

2 FBI Agents in Oswald Case Reported Punished

DALLAS (AP)—The Dallas Times Herald said Tuesday in a copyrighted story that the FBI took disciplinary action against two FBI agents who were in charge of the Lee Harvey Oswald case prior to the assassination of the President.

The Times Herald quoted what it called "unimpeachable sources" but did not name the agents.

In Washington, FBI headquarters declined to comment on the report.

The newspaper said one agent was demoted at a loss of \$1,000 in annual pay and the other, stationed in New Orleans, was ordered transferred but refused the transfer and retired.

Oswald, the assassin of President John F. Kennedy Nov. 22 in Dallas, once

lived in New Orleans where he was active in a "fair play for Cuba" organization.

The New Orleans agent had been assigned the Oswald case while Oswald was in New Orleans. He now works as a private investigator in the Louisiana city.

The Dallas man was on the second level of command in the Dallas FBI office. He now investigates routine out-of-the-office matters.

The actions against the agents, both veterans of more than 20 years of government service, came in late spring, the Times Herald said.

J. Gordon Shanklin, in charge of the Dallas FBI office, was out of the city Tuesday and his representative said the FBI would have no comment.