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Re: PERSONNEL MATTERS

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1746	10-5-64	LETTER TO JEH	2	2	(b)(6)
1747	10-5-64	DL LETTER FRINK	1	1	(b)(6)
1750	10-6-64	SAC, DL MEMO FILE	1	1	NONE
1751	10-7-64	SAC, DL MEMO FILE	1	1	NONE
1752	10-6-64	LETTER TO JEH	1	1	(b)(6)
1754	10-8-64	DL AT FRINK	1	1	(b)(6)
1755	10-8-64	JEH LETTER	1	1	(b)(6)
1756	10-9-64	JEH LETTER	1	1	NONE
1759	10-13-64	SAC, DL MEMO FILE	2	2	(b)(6)
1760	10-13-64	SAC, DL MEMO FILE	1	1	(b)(6)
1769	10-15-64	DL AT FRINK	1	1	(b)(6)
1770	10-17-64	DL AT FRINK	2	0	(b)(6)

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1773	10-14-64	LETTER TO JEN	2	2	(b)(6)
1774	10-20-64	JEN LETTER	1	1	(b)(6)

Room 200, Scientific Continental Bldg.
Dallas, Texas 75201

October 5, 1964

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of September 23, 1964, advising that my headquarters are being changed from Dallas, Texas to Kansas City, Missouri. I am certainly aware of the desirability of my being transferred, both for my own good and that of the Bureau, from the Dallas Division. I do, however, desire to bring the following items to the Bureau's attention at this time, with the requests (1) that the transfer be changed from Kansas City to an office with [REDACTED] and (2) if at all possible, the transfer be delayed for the time being. I am making these requests based upon the following situations.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2 - Addressee
1 - Dallas (67-5593)
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[REDACTED]

I therefore respectfully request my transfer be
changed to a metropolitan city possession

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In the event you are unable to grant this request, I will most
certainly report to Kansas City as directed and move my family
at a later date.

Sincerely,

DIRECTOR, FBI

10/2/65

MEMORANDUM

SA JAMES F. HUSTON, JR.
TRANSFER MATTER

more information was obtained from Agent [redacted] in Dallas, Texas, who advised that his [redacted] in Kansas City, Missouri, and if at all possible, the [redacted] be delayed until sometime after 2/15/66.

SA HOSTY definitely does have a problem in connection with [redacted] and if at all possible, I would recommend that his transfer be changed to a metropolitan office [redacted]

that he does have at the present eight children.

Bureau is requested to review this matter and advise [redacted]

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 2) AIR MAIL
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10/6/64

W. GORDON SHANKLIN

JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.
PERSONNEL MATTER

On 10/6/64, ASAC KYLE G. CLARK and I had a conference with SA HOSTY. It was pointed out to SA HOSTY that it was extremely desirable not to have any publicity concerning this suspension. He assured both me and ASAC CLARK that he was not going to mention that he was suspended to his wife. He did not ask or suggest that he be transferred or made any inquiries concerning possible ways of removal of his children from school. The cause of the matter would be bound to come out. It was reiterated to him that it was obvious that the neighbors had furnished information to the newspaper in the past and that he should be extremely discreet in the discussions he had with the neighbors.

SA HOSTY was also advised that the telephone operators in the office, when calls were received for him, would state that he is not here at present and would attempt to get the name and telephone number of the person calling and he would thereafter be advised.

It was again reiterated that any contact by SA HOSTY should be answered with no comment concerning his present situation.

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10/7/64

SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN

ALL EMPLOYEE CONFERENCE, 10/7/64

On 10/7/64 I called an all employee conference. 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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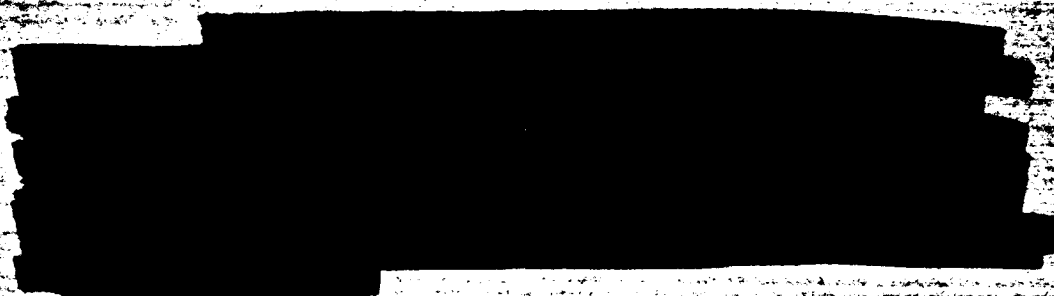
October 6, 1984

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am in receipt of your letter dated
October 5th wherein you found it necessary to take
severe administrative action concerning my handling
of an investigative matter.



Sincerely,

James P. Hosty, Jr.

JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.

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10/8/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (67-5593)

RE: SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.
PERSONNEL MATTER

Per Bureau instructions in teletype 10/5/64, SA HOSTY
was advised of suspension at close of business 10/8/64.

He was specifically advised that any inquiry from the
press should be answered with no comment concerning any transfer
or any disciplinary action against him.

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1 - Dallas
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October 8, 1964

PERSONAL

Mr. James P. Hosty, Jr.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Hosty:

(b) (6)
Your Special Agent in Charge has forwarded your letter of October 5, 1964, in which you request that your pending transfer to Kansas City be changed to a metropolitan office and that the transfer be deferred until a later date.

The reason for your request is understandable and this matter has been very carefully considered. However, I must advise that favorable action cannot be taken and you should arrange to report to the Kansas City Office in compliance with your transfer orders as soon as public business permits.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- ① - SAC, Dallas (Personal Attention)
1 - SAC, Kansas City (Personal Attention)

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October 9, 1964

PERSONAL

**Mr. James P. Hosty, Jr.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dallas, Texas**

Dear Mr. Hosty:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 6, 1964, in which you have offered your services during your period of suspension.

Your kind remarks have been noted and have been made a matter of record. I regret to inform you that it will not be possible for the Bureau to utilize your services during your suspension period.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- ① - SAC, Dallas (Personal Attention)
- 1 - SAC, Kansas City (Personal Attention)

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10/13/64

GORDON SHANKLIN

SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.
PERSONNEL MATTER

At approximately 5:00 PM, 10/12/64, SA WILL HAYES
CRUIFF advised me that he had had a conversation with

JAMES C. LEHRER, Reporter for the Dallas
Herald and that LEHRER had advised him that he had
been told by an individual who would be in the Dallas Times Herald at 10/12/64
disciplinary action, including suspension, against JAMES
HOSTY.

At 5:25 PM same date I called Assistant Director
C. B. DE LOACH and advised him of the above information and
told him I had no idea how it could have gotten out, and he
stated in the event the story was printed or any contacts were
made, the answer was to be no comment.

At 5:30 PM the same date, I advised Assistant Director
E. P. CALLAHAN of the above.

At 8:00 AM on 10/13/64 JAMES C. LEHRER personally
called me by phone and stated that he had been discussing the
story which was coming out this date in the Dallas Times Herald
with his City Editor, Mr. KEN SMART. He stated that both
him and Mr. SMART wanted to assure me that he employees of the
Herald was responsible for giving them this information. He stated
that on 10/12/64, a call was received at the Dallas Times
Herald from an individual who purported to be a neighbor of
HOSTY, who had advised that HOSTY had been suspended for thirty
days without pay and transferred to Kansas City.

LEHRER stated that, of course, they had been quite
interested in HOSTY in the past in view of his connection with
the assassination; that they had developed numerous neighborhood
sources in an attempt to determine if and when the FBI did
disciplinary action against HOSTY. He indicated, while he
was not an FBI agent, this was one of the neighborhood sources who had

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probably advised them. He noted that one of these sources had in the past given some background information on MOSTY and his wife and family and was published in a New York newspaper. I attempted to secure from LEHRER more information and he stated he would not give any more details, but that it would be absolutely impossible for something like this to be kept quiet, with MOSTY having a number of children in school, being active in his church and other organizations in the area, and well known by the neighbors. Mr. LEHRER stated that this was going to be a slated article, but that it would be real factual, that there would be background on MOSTY and his family, and his connection with the assassination investigation.

LEHRER stated that he knew, of course, I would not make any comment, but that he wanted to give me an opportunity to do so. I told him I would not make any. He then stated he would call the FBI Headquarters in an attempt to verify this information, but that they were reasonably certain it was factual and were going to print it anyway.

I immediately thereafter called Assistant Director C. D. DE LOACH and furnished him the above information. He instructed that I was to make absolutely no comment.

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I then attempted to call Assistant Director H. P. CALLAHAN and in his absence I talked to Assistant to the Director, JOHN P. MOHR and furnished him this information. I pointed out to Mr. MOHR that it would appear that this information had gotten out through the neighborhood; that MOSTY had claimed to me that he would not mention his suspension to anyone except his wife. I again pointed out to Mr. MOHR that MOSTY [redacted] and that I strongly recommended against any additional action. Mr. MOHR told me to play it absolutely straight and make no comment.

In his telephone conversation today, LEHRER stated that on yesterday they had checked their various sources in Washington, D. C., but he declined to advise as to whether they had received any confirming information from Washington, or to give the nature of the source.

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GORDON SHANKLIN

SA JAMES P. MOSTY, JR.
PERSONNEL MATTER

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At 10:50 PM, 10/13/64, SA MOSTY was advised by [redacted] and stated that he had been advised by [redacted] concerning the purported article in Dallas Times Herald and he wanted to be sure saying that he had not given out this information.

At 2:30 PM on 10/13/64, SA MOSTY called [redacted] stated that Reporter JIM LAMM had called his home and asked for him and had been told by his wife he was not here, but that he had mentioned this article and wanted to know if MOSTY would have any comment. Mrs. MOSTY is supposed to have told him that there would be no comment.

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DALLAS TEXAS

October 14, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

When I read in yesterday's newspaper about the disciplinary action taken against your agent, James Hosty, I was deeply moved and I find it hard to believe that you and/or your department would let the Warren commission report directly influence you to take such ridiculously tardy action against this man. You stood up for Hosty in the dispute against the Dallas Police Lieut. and you defended him by giving the information about Oswald not being of sufficient magnitude to require Secret Service prior to the president's assassination, so why wait this long at this late date. Your agency could absorb a reprimand much easier than this individual whom I have the pleasure of knowing slightly. The Warren commission report had little effect on my high regard for the FBI but the suspension of Hosty was more than I could comprehend and perhaps you might be generous enough to acknowledge that a mistake was made this time in Washington.

Naturally Mr. Hosty has no knowledge of this correspondence and I would like to relate to you some personal information about which you probably don't know. Mr. and Mrs. Hosty are extremely active in their church and school, the largest in the city, and they are highly respected and admired. Agent Hosty was re-elected for the second year as Grand Knight of council 799 of the Knights of Columbus whose membership runs over 1500. Needless to say he is very popular with the members of the council because of his highly capable position. There will be many sad circumstances if Jim is forced to move from here, especially under the existing conditions. As you may already know Mr. Hosty is the father of eight children and his wife is now expecting their ninth. Such a move to Kansas City at this time would create such a hardship on this family that it is beyond all sound common sense reasoning just how anyone could carry out such action as was ordered by your agency. Regarding Mr. Hosty's suspension, without pay,

Agent Hosty may be represented by just a jacket in your files in Washington but down here he considerably more. Regardless of how learned a personnel director is, if he has not been exposed directly to the same mind-dependent situation, involving school changes, finances, etc., as Mr. Hosty, then he has little comprehension as to really what takes place.

In view of what has been written above I strongly urge you to reconsider Mr. Hosty's reprimand and limit it to his letter of censure.

CP-425-1723

As a native Dallasite I feel that only one person was directly responsible for Mr. Kennedy's death and for anyone to attach partial blame to Mr. Hosty by claiming he was negligent in his duties is ridiculous.

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What is said above in the first paragraph is based on newspaper reports and any more exacting details known by your agency are not considered herein.

Sincerely yours,


October 20, 1964

Dallas Texas

Dear [redacted]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 14, 1964 concerning Special Agent James Hosty.

Regardless of how you and I feel about the matter, the fact is that Agent Hosty was criticized by the unanimous vote of a Presidential Commission. Naturally, I must be guided by such a report.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

① - Dallas (with copy of incoming)

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