

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 3-19-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Pages 5537-5539. Senator Tower, (R) Texas, spoke concerning the reporting of the events in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. He pointed out that "while we have gloryseekers and muckrakers among those who report the news and explain its meaning, we also have able and conscientious men and women who honestly want the truth to be known." Mr. Tower included an article entitled "Dallas Reaches the Awkward Age—Recent Events Blamed on Retention of Small-Town Easiness in Big City," written by Eric Sevareid, and an article captioned "Did Press Pressure Kill Oswald?" written by Larry Grove. Mr. Tower stated "I commend both articles to Senators, particularly those who have been prone to heap scorn on Dallas, and on Texas, because of the evil deed of an avowed, and itinerant, Marxist." Mr. Grove, in commenting on the events in Dallas, stated "Overlooked in most of the stories that developed the theme that Dallas is a mean, mean city were some pertinent facts: The Secret Service is directly charged with protection of the President. Dallas police gave more help than was asked for. The FBI was aware that Lee Harvey Oswald—defector, potential assassin, Marxist—was working in a building along the President's motorcade route. It had not notified the Dallas Police Department, nor the Secret Service. - - - What was the name of an FBI agent—James Hosty—doing in Oswald's notebook?"

Had this evidence been bared at the time, perhaps some of the police department's detractors may have turned their fire on the FBI. Perhaps they would not have turned their fire at all. But would the Nation have been prepared, in that hour, to receive the news that the FBI had been aware of Oswald's whereabouts before President Kennedy stepped in his car for his fateful ride in the motorcade?" (Bureau records reflect that James P. Hosty, Jr., is an Agent assigned to the Dallas Office.)

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