the incomplete license number of SA Hosty's Bureau car. The information regarding Hosty was not included in the December 23, 1963, Dallas report.

HSCA has recently interviewed and obtained testimony from SA John T. Kesler, Division 10, FBI Headquarters, and from former SA Robert P. Gemberling, Dallas, Texas, concerning this point. According to the Committee, these Agents can recall that page 672 is numbered differently because a 30-page

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Dallas Office memorandum, prepared by SA Kesler, was converted to a report insert by SA Gemberling who recalled having the first page of the memorandum redone so it appeared as page 672 in the report. Neither Agent could recall what may have occasioned the redoing of page 25 of the Kesler memorandum which became page 696 of the report and which reflects the memorandum page number, "25," at the top left corner as does page 672, whereas all other pages from the original memorandum are numbered 1 through 30, exclusive of 1 and 25, at the bottom center, just above the report page numbers, 672 through 701.

Was the 30 p. report disclosed to the 4/16/77 78-8322? If it was, where was it? Supplied by [unclear] via [unclear] on 4/17/77

On November 11, 1977, Mr. Adams instructed that research be undertaken to explain, if possible, why page 696 of the report is numbered in the same fashion as page 672.

Research to date has disclosed the following:

(1) Dallas Division has located a November 24, 1963, memorandum prepared by SA James P. Hosty setting forth some of the information appearing in the address book as it was made available to him on November 22, 1963, by the Dallas Police Department. This memorandum did not set forth the Hosty data appearing in the address book.

(2) Dallas Division has also located additional memoranda prepared by Hosty dated December 3, 1963, and December 20, 1963, which did set forth the fact that the Hosty data appeared in the Lee Harvey Oswald address book.

(3) By airtel of December 11, 1963, the Bureau furnished Dallas Division with photographs of the Oswald address book which Dallas Division had obtained from the Dallas Police Department on November 27, 1963, and submitted to the Bureau. These photos depicted the Hosty data appearing in the address book (Bureau file 105-82555-403).

(4) By airtel of December 19, 1963, Dallas Division furnished pages comparable to pages 672 through 701 of the December 23, 1963, report, except for the report page numbering, with the suggestion that these be provided to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for review. The pages of this submission otherwise coincide with pages 672 and 696 of the December 23, 1963, report version. The Dallas dictator's initials are "WCD." (105-82555-1247)

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(5) FBI Headquarters searches have located a tickler folder, last known to have been in the custody of the Intelligence Division, which includes a booklet containing pages comparable to those appearing as pages 672 through 701 in the December 23, 1963, report however, page 25, numbered according to what purports to be the original numbering of the Kesler memorandum and bearing the Dallas, Lee Harvey Oswald file number, 100-10461, and the dictator's initials "JTK," does reflect the SA Hosty data as they appeared in the address book.

(6) The tickler folder also contained an unidentified document which has now been located in Bureau files and identified as a CIA analysis of Russian data appearing in the address book. It was furnished to the Bureau by CIA letter of February 4, 1964, (105-82555-2864) and forwarded to Dallas Division by Bureau airtel of February 7, 1964, which bore the Bureau dictator's initials "REL." Bureau letter to CIA of December 31, 1963, furnished data derived from the address book and requested CIA to provide any information it might develop (105-82555-1204). It was explained that the data furnished to CIA was supplied by the December 19, 1963, Dallas airtel and the communication bore the Bureau dictator's initials "ETT."

(7) Dallas Division has located a January 25, 1964, memorandum in file prepared by Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Shanklin referencing a Bureau telephone call from Section Chief William A. Branigan wherein Branigan inquired why Hosty's name had not been included in the December 23, 1963, report. The Bureau interest was generated by an article appearing in "The Nation" alleging Oswald had the Hosty data in his possession.

(8) A January 27, 1964, J. Edgar Hoover letter to the Warren Commission advised of the appearance of the Hosty data in Oswald's address book (105-82555-1517). Bureau dictator's initials on this communication are "REL." This letter was based, in part, on a Dallas teletype to the Bureau dated January 25, 1964, which referred to W. A. Branigan's telephone call of January 25, 1964, and stated Hosty's name had been omitted since only information of lead value had been set forth (105-82555-1666).

This tickler folder was 54 pgs. I did not check it with the tickler folder in that area in the past.

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(9) Dallas Division ultimately furnished, by report of February 11, 1964, the Hosty data, as well as other data, derived from the address book, but which had been omitted from the December 23, 1963, report for the stated reason that they were not of lead value.

(10) The December 23, 1963, (105-82555-1212) and the February 11, 1964, (105-82555-2027) Dallas reports were disseminated to the Warren Commission on January 13, 1964, and February 19, 1964, respectively.

(11) By airtel dated February 7, 1964, Dallas Division also furnished amended pages to the December 23, 1963, report which included pages 672 through 701 (105-82555-2098). Copies were also furnished to New Orleans Division which received an information copy of the December 23, 1963, report.

(12) A Bureau airtel dated February 14, 1964, advised Dallas and New Orleans that the amended pages were not to be inserted in the December 23, 1963, report since the changes were not substantive and dealt primarily with page numbering of the original address book. The amended pages did not include the Hosty data (105-82555-2021). The SAC of the New Orleans Division reviewed the New Orleans, Lee Harvey Oswald file on November 15, 1977 and advised that pages 672 through 701 conformed to Bureau files.

(13) Former SA Gemberling and SA Kesler furnished affidavits dated February 25, 1964, Bureau file 105-82555-2243 and 105-82555-2244 respectively, which essentially explained the conversion of Kesler's office memorandum to a report insert and stated that the Hosty data was omitted from both the memorandum and report since it was not of lead value. These affidavits were furnished to the Warren Commission by Bureau letter dated February 27, 1964, (105-82555-2240).

(14) A Special Agent of the Dallas Division, has conducted exhaustive searches to locate the original Kesler memorandum without success. (Gemberling, in testimony, hypothesizes that the Kesler memorandum may have been destroyed following, or as a result of being incorporated into the report.)

(15) Comparison of all four versions of pages 672 through 701 reflect the following:

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(A) The December 19, 1963, version appears identical to the December 23, 1963, report version except for a minor pen change to a street number and the absence of the December 23, 1963, report page numbering.

(B) Only the tickler version contains the Hosty data. *This means that the FBI has other copies in DC & AB or destroyed them.*

Get the tickler from [unclear] & [unclear]
(C) The tickler, report and amended page versions differ in many respects. For example, 25 pages of the tickler copy do not coincide with the 30 pages of the report version to include page 696 which pertains to the Hosty data.

(16) Stenographer's initials appearing on the tickler, December 19, 1963, Dallas submission, and the December 23, 1963, report versions of pages 672 through 701 are "gmf" and "mam." The stenographer's initials on the amended pages are "GJ." These initials appear to be identical to the following stenographers:

(A) "gmf" - Gloria M. Frigo who was assigned to Dallas from St. Louis from December 1, 1963, to January 4, 1964.

(B) "mam" - Martha A. McBride who was assigned to Dallas from New Orleans from November 25, 1963, to December 22, 1963.

(C) "GJ" - Gloria G. Jackson who was assigned to Dallas from Kansas City from December 1, 1963, to February 22, 1964.

On November 15, 1977, Mr. Adams met with Director Kelley, to advise him of findings to date. The Director approved further exploration of this matter proposed by Mr. Adams and authorized contact with HSCA in order to obtain the recent testimony of Messrs. Kesler and Gemberling before that Committee, as well as any other relevant information the Committee may be able to produce.

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Accordingly, Mr. Adams contacted Chief Counsel Blakey, HSCA, on November 15, 1977, and advised him of the Bureau's intent to pursue this matter in an effort to resolve, if possible, the questions regarding page 696 of the December 23, 1963, report. Mr. Blakey advised Mr. Adams that should research or inquiry illumine any fact or circumstance that might refresh Kealey's and Gemberling's memory with regard to page 696 of the December 23, 1963, report, the Committee would welcome their reappearance to amplify or correct any previous testimony.

Contacts with HSCA staff members resulted in the November 22, 1977, interview of an HSCA senior staff counsel and staff researcher during which they presented the details known to them which occasioned the November 11, 1977, inquiry as follows:

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