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Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with murdering President Kennedy, was interviewed by the FBI here two days before the Friday assassination.

But word of the interview with the former defector to Russia was not conveyed to the U.S. 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—a time when the Secret Service and police officials were coordinating security plans for the President's ill-fated Dallas visit.

These sources said the Oswald interview added more data to an already "thick file" the FBI

has on the 27-year-old avowed Marxist who defected to Russia in 1962 and returned in 1964.

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 force 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 then hurriedly recalled reporters to say he did not have first-hand information of this.

He said he had been told by "someone" Friday night 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 fired rifle fire on the President's car.

In explaining his earlier statement about the FBI interview, Curry told reporters: "I do not want to accuse the FBI of withholding information. They have no obligation to notify us. Someone told me last night that they had interviewed Oswald."

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

The first leading police ever got that there was a Lee Harvey Oswald here was after the President was killed. Intelligence officers obtained a list of names of workers in the building from which the sniper fired from a sixth-floor window.

Oswald's name was on the list.

But Detective Capt. Pat Gannaway, acting officer over the police's 10th district, said Oswald did not see the important mail he failed to answer an answer 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 pair from J. D. Lopez, crossing his desk, FBI men, across a suspicious pedestrian on East 10th Street, and was shot to death when he stopped to check him.

A woman witness saw the pedestrian trigger the shot and fire.

Less than 40 minutes later, the man suspected of firing the shot was dragged out of an