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I pointed out to all employees again of the absolute necessity for no employee in the FBI making any comment whatsoever to anyone, including the news media, regarding the assassination report. I pointed out to them that any administrative action taken against any employee in the FBI was strictly confidential regardless of the case, and that no employee should answer any questions or give any information in this regard to anybody, including their immediate families; that if they had any questions about any action that might be taken against anybody, they should come to either me or the ASAC and they would be given information on a need to know basis.

I did point out that Mr. HOSTY was presently on leave and that any calls or inquiries concerning this should be referred to me, and that if anyone asked about his being transferred or whether he was transferred, they should make no comment and refer the same to me. I pointed out to anyone taking telephone calls, that if an inquiry came in about any Agent or if anyone inquired for HOSTY, they should say that he is not presently available, and to secure their number and say they would be called back.

I again reiterated the absolute necessity for no employee of the FBI discussing official matters outside of the office at any time.

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