

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg re JFK assassination records, appeals
FBIHQ; Dallas Field Office

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Attached is a copy of a UPI story from the San Francisco Chronicle of 9/11/78. In time I expect the original story, which I am confident is by Earl Golz of the Dallas Morning News, based on his conferring with me prior to the appearance of the story.

The story recounts that SA James Patrick Hosty, Jr. has "bombs" to "drop" if he testifies before the House assassins committee in public.

Although after he testified in executive session to the House committee there were no accounts of any actual explosions on the Hill I am confident that SA Hosty would not exaggerate or in any way be untruthful.

Because I believe him to be neither untruthful nor one who exaggerates I believe that in fact he did testify to the Senate Intelligence Committee for some 30 hours.

As we all know, the Senate is not prone to waste time, so I assume that SA Hosty had much to say about "what the story was" about the JFK assassination.

I am not aware of any information of this character or more modestly like it in the FBIHQ or Dallas Field Office files. Having implicit trust and faith in SA Hosty and no less confidence that he would not have talked to Mr. Golz without all the necessary FBI OKs I appeal the denial of this dropped-bomb information.

Mr. Golz is in the files provided, although to locate him the FBI will have to pretend his name is Goetz, the way in which it preferred to spell it.

I am aware that SA Hosty destroyed his notes and other papers a month after he destroyed the note Lee Harvey Oswald delivered to the Dallas Field Office for him. Perhaps a better formulation ^{is} ~~was~~ that he so testified to the Warren Commission. He is human and might have had a flawed or convenient memory. I am aware that there are special FBI regulations covering any destructions and in fact I have received a number of properly executed forms in which destructions are attested to. (One reference to this, which I ask be noted in my King appeals, is the attached "June" record from 100-3-116-1036, this copy not provided to me by the FBI, which also had a copy in the Hoover O & C files.) I have received neither the Hosty notes nor the approval for the destruction of "originals...even though they contain errors." (June record, p. 3, penultimate paragraph.)

When interviewed by Mr. Golz SA Hosty had a credible explanation for recurrent reports of the presence of Secret Service agents on the "grassy knoll" immediately after President Kennedy was killed. Because it is known that in fact there were no Secret Service personnel there at that time there was a Dallas investigation. (No records provided.) SA Hosty's explanation, which I doubt he denied the FBI, is that these men flashed other Treasury credentials - ATF whose offices were nearby.

I believe I have appealed the denial of the investigation of the Oswald note destruction. These records include many sworn statements.