

October 23

Honorable Don Edwards, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

*I would like to  
for someone to  
inform Mr.  
Edwards of  
our needs  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Reference is made to the testimony given before the Subcommittee on October 21, 1975, by FBI Deputy Associate Director James B. Adams regarding a note written by Lee Harvey Oswald to FBI Special Agent James P. Hosty shortly before the assassination of President Kennedy.

Of all the persons alleged to have been involved with the receipt, reading and subsequent destruction of the aforementioned note, it is quite apparent that only Special Agent Hosty told the whole truth during the Bureau's so-called exhaustive internal inquiry into the matter. Rest assured that Oswald would not have "threatened" anybody, in the generally accepted sense of the word, particularly in writing and particularly at that time. You may also rest assured that Special Agent Hosty would not have destroyed the note or his accompanying memorandum without instructions from the Special Agent-In-Charge or other higher authority.

Now, if you really want to open up a can of worms, direct the FBI to disclose the results of its "exhaustive internal inquiry" into the circumstances surrounding the destruction of a registered letter that I dispatched to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in September 1963, informing him of a conspiracy involving Oswald and two Cuban refugees to assassinate President Kennedy.

"Never Embarrass The Bureau,"



- cc: M. Caldwell Butler, Member of Congress
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