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U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

Reference is made to SSC letter dated December 11, 1975, requesting access to various materials contained in Bureau files relating to this Bureau's investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald and/or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Set forth below is this Bureau's response to indicated items mentioned in referenced letter. Responses to the remaining items are being prepared and you will be advised when such preparations have been completed.

Item 1 references the July 6, 1964, memorandum from C. R. Davidson to Mr. Callahan, which was provided by this Bureau in response to SSC inquiry dated November 18, 1975, and requests materials pertaining to the December 13, 1963, censuring and probation of Special Agent (SA) James P. Hosty, Jr. No memorandum dated July 6, 1964, could be located as having been furnished the SSC as stipulated above. It is believed the above request refers to the April 6, 1964, memorandum from C. R. Davidson which was made available to the SSC in response to the latter's request of November 18, 1975. Materials responsive to all sections of Item 1 are available at FBI Headquarters for review by appropriate SSC personnel. This material, for reasons of privacy, has been excised to delete names of individuals, other than SA Hosty, against whom administrative action was taken.

Item 2 requests materials similar to that requested in Item 1, as such materials pertain to the censuring of SA Hosty on or about September 25, 1964.

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Materials responsive to Item 2, excised for reasons stated above, are available at FBI Headquarters for review by appropriate SSC personnel.

Item 15 requests all materials pertaining to the meeting subsequent to November 24, 1963, and prior to the submission of the Bureau's initial report to the White House, which meeting is more fully referenced in the September 23, 1975, affidavit of former SA Henry A. Schutz, in response to Item 5 of the SSC's request dated October 31, 1975. The Inspection Division of this Bureau made no further inquiry concerning information in former SA Schutz's affidavit other than it should be noted all Bureau officials and supervisory personnel were interviewed by the Inspection Division concerning Oswald's visit to the Dallas Office prior to the assassination and his leaving of a note for SA Hosty. No additional information was developed concerning the meeting at the office of former Bureau official Mr. Alan Belmont, and, in fact, the only Bureau official who claimed to have any knowledge of such a visit and note was W. C. Sullivan. The SSC has previously been furnished the results of all interviews conducted of Bureau officials and supervisory Agents concerning this matter.

Item 16 requests all materials, reports, analysis or inquiries conducted as a result of the statement by SA Joe A. Pearce that "Oswald was an informant or source of SA Hosty and it was not uncommon for sources to occasionally come to the office for the purpose of delivering some note to the contacting Agent." The above quoted statement is contained in an affidavit furnished by SA Pearce to the Inspection Division during the latter's inquiry concerning the Oswald visit to the Dallas Office and his leaving a note for SA Hosty. However, in reporting the results of this interview to the Attorney General earlier this year, attention was directed to the fact that this allegation concerning Oswald's being a source or informant of SA Hosty was looked into by the President's Commission, and there was no substance whatsoever to this particular claim.

1 - The Attorney General

WC knew nothing of the Hosty note

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