

FB.I. interview 6 days
But Denial Comes
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Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with murdering President Kennedy, was interviewed by the FBI here six days before the Friday assassination.

But word of the interview with the former defector to Russia was not conveyed to the Secret Service and Dallas police, reliable sources told The Dallas News Saturday.

However, in Washington, a spokesman for the FBI said it was "incorrect" that the FBI had questioned Oswald or had him under surveillance at any time in recent months, the Associated Press reported.

The interview reportedly was held Nov. 16—at a time when the Secret Service and police officials were coordinating security plans for the President's first Dallas visit.

These sources said the Oswald interview added more data to

has on the 24-year-old avowed Marxist who defected to Russia in 1959 and returned in 1962.

Presumably, the FBI knew when Oswald obtained a job here several weeks ago.

But Oswald's existence here was not known by intelligence officers of the police department, charged with keeping track of subversives and Communist sympathizers.

Police intelligence files contain no reference to a Lee Harvey Oswald, a check by The News revealed.

Police Chief Jesse E. Curry added fire to the sources' disclosure by telling the press conference Saturday he "understood" the FBI had interviewed Oswald a week or so ago and never informed his department.

Curry hurriedly recalled

reporters to say he did not have first-hand information on the interview.

He said he had been told by "someone" Friday night that the FBI recently had interviewed Oswald. But this turned out to be wrong information, he said.

But Curry did not sidetrack from his statement that his department had never been made aware of Oswald's move to Dallas and his acquiring a job in the Texas School Book Depository Building, from where an assassin trained rifle fire on the President's car.

In retracting his earlier statement about the FBI interview, Curry told gathered reporters: "I do not want to accuse the FBI of withholding information. They have no obligation to help

me. Someone told me last night that they had interviewed Os

Despite Curry's retraction, sources maintained the Nov. 16 interview by the FBI did take place with no mention of it to the Secret Service and police.

The first inkling police ever had of Oswald came after the

President was killed. Police obtained a list of names of workers in the building from where the sniper shot from a sixth-floor window.

Oswald's name was on the

But Detective Capt. Pat Gannaway, senior officer over the intelligence squad, said Oswald did not become important until he failed to answer an employee roll call.

He was the only one who didn't show up and couldn't be accounted for," Gannaway said.

Police were looking for Oswald at the time patrolman

D. Tippin, cruising his Oak Cliff beat, spotted a suspicious pedestrian on East 10th Street. He was shot to death when he stopped to check him.

A woman witness saw the pedestrian trigger the shots and

minutes later, the man suspected of killing the officer was dragged out of an Oak Cliff movie house by police.

His identity was made when he reached police headquarters.

His name, Lee Harvey Oswald,