

Mr. BRANNIGAN advised that the above memo was a memo from Assistant Director DE LOACH directed to the Assistant to the Director MOORE.

He instructed that the Agent should be identified, if possible. Interviewed without divulging the identity of WALTER JENKINS. A signed statement should be taken from this Special Agent. Thereafter a teletype summary should be sent tonight to the Director with an airtel and the statement with recommendation for action to be taken submitted.

FBI

Date: 5/4/64

Transmit the following in CODE
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Via TELETYPE
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TO: DIRECTOR,
ATTENTION: SECTION CHIEF WILLIAM BRANIGAN

FROM: SAC, DALLAS

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA, IS DASH R. DASH CUBA. PERSONNEL MATTER

RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SECTION CHIEF WILLIAM BRANIGAN TO DALLAS THIS DATE, INDICATING THAT AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL HAD REPORTED TO A FRIEND OF HIS IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM DALLAS, TEXAS AND THAT HE HAD MET WITH AN AGENT WHO HAD FORMERLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND THAT THIS AGENT TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM NEW ORLEANS AS A RESULT OF GETTING INTO TROUBLE WITH A WOMAN IN THE FRENCH QUARTER. THE ALLEGED AGENT ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD ASSISTED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE OSWALD CASE AND THAT OSWALD PRIOR TO HIS MURDER, WAS DEFINITELY AN FBI INFORMANT AND THAT THE FBI FILES IN WASHINGTON WOULD PROVE THIS FACT.

REVIEW OF PERSONNEL FILES AT DALLAS OF AGENTS TRANSFERRED TO DALLAS FROM NEW ORLEANS REFLECTS THAT ONE AGENT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ONE OTHER AGENT, NAMELY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 12:26 AM M Per _____

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(b)(6) [REDACTED] NO OTHER AGENTS WOULD APPEAR TO FIT IN THIS CATEGORY. THE ASAC AND I HAVE BOTH PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED THESE AGENTS AND IN SIGNED STATEMENTS THEY HAVE CATEGORICALLY DENIED TELLING ANYONE OUTSIDE THE BUREAU THE REASON FOR THEIR TRANSFER AND THEY HAVE CATEGORICALLY DENIED TELLING ANYONE THAT PRIOR TO HIS MURDER, OSWALD WAS AN FBI INFORMANT AND THAT THE FILES IN WASHINGTON WOULD SO REFLECT. THEY EACH DISCLAIM ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HOW ANYONE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT AS THEY HAVE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ANY FRIENDS FROM WASHINGTON IN THE RECENT PAST OR ANYONE WHO WAS FROM WASHINGTON, DC, FRIEND OR OTHERWISE. THEY EACH DESIRE TO KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL MAKING SUCH AN UNFOUNDED ACCUSATION. THEY ALSO DESIRE TO BE ALLOWED TO CONFRONT THIS INDIVIDUAL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CATEGORICALLY DENY THESE BASELESS ACCUSATIONS.

IN VIEW OF FACT THESE TWO AGENTS HAVE CATEGORICALLY DENIED MAKING ANY SUCH STATEMENTS, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF MORE SPECIFICS, IT IS NOT BELIEVED ANY FURTHER ACTION IS WARRANTED.

AIRTEL WITH SIGNED STATEMENTS FROM THESE AGENTS BEING FORWARDED.

Dallas, Texas
May 4, 1964

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I, [REDACTED], make the following free and voluntary statement to J. Gordon Shanklin, Special Agent in Charge, and Kyle G. Clark, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, of the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I have been asked if I have ever met with or conversed with any of my friends from Washington, D. C., in the past few weeks. In addition, I have been asked if I ever made the statement that prior to the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald he was definitely a Federal Bureau of Investigation informant and that the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington would prove this fact.

I have only a few friends residing in Washington, D. C. and I have not seen or visited any of these people in the past two or three years, nor have they visited me in Dallas since my arrival here during [REDACTED].

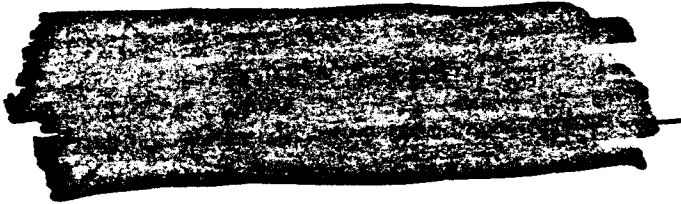
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At no time have I ever discussed or mentioned any facets of the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy outside the office or on other than official business. At no time have I ever discussed, socially or officially, the

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possibility or probability of Lee Harvey Oswald ever having
been an informant for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
I wish to further state that I have never discussed the reason
for my transfer to Dallas with anyone.

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Witnesses:

J. G. [Signature], Special Agent in Charge,
FBI, Dallas, Texas, 5/4/64.

[Signature], Assistant Special Agent in Charge,
FBI, Dallas, Texas, 5/4/64.

Dallas, Texas
May 4, 1964

(b)(6) I. [REDACTED] make the following free and voluntary statement to J. Gordon Shanklin, Special Agent in Charge, and Kyle G. Clark, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, of the Dallas Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I have been asked if I have visited or talked with any of my friends or associates from Washington, D. C., in the past few weeks. In addition, I have been asked if, during this same period of time, I have ever mentioned the reason for my transfer from the New Orleans Division. I have also been asked if I ever made the statement that Lee Harvey Oswald, prior to his murder, was definitely a Federal Bureau of Investigation informant and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation files in Washington would prove this fact.

I have not visited with any of my friends or acquaintances from Washington, D. C., since November 22, 1963, and have not discussed the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy with any of these people, officially or socially.

With respect to my transfer to Dallas, I have not

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discussed with or told anyone the circumstances surrounding my transfer from the New Orleans Division as I feel this is an entirely private matter not subject to discussion.

With respect to the statement that Lee Harvey Oswald was an informant, I categorically deny ever having made such a statement to anyone, officially, unofficially, in the line of duty, or socially. I wish to emphasize I have never discussed the investigation of the assassination or the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald other than while on official business. I emphatically deny ever having made a statement concerning the possible informant status of Lee Harvey Oswald. Such a statement by me would have been impossible as I have absolutely no knowledge of, nor did I participate in, the investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald.

If such statements have been attributed to me, I desire to be furnished the identity of the individual making such an unfounded accusation. I also desire to be allowed to confront this individual so that I may have the opportunity to identify myself and categorically deny these baseless accusations which are pure figments of his imagination.

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Witnesses:

[Signature]
FBI, Dallas, Texas, 5/4/64.

Special Agent in Charge.

[Signature]
FBI, Dallas, Texas, 5/4/64.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge.

5/4/64

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: SECTION CHIEF WILLIAM BRANIGAN

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (67-425)

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS - R - CUBA

PERSONNEL MATTER

Reference is made to telephone call from Mr. BRANIGAN and my teletype of 5/4/64.

A review of the personnel files of the Agents assigned to Dallas who were formerly assigned to the New Orleans Office indicates [REDACTED]

Agent [REDACTED] was interviewed by me and the ASAC and he vehemently denied the statements attributed to this alleged Agent. Transmitted herewith are original and one copy of a signed statement from SA [REDACTED]

One other Agent, namely [REDACTED], was transferred to this office and it would appear it may have been [REDACTED]

This Agent was interviewed and he also vehemently denied making any such statements to anyone at any time. The original and one copy of his statement are attached.

In view of the fact that both Agents have denied making any such statement and desire to be confronted with the source of the information, it is not felt, in the absence of any more specific information, that any further action is justified.

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September 23, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hosty:

Your headquarters are changed from **Dallas, Texas,**
to **Kansas City, Missouri,**
effective upon your arrival there on or after this date. This change is made for
official reasons and you will be allowed transportation expenses and per diem at
the rate of \$16.00 per day within the U. S., \$6.00 per day for air travel, rail travel,
and ocean travel by steamship outside the continental limits of the U. S., trans-
portation expenses for your immediate family, and transportation costs of house-
hold goods and personal effects as provided for in Public Law 600 dated August
2, 1946, and Executive Order 9805, dated November 25, 1946, as amended. You
are authorized to use your privately owned automobile and you will be reimbursed
at the rate of ten cents per mile plus incidental expenses, not to exceed the cost
by common carrier, as prescribed by Section 3.5b(2) of the Standardized Govern-
ment Travel Regulations, over the most direct route for all persons officially
traveling therein. Should your dependents travel separate and apart from you,
expenses will be allowed under the same conditions as above.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

1 - SAC, Kansas City
① - SAC, Dallas (Personal Attention) Expedite transfer and advise by
letter within 48 hours departure and arrival dates.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DATE: 4/2/64

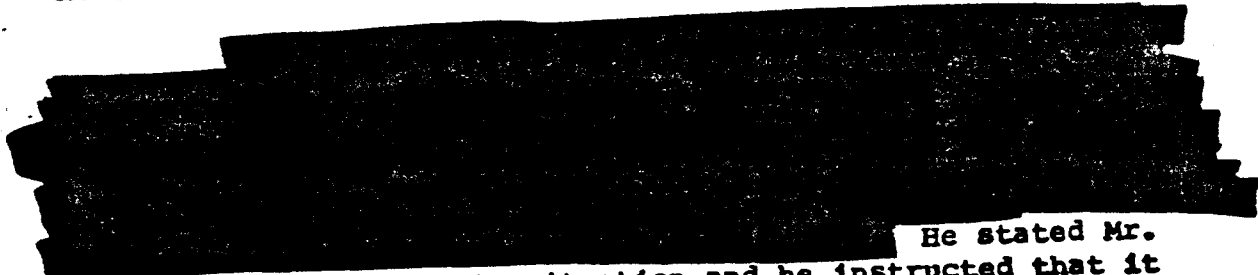
TO : SAC (67-5593)

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: JAMES P. HOSTY
SPECIAL AGENT

During the conversation with Inspector VALLEY on 4/2/64, he advised me that, in line with the Commission's request to interview Agents, he had informed Mr. BELMONT that he has no hesitation as to allowing any of the Agents in the Dallas Office to furnish affidavits, with the exception of SA HOSTY.

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He stated Mr. BELMONT is aware of this situation and he instructed that it be impressed on SA HOSTY that, if he is required to testify or furnish an affidavit, he is to furnish no information other than information he has reduced to writing and put in report form. In addition, it should be impressed on SA HOSTY that he has no personal opinions or observations concerning the investigation of the President's assassination.

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SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

ASAC KYLE G. CLARK

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS - R - CUBA

At 10:45 a.m. this date, explanations of SA [redacted] and Security Patrol Clerk [redacted] were dictated to Inspector GAYLE, and he raised the following questions with regard to the explanation of Security Patrol Clerk [redacted]

In paragraph 4, line 8, Clerk [redacted] stated "The handling of mail and wrapping of packages, etc." - Mr. GAYLE desires to know if this sentence should also include the wrapping of evidence and the extent of such wrapping.

In connection with paragraph 5, Inspector GAYLE specifically asked that Security Patrol Clerk [redacted] state:
(1) Was he or was he not told by SA [redacted] to keep his bare fingers off of the boxes? (2) Has he ever wrapped fingerprint evidence before for transmittal to the Bureau, and he requested that Clerk [redacted] furnish a rough estimate of the number of times he has prepared evidence for the Bureau.

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1 copy personnel files of SA [redacted] + Clerk [redacted]

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SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

ASAC KYLE G. CLARK

LEE HARVEY OSWALD aka
IS - R - CUBA

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Assistant Director JIM GALE telephonically contacted ASAC KYLE G. CLARK 6:35 AM, this date, and made reference to the Commission's report concerning the preservation of evidence and the fingerprints contained on the cartons obtained from the Texas School Book Depository Building. Examination by the Laboratory revealed that there were prints of one FBI Clerk [redacted] and one police officer, name not given, on the cartons after the cartons had been processed by the police department.

Assistant Director GALE advised that the following questions should be answered:

1. How long has clerk who wrapped the packages been employed in the FBI?
2. How many times has he wrapped evidence for transmittal to the Bureau for fingerprint examination?
3. Who originally instructed him as to the method for wrapping evidence?
4. Who instructed him on the method of wrapping and transmitting the cartons in question?
5. Was he instructed by the Agent Supervisor or Supervisors to wear gloves or coverings on his fingers to protect the evidence in wrapping the cartons?
6. Who was the Agent assigned to the duty of the transmittal of this evidence? (SA [redacted])

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Clerk [redacted]
SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]
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Mr. GALE stated that explanations should be obtained from the Clerk and the Agent as to why the clerk's fingerprints were on the carton. Also as to why measures were not taken to protect the carton. In addition, it is desired to know if instructions had not been given as to the proper handling of this evidence, then why such instructions were not issued.

Mr. GALE instructed these explanations should be obtained promptly and the answers dictated to the Bureau today.

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SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

[REDACTED]

LKE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS - R - CUBA

[REDACTED]

I was the Agent who transmitted the four cardboard boxes to the FBI Laboratory for examination. These boxes, along with other evidence, were received from the Dallas Police Department in connection with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. These boxes were carefully obtained by me from the Dallas Police Department's criminal laboratory and handled in such a manner that there would be no chance of my touching them with my bare hands.

These boxes were removed by me to the office of the FBI in Dallas, Texas and securely locked in the gun vault in order to afford them the utmost protection.

I instructed Clerk [REDACTED] on 11/27/63 that these cardboard boxes were evidence, that they had to be processed for fingerprints, and that under no circumstances was he to touch them with his bare hands. He was further advised that these boxes were to be so wrapped as to afford them the utmost protection for transmittal to the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C.

These boxes were transported personally by me via Braniff Airways and personally delivered to the FBI Laboratory. These boxes were not removed from the gun vault where they were securely placed until Clerk [REDACTED] was instructed to wrap them.

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Inasmuch as there were numerous other items of evidence obtained from the Dallas Police Department and due to the urgency of getting these to the FBI Laboratory, it was impossible for me to physically supervise the wrapping of these boxes. The matter was so urgent at the time that items of evidence had to be flown to the Bureau immediately.

SAC, DALLAS

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SECURITY PATROL CLERK [REDACTED]

LKE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.
IS - R - CUBA

[REDACTED]

In connection with my having wrapped four cardboard cartons which were evidence in captioned case, on which cartons my fingerprints and palmprints were found, I submit the following information:

Having been assigned to the swing shift since [REDACTED] I have handled outgoing mail at least two days each week on the 4:00 PM to 12 midnight shift. While I cannot make a reasonable estimate in connection with the wrapping of latent fingerprint evidence, I am confident that during such service I have prepared some for transmittal. I do not recall that I have had occasion to handle the original evidence itself, but only the package which had been prepared with an "evidence" sticker. I am confident that I would recall an occasion which would have required the special handling.

During my training to assume the duties on the night shift, I worked with other Security Patrol Clerks and received instructions concerning all of the duties of that shift. I do not specifically recall any instructions from a particular source concerning the wrapping of packages. I am under the supervision of the Chief Clerk, and I have read the instructions in the Manual of Rules and Regulations regarding the handling of mail, wrapping of packages, and transmittal of evidence, and have always made every effort to comply with these Rules and Regulations to the best of my ability. I was well aware that my

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hands are not to come in contact with any evidence to be examined for fingerprints.

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In connection with the wrapping of the above-mentioned four cartons, I was instructed by SA [redacted] to immediately prepare the cartons for transmittal to the Bureau. I was not told to wear gloves or any covering on my fingers, nor was I told not to touch the cartons with my bare hands so as to protect the prints on the cartons. The only instructions received were to handle the cartons carefully.

(12/16)
Although I cannot recall the specific date, I was on duty on the 12:00 midnight to 8:00 AM shift on November 26 and 27, 1963. I inquired to SA [redacted] if it was satisfactory to take the four cardboard cartons which were located in the gun vault to the Chief Clerk's Office where there would be more room and where the wrapping materials were located. I was advised that it was all right for me to take the cartons to the Chief Clerk's Office and that time was of the essence as these cartons were urgently needed at the Bureau as evidence. I did take the cartons to the Chief Clerk's Office, handling them carefully, and wrapped them with brown paper. These cartons were tied together when I received them from the gun vault and I left them so tied. It would have been possible to transport the cartons by holding the string and to wrap them without actually touching the evidence. I did not wear gloves as I did not realize that the cartons were to be examined for fingerprints. I did not put any label on the package to the best of my recollection. I did not label the package as going to the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division, and did not have any information that it was to go to such location. My only information was that it was to be hand-carried to the Bureau headquarters and I was rushing to get the package wrapped in order that it could make a plane.

I wish to point out that the above incident occurred four to five days after the assassination of President KENNEDY, a period when the teletypes were operating constantly, employees were working around the clock, personnel from other divisions were arriving and attempting to get organized. Along with every other employee, I was doing anything and everything to help in this extreme emergency situation. If my handling of this evidence was faulty, it is sincerely regretted.

9/29/64

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

SPECIAL ATTENTION: ASST. DIRECTOR J. H. GALE
INSPECTION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461)

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS - R - CUBA

Re Inspector GALE's telephonic instructions to Dallas
Division, 9/29/64.

In compliance with referenced instructions, memoranda of
explanation on various aspects have been obtained and the original
and one copy of each are enclosed herewith. They are identified
as follows:

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- (1) Inquiry with respect to handling of evidence.
Memorandum of explanation from Security Patrol Clerk
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Memorandum of explanation from SA ██████████
 - (2) Inquiry with respect to interview of Mrs. RUTH PAINE
and obtaining telephone number of LEE HARVEY OSWALD.
Memorandum of explanation from SA JAMES P. MOSTY, JR.
 - (3) Inquiry with respect to placing of stop notice with
Department of State against LEE HARVEY OSWALD's pass-
port.
Memorandum (1) of explanation from SAs JAMES P. MOSTY,
JR. and KENNETH C. HOWE.

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FBI WASH DC

5-52 PM URGENT 10/5/64 MMW

TO DALLAS

FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

RE JAMES P. MOFFY, JR., PERSONNEL MATTER.

EMPLOYEE BEING SUSPENDED WITHOUT PAY FROM OCTOBER SIX
TO OCTOBER FIVE AND PLACED ON PROBATION. ACTION BASED ON
IMPROPER PERFORMANCE IN INTERNAL SECURITY CASE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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5-59 PM URGENT 10/5/64 NHX

TO DALLAS

FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

SA JAMES P. MOSTY, JR., PERSONNEL MATTER.

EMPLOYEE BEING SUSPENDED WITHOUT PAY FROM COB OCTOBER SIX
TO COB NOVEMBER FIVE AND PLACED ON PROBATION. ACTION BASED ON
IMPROPER PERFORMANCE IN INTERNAL SECURITY CASE. [REDACTED]

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October 5, 1964

PERSONAL

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

Dear Mr. Hosty:

Further consideration has been given to the facts relating to your handling of your duties in connection with an Internal Security case which was assigned to you in the Dallas Division and it has been determined that your shortcomings in this matter were most reprehensible. An unwarranted delay occurred on your part in reporting certain important information and the investigation you conducted in this case was completely inadequate. Your failure to conduct an interview of the subject's wife was inexcusable and your judgment with respect to this phase of the investigation was very bad. In addition, it should have been apparent to you in view of certain information developed, that the subject required a status which would have insured further investigative attention. Furthermore, during subsequent testimony regarding the case in question, you made certain statements which were entirely inappropriate.

In view of the above, you are being suspended without pay from the close of business October 6, 1964, to the close of business November 5, 1964, and placed on probation. It will be necessary for you to carry out your future assignments with greater efficiency and more consideration for the Bureau's interests if you are to continue in the service.

The Federal Salary Reform Act of 1962 provides that before a within-grade increase can be granted, a determination must be made that the performance of the employee is at an acceptable level of competence. Although you have completed the required waiting period for such a salary increase, it is not possible to make a favorable determination regarding your competence at this time in view of the circumstances set out above.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

① SAC, Dallas (Personal Attention) (See Note Page 2)
1 - SAC, Kansas City (Personal Attention) (See Note Page 2)

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Mr. James P. Hosty, Jr.

NOTE: By communication dated 9/29/64, SA Hosty was ordered under transfer to the Kansas City Division.

This employee should be closely supervised and at the expiration of 90 days a special performance rating report should be submitted on him, together with a recommendation as to whether he should be removed from probation. Period of special rating should begin the day he returns to duty upon completion of his suspension.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Room 200, Mercantile Continental Bldg.
Dallas, Texas 75201

October 13, 1964

Mr. Jesse E. Curry
Chief of Police
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

Based upon a letter which you are quoted by news sources as writing to the President's Commission in May, 1964, certain members of the news media are indicating that I am supposed to have asked you to cover up the fact the FBI knew Lee Harvey Oswald was in Dallas, Texas prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. I will appreciate your clarifying this matter.

You will recall that on the occasion of my call to you on November 23, 1963, I specifically asked that you retract your statements that the FBI had interviewed Oswald in Dallas and that the FBI had interviewed Oswald under surveillance in Dallas. I asked this retraction because the FBI did not have Oswald under surveillance, nor did we interview him in Dallas. At no time did I ask you to "cover up" for the FBI or otherwise change your statement.

Sincerely yours,

J. GORDON SHANKLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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CITY OF DALLAS
TEXAS
POLICE DEPARTMENT

October 13, 1964

Mr. J. Gordon Shanklin
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
200 Mercantile Continental Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Shanklin:

Neither you nor anyone connected with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ever asked me to "cover up" the fact that the FBI knew Lee Harvey Oswald was in Dallas, Texas, prior to the assassination of President Kennedy.

This is in reply to your letter of October 13, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Curry
J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

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Suspended FBI Agent Gets Help

Dallas FBI Agent James P. Hosty Jr., facing 30 days without pay and the moving of his family, is receiving spontaneous assistance from groups and individuals. More than 1,200 persons day had already contributed

and other assistance to the agent and his family through Hosty's church and fraternal affiliations, informed sources said.

The agent, who was investigating Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas prior to the assassination of President Kennedy, was suspended by the FBI from duty on Oct. 5 for 30 days without pay and ordered transferred to Kansas City, Mo.

The Times Herald reported this in a copyrighted story on Oct. 13. Since then, Agent Hosty, his wife, Janet, and their eight children have received unprecedented help.

KNIGHTS START OUT

A project known as "the Hosty Fund" was inaugurated by the Knights of Columbus, Council 709, in which Mr. Hosty held the post of Grand Knight.

Members of St. Pius X Catholic Church, where the Hostys attended church regularly, also have contributed. Mr. Hosty is on the church's finance committee and his wife is a former president of the St. Pius Ladies Society.

A group of Dallas businessmen took on the chore of selling the Hosty's home in Northeast Dallas.

Through the setting up of a trust fund, the monthly payments on the home will continue to be paid while the group attempts to sell the house.

The plan is for the Hostys, who are expecting their ninth child, to move on to Kansas City and then after the house has been sold the money will be forwarded to them by the businessmen's group later.

The Hostys have lived in their Northeast Dallas home for more than six years.

The FBI also took disciplinary action against five other agents who were involved in some way in the pre-assassination investigation of Oswald.

Mr. Hosty's supervisor in Dallas was transferred to Seattle, Wash. An agent in New Orleans who investigated Oswald there was given a disciplinary transfer to Springfield, Ill. He retired, however, rather than go.

In addition, three other agents in Dallas received letters of censure in their personnel jackets.

Prior to the ordered suspension and transfer, Agent Hosty had also received a letter of censure and had served a 90-day period of probation.

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"The Dallas Times-Herald" Dallas, Texas

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (67-5593)

**JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.
SPECIAL AGENT
PERSONNEL MATTER**

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 10/17/64, concerning the meeting on 10/15/64 of men of the St. Pius X Parish, and Dallas telephone call 10/21/64.

Enclosed is a clipping of article concerning SA HOSTY as published in the Dallas Times Herald, Wednesday, 10/21/64, page 65A.

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2 - Dallas (67-5593) (67-425)
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FBI Keeps Silent On Agent's Case

By JAMES EWELL
The Federal Bureau of Investigation maintained official silence Tuesday on the report that Dallas-based agent James P. Hosty Jr., who investigated Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy had been suspended for 20 days and reassigned to the Kansas City office.

the charge on a memo from Detective Lt. Jack Revill which was sent to his office only hours after assassination. The memo quoted Hosty as telling Revill that the FBI knew Oswald was "capable" of killing the president. FBI director J. Edgar Hoover denied that the agent ever made the statement to the Dallas police lieutenant.

Hosty's supervisor here, agent-in-charge Gordon Shanahan, declared flatly: "I'll make no comment on it at all."

Curry and Revill, the department's criminal intelligence chief, both testified in Washington before the commission about the memo.

An FBI spokesman in Washington withheld comment, saying that the office never discusses personnel.

Neither would comment Tuesday on the Hosty suspension. Sources, meanwhile, described morale as "shaky" among Dallas FBI agents as a result of the action against Hosty. The sources said some of the other agents feel Hosty was being made a "fall guy," a feeling also shared by those in other branches of law enforcement here.

The report said that Hosty, whose wife is expecting their ninth child, would not draw pay during the suspension.

One police official defended Hosty's work in the FBI. He described him as "one of the better agents in the area, conscientious, worked hard and was well informed."

The report added that the action was the direct result of the Warren Commission's criticism of the FBI in its report on the assassination.

The official said it was obvious that Hosty was made a "scapegoat for doing exactly what he was told to do."

Hosty specialized in security intelligence for the Dallas office, and had routinely checked on Oswald and Oswald's Russian wife, Marina.

The Warren Commission report said Hosty never talked with Oswald, but had sought information about him through other sources, including Mrs. Ruth Paine, who shared her home in Irving with Marian Oswald.

The agent's name was drawn into the FBI-Dallas police squabble after Police Chief Jesse E. Curry disclosed on the day after the assassination that the FBI knew, but had not informed police, that Oswald was working in Dallas in a building on the Presidential parade route. Curry had

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