

Assoc. Dir. _____
 Dep.-A.D.-Adm. _____
 Dep.-A.D.-Inv. _____
 Asst. Dir.: _____
 Admin. _____
 Comp. Syst. _____
 Ext. Affairs _____
 Files & Com. _____
 Gen. Inv. *RATN*

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Report might have roasted FBI, Warren

staffer says

By DAVID C. MARTIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the report of an additional FBI contact with Lee Harvey Oswald is true, the Warren Commission probably would have intensified its criticism of the bureau in connection with the death of President John F. Kennedy, a former commission staff member says.

In its 888-page report, the commission documented the extensive information the FBI had compiled on Oswald before the assassination and concluded that "a more alert and carefully considered treatment of the Oswald case by the bureau" would have resulted in alerting the Secret Service about Oswald before the assassination.

The Dallas Times Herald reported Sunday that Oswald had delivered a letter to the Dallas FBI office several weeks before the assassination, and that the note was destroyed shortly after the assassination.

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley issued a statement saying an investigation of the allegations tends to confirm the existence of such a note and its destruction. The FBI is investigating the matter.

Kelley also acknowledged that the note was destroyed shortly after the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination and that Oswald's visit never was reported.

According to Kelley, "the note contained no reference to President Kennedy or in any way would have forewarned of the subsequent assassination."

However, David W. Belin, who served as a staff member of the Warren Commission, maintained in an interview Tuesday that "if the FBI destroyed a document that directly applied to Oswald, there's just no excuse for that."

Roy Kellerman, the Secret Service agent in charge of Kennedy's fatal trip to Dallas, said in a separate interview, "I think they should have passed it along." Kellerman, now retired and living in St. Petersburg, Fla., added, "This is awful now that it's coming out 10 or 12 years later."

Kellerman was sitting in the front seat of the presidential limousine at the time of the assassination.

According to the Warren report, FBI agents had interviewed Oswald in 1962 shortly after he returned from the Soviet Union with his Russian wife Marina. The commission found that the bureau had continued its investigation of Oswald until Nov. 5, 1963, less than three weeks before the assassination.

On Nov. 1, FBI agent James P. Hosty Jr. visited Oswald's landlady in Dallas, where he met Marina, the commission said. Sometime shortly after

that encounter, Oswald apparently delivered the note to Hosty warning him to stop interviewing his wife.

Belin said this new information did not in any way shake his conviction that Oswald was the sole assassin of President Kennedy.

However, Belin acknowledged that if the report is true, it is significant in that it raises the possibility that the

FBI may have withheld other information from the commission.

Berlin also said, "if the FBI is going to destroy documents in that kind of situation, what will happen in all the thousands of other cases where it suits its purposes to destroy documents?"

Meanwhile, the Houston Chronicle reported that former Texas Atty. Gen. Waggoner

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)
 "The Dallas Times Herald"
 Dallas, Texas

Page 22A

Carr said the Warren Commission apparently relied on the integrity of the FBI and CIA without pursuing the possibility agents may have had a connection with Oswald.

Carr wrote a letter to J. Lee Rankin, general counsel for the Warren Commission, suggesting that every FBI and CIA agent in the Dallas area before the assassination be

interviewed under oath to see if there was any link, the Chronicle said Tuesday in a copyrighted story.

Carr said his letter was never acknowledged.

Date: 9-3-75
 Edition: MARKET
 Author:
 Editor: Kenneth P. Johnson
 Title:

Character:
 or
 Classification:
 Submitting Office: Dallas
 Being Investigated

62-109060-174
 NOT RECORDED
 25 NOV 13 1975

252