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FBI Under Investigation in Dallas Tragedy

THERE WAS AN IMPORTANT BACKLASH display when the FBI submitted its report to the presidential commission investigating the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Real fact was that J. Edgar Hoover, 59-year-old director of the FBI, wanted to publish the report immediately. He would have got the first jump on a commission which would be investigating the FBI. He wanted to get the Secret Service and the FBI to co-operate between them in Dallas, and any inefficiency by the FBI.



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What the public does not know is that for the first time since the days of Warren Harding the FBI is under investigation. The FBI is accused of being investigated for not attempting to do the investigation and has become one of the most hated and feared agencies of the government. Most newspapermen and news analysts do not criticize the FBI.

President Johnson knew the FBI would be investigated and also knew the sacrosanct position of the FBI when he wanted to great pains to pick a presidential commission of unimpeachable integrity to probe the Dallas tragedy.

WHAT THE WHITE HOUSE KNEW, just from reading the newspaper accounts, was that the FBI had either not done its part of the job in Dallas or else was not co-operating with the Secret Service. There has long been a certain amount of friction between these two agencies, one of which is the major headlines; the other, the Secret Service, does its business without seeking publicity.

But in the train of tragic events leading up to the assassination of President Kennedy, it is an indisputable fact that the FBI did interview Lee Oswald, the suspected assassin in advance. Despite this, it did not report him to the Secret Service.

The date on which the FBI interviewed Oswald was reported to have been Nov. 16, just six days before the tragedy. Later reports indicate the date may have been earlier.

HOWEVER, WHAT IS CERTAIN is that the FBI first tried to cover up the fact that it had interviewed Oswald at all and asked one of Oswald's friends not to admit to the press that the FBI had been around to see him. It would appear to have been a shocking oversight to permit an unstable, irrational young man who had lived in Dallas, had passed out circulars favoring Fidel Castro, and had recently taken a trip to Mexico to contact the Cuban ambassador, to remain both unwatched and unreported to the Secret Service when the President of the United States passed through the city in which he lived and past the building in which he lived.

It's now established that the FBI had kept Oswald under surveillance after he came back from Russia last year, interviewed him last August when he was passing out pro-Castro leaflets in New Orleans, and checked on him again when he returned to Dallas. They even checked twice with Mrs. Ruth Paine, Oswald's neighbor who was looking out for Mrs. Oswald while pregnant and being away most of the time.

THE FBI LEARNED FROM MRS. PAINE that Oswald was working at the Texas School Book Depository, a big building located along the world-famous route through Dallas. The FBI learned from Mrs. Paine that Oswald had given her a letter from the Soviet Embassy in Dallas, and she gave it to the FBI. The FBI learned from Mrs. Paine that Oswald had been in Dallas for some time before the assassination. The FBI learned from Mrs. Paine that Oswald had been in Dallas for some time before the assassination. The FBI learned from Mrs. Paine that Oswald had been in Dallas for some time before the assassination.