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Oswald Note

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI disclosed Saturday night that Lee Harvey Oswald delivered a note threatening one of its Dallas agents days before the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy and that the visit was never previously reported and the note was destroyed.

"FBI inquiries to date establish that the note contained no reference to President Kennedy or in any way would have forewarned of the subsequent assassination," FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley said in a statement.

But he said the FBI is investigating to learn more about the incident. The FBI said it learned of the Oswald visit as a result of information provided by The Dallas Times Herald.

Delivered by Oswald

Kelley said the note delivered to the FBI office in Dallas by Oswald was a warning to an agent who had visited Oswald's wife, Marina, as part of an investigation. It warned the agent to desist from further interviews of Mrs. Oswald, Kelley said.

Oswald has been identified in the Warren Commission report as the only assassin of Kennedy Nov. 22, 1963. In a copyright story by

publisher Tom Johnson in its Sunday editions, The Times Herald said Oswald was not placed under surveillance after his visit to the FBI office. The FBI visit to the Oswald home was described in the

Warren Commission report as a routine check of persons who had lived in the Communist bloc. Oswald and Marina lived in the Soviet Union in the early 1960s.

The Times Herald story said the agent in charge of the Dallas FBI office at the time was J. Gordon Shanklin. Shanklin was quoted in the story as saying he never knew of the threatening Oswald letter.

It said Shanklin identified the agent who visited Mrs. Oswald as James P. Hosty Jr., now an agent in Kansas City. "I am not in a position to say anything on that," Hosty was quoted as telling the Times Herald. "I think I'm right so I'll just go along and take orders," he added.

Hosty could not be reached for comment Saturday night.

The newspaper quoted a source as saying, "I don't believe that [J. Edgar] Hoover or Mr. Shanklin ever knew of the existence of the letter. They would have gone through the roof."

Kelley's statement said the FBI inquiries tend to collaborate that the Oswald letter was destroyed shortly after Kennedy's assassination.

The Times Herald said Kelley's investigation was aimed at the Oswald visit and possible criminal violations in connection with the destruction of the note and failure to report the incident. An FBI spokesman in Washington refused to characterize it as a criminal investigation.

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