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INVESTIGATION OF  
THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

HEARINGS  
Before the President's Commission  
on the Assassination  
of President Kennedy

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Mr. HOSTY. All right. As I say, when I entered the house I immediately identified myself. I showed her my credentials, identified myself as a special agent of the FBI, and requested to talk to her.

She invited me into the house.

Mr. STERN. Did she seem surprised at your visit?

Mr. HOSTY. No, she didn't. She was quite friendly and invited me in, and this is the first time she had ever met an FBI agent. Very cordial.

As I say, it is my recollection I sat here on the couch and she sat across the room from me.

I then told her the purpose of my visit, that I was interested in locating the whereabouts of Lee Oswald.

She readily admitted that Mrs. Marina Oswald and Lee Oswald's two children were staying with her. She said that Lee Oswald was living somewhere in Dallas. She didn't know where. She said it was in the Oak Cliff area but she didn't have his address.

I asked her if she knew where he worked. After a moment's hesitation, she told me that he worked at the Texas School Book Depository near the downtown area of Dallas. She didn't have the exact address, and it is my recollection that we went to the phone book and looked it up, found it to be 411 Elm Street.

Mr. STERN. You looked it up while you were there?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes; that is my recollection that we looked it up in her telephone book to show it at 411 Elm Street, Dallas, Tex.

She told me at this time that she did not know where he was living, but she thought she could find out and she would let me know.

Mr. STERN. Did she tell you why she thought he was living alone in Dallas at that time?

Mr. HOSTY. Well, she said that she did not want him at her house; that she was willing to take Marina Oswald and the two children, but she didn't have room for him and she didn't want him at the house. She was willing to let him visit his wife and family, but she did not want him residing there.

Mr. STERN. What did she say about his visits?

Mr. HOSTY. She remarked that he came out there periodically to visit his wife and children on weekends.

Mr. STERN. Did she say when she expected his next visit might be?

Mr. HOSTY. I don't recall her stating when she expected him, no.

Mr. STERN. Did she say anything about the possibility of his coming later that day?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. You say the interview started at about 2:30?

Mr. HOSTY. Approximately 2:30; yes, sir.

Mr. STERN. About how long did it last?

Mr. HOSTY. At the very most 20-25 minutes.

Mr. STERN. Were you alone with Mrs. Paine throughout this period?

Mr. HOSTY. No; towards the conclusion of the interview, Marina Oswald, who had apparently been napping, entered the living room.

Mr. STERN. Had you ever met Mrs. Oswald before?

Mr. HOSTY. Never before, no. As I had learned previously, and as Mrs. Paine had told me, she did not speak any English, so Mrs. Paine then told her in the Russian language who I was, I was an agent with the FBI.

I could tell from her eyes and her expression that she became quite alarmed, quite upset. I had had previous experience with people who come from Communist-controlled countries that they get excited when they see the police. They must think that we are like the Gestapo or something like that.

She became quite alarmed, and, like I say, I knew that she just had a baby the week before. So I didn't want to leave her in that state, so rather than just walking out and leaving her and not saying anything to her, I told Mrs. Paine to relate to her in the Russian language that I was not there for the purpose of harming her, harassing her, and that it wasn't the job of the FBI to harm people. It was our job to protect people.

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Representative FORD. What was the reaction, if any, on the part of Marina following that comment by Mrs. Paine?

Mr. HOSTY. The information I had relayed? She seemed to calm down a little bit, and when I left she was smiling. I left her in a relaxed mood. I didn't want to leave her alarmed and upset, a woman with a new baby. It is not the thing to do. So she apparently was smiling, happy, and she shook hands with me as I left, I wanted to leave her in a good frame of mind. I then left.

Mr. STERN. Did you address any questions to Marina Oswald through Mrs. Paine?

Mr. HOSTY. Not questions, no. I just relayed the information to her of this nature I just gave.

Mr. STERN. Anything else that you said—

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; that is all I can recall.

Mr. STERN. To be translated for Marina Oswald?

Mr. HOSTY. No.

Mr. STERN. Anything else about your interview with Mrs. Paine?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes; after Mrs. Paine told me that she would try to find out where Lee Oswald was living, I then gave her my name and telephone number. I wrote it down on a piece of paper for her. I am fairly certain I printed it so she would be able to read it all right. I printed my name and wrote down my office telephone number, and handed it to Mrs. Paine.

Mr. STERN. Did you put anything else on this piece of paper?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; that was all.

Mr. STERN. Are you quite sure about your recollection of that, or are you telling us on the basis of your ordinary experience? Is this what you remember of the incident?

Mr. HOSTY. This is what I remember of it; yes, sir.

Mr. STERN. You don't remember putting anything on this paper other than your name?

Mr. HOSTY. My name and telephone number.

Mr. STERN. Office telephone?

Mr. HOSTY. Office telephone; right.

Mr. STERN. And no other telephone number?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. No address?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. License number?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. You are quite certain that you can recall now only those two things?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes; I do this as a standard procedure. I do this all the time. I will write my name out if a person says they want to contact me. I will give them my name and telephone number, write it on a piece of paper and give it to them.

Representative FORD. Did you write on notepaper you had or paper provided by Mrs. Paine, or what?

Mr. HOSTY. It was my recollection it was on my paper. I took a piece of paper off, tore it in half, printed my name and telephone number on it that I gave to her.

Mr. STERN. Do you have cards?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; we don't have cards. We are not allowed to carry cards.

Mr. STERN. When Mrs. Paine told you that Lee Harvey Oswald was working at the School Book Depository, did that mean anything to you? Did you remember the building?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; I knew of the building in the outskirts of the downtown area. That is about all. I looked up the address, and I recognized the address, but it meant nothing to me.

Mr. STERN. Is there anything else at all that you can recall being said on November 1?

Mr. HOSTY. As I said earlier, I think I should bring this in, that Mrs. Paine

was a little bit reluctant to give me his place of employment at first. She said that Lee Oswald had alleged that the FBI had had him fired from every job he ever had. I told her this was not true, that I had never had anyone fired from any job nor did I know of any other FBI agents that had ever done this.

I reassured her that I wanted to know his place of employment for the purpose of determining whether or not he was employed in a sensitive industry, and when I found out that he was working in a warehouse as a laborer, I realized this was not a sensitive industry.

Mr. STERN. You were acting for the New Orleans office at this time?

Mr. HOSTY. At this time; yes, sir.

Mr. STERN. In trying to locate him?

Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Mr. STERN. Had they asked you to try to determine what kind of work he was doing and whether he might be in a sensitive position?

Mr. HOSTY. Well, this is automatically considered; yes. They didn't have to ask me. I knew I was to do that.

Mr. DULLES. Did you clear this with the Dallas or Fort Worth office? How do you work out that liaison?

Mr. HOSTY. How do you mean, sir?

Mr. DULLES. I mean with the FBI. At this time this was the territory, I assume, of Dallas or Fort Worth.

Mr. HOSTY. Right. Irving, Tex., is in the Dallas territory; yes, sir.

Mr. DULLES. The Dallas territory?

Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Mr. DULLES. Did you clear or notify the Dallas office either before or after?

Mr. HOSTY. You mean after I determined this?

Mr. DULLES. Yes.

Mr. HOSTY. Oh, yes, sir. This occurred on the 1st. This was a Friday. I returned to the Dallas office. I covered a couple of other leads on the way back. I got in shortly after 5 o'clock and all our stenographers had gone home. Information has to go registered mail, and it could not go then until Monday morning.

Monday morning—shall I continue?

Mr. STERN. Yes.

Mr. HOSTY. On Monday morning, I made a pretext telephone call to the Texas School Book Depository. I called up and asked for the personnel department, asked if a Lee Oswald was employed there. They said yes, he was. I said what address does he show? They said 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Tex., which I knew not to be his correct address.

I then sent a communication, airmail communication to the New Orleans office advising them—and to the headquarters of the FBI advising them—and then instructing the New Orleans office to make the Dallas office the office of origin. We were now assuming control, because he had now been verified in our division.

Representative FORD. When you say you made several other checks on the way to the office, did this involve—

Mr. HOSTY. Not in this case; other cases. I run anywhere from 25 to 40 cases any one time. I have to work them all, fit them in as I go.

Representative FORD. These other checks did not involve this case?

Mr. HOSTY. No; other cases I was working on.

Mr. STERN. Mr. Hosty, at your interview on November 1 with Mrs. Paine, do you recall whether you asked her whether there was any telephone number that she knew of where Lee Harvey Oswald could be reached?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; I didn't ask her about a telephone number; no, sir.

Mr. STERN. And she didn't tell you?

Mr. HOSTY. She didn't volunteer. She told me she did not know where he lived.

Mr. STERN. Why don't you continue with the chronological report.

Mr. HOSTY. As I say, then I forwarded this airmail communication.

Mr. McCLOY. May I ask at this point, did she indicate whether there were any belongings of Lee Oswald in the house?

Mr. HOSTY. She did not indicate, but, of course, she did tell me his wife and

children were there, and we didn't go into that.

Mr. McCLOY. You may.

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; without his consent. T

Mr. STERN. Did you know the time she came into Mrs. Paine's office of Marina Oswald that

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We didn't go into that.

Mr. McCLOY. You made no search of the house?  
Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; that would have been illegal. I couldn't have done it  
without his consent. There was no attempt to do that.

Mr. STERN. Did you have any thought of interviewing Marina Oswald at the  
time she came into Mrs. Paine's living room in connection with the investigation  
of Marina Oswald that you had started out thinking about in March?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes; I could have interviewed her here, but I thought at the  
time she was under a little emotional stress, this was maybe not a good time.  
Also, as I said before, we have a requirement to have two agents present when  
a subject is interviewed. I was alone. And, also, I wanted to get the New  
Orleans office to check their files to see if there was anything that I didn't have.  
For all I knew, they could have already interviewed her. I didn't know this.  
So before I would proceed with that, I wanted to make sure I had all the records,  
another agent, and at a better time where I could talk in more detail with Mrs.  
Oswald.

Then on the 5th of November—  
Mr. STERN. Have you told us everything that elapsed—that occurred between  
November 1 and November 5?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes. Then on the 5th of November, I was on my way to the  
Fort Worth area, and stopped at Mrs. Paine's very briefly.

Mr. STERN. How did that happen to come about?  
Mr. HOSTY. Well, I was on my way to Fort Worth and I did not have his  
residence. I thought I would stop by. Mrs. Paine told me she would attempt  
to locate where he was living. It was not too much out of my way, so I just  
drove over to Mrs. Paine's. I had another agent with me that day.

Mr. STERN. Who was that?  
Mr. HOSTY. Agent Gary S. Wilson. Agent Wilson was a brand new agent  
out of training school. And it is the custom to assign a new agent to work  
with an older agent for a period of 6 weeks. They work with different agents  
every day to observe what they are doing. This is the only reason he was  
with me, the only reason I had another man.

We went to the front porch. I rang the bell, talked to Mrs. Paine, at which  
time she advised me that Lee Oswald had been out to visit her, visit his wife,  
at her house over the weekend, but she had still not determined where he was  
living in Dallas, and she also made the remark that she considered him to be  
a very illogical person, that he had told her that weekend that he was a  
Trotskyite Communist. Since she did not have his address, I thanked her and  
left.

Mr. STERN. Did she indicate how she felt about this description of Trotskyite  
Communist that he pinned on himself?

Mr. HOSTY. Well, she thought he was rather illogical is the way she put it.  
She was a little more amused than anything else. She thought he was illogical,  
as I say, was the term she used.

Mr. STERN. Was Marina Oswald present at all?  
Mr. HOSTY. I didn't see her. She was probably in the house, but I didn't  
see her. I didn't go in the house. I just went in the front door.

Mr. STERN. How long do you think it was?  
Mr. HOSTY. Not more than 1 or 2 minutes. Then I got in the car and left.  
Mr. STERN. Where was your car parked at that time?

Mr. HOSTY. I believe in the same place, because here, again, this second car  
of Michael Paine's was still in front of the Paine house, and Mrs. Paine's  
station wagon was in the driveway. So I am fairly sure I parked here at  
the same spot.

Mr. STERN. And you are indicating the spot on Exhibit 430 where you  
initialed?

Mr. HOSTY. Right, where I parked on the first of November, to the best of  
my recollection that is where I parked.

Representative FORD. Did Agent Wilson accompany you to the door?  
Mr. HOSTY. Yes; he walked up.



the agent in charge would bring various items to our attention.

Representative Ford. How many others besides yourself were under his jurisdiction?

Mr. Hosty. About 75 agents.

Representative Ford. Seventy-five?

Mr. Hosty. Yes. Now only the ones at headquarters city in Dallas were present. That would be about 40 of the agents were present at this conference.

Mr. Shanklin advised us, among other things, that in view of the President's visit to Dallas, that if anyone had any indication of any possibility of any acts of violence or any demonstrations against the President, or Vice President, to immediately notify the Secret Service and confirm it in writing. He had made the same statement about a week prior at another special conference which we had held. I don't recall the exact date. It was about a week prior.

Mr. Stern. Did you know that there was going to be a motorcade on November 22?

Mr. Hosty. I found out about 9 p.m. the night before that there was to be a motorcade in downtown Dallas. I read it in the newspaper. That was the first time I knew of it.

Mr. Stern. Did you know that the motorcade would pass the School Book Depository Building?

Mr. Hosty. No, sir.

Mr. Stern. Did you know the route of the motorcade?

Mr. Hosty. No, sir.

Mr. Dulles. Had there been any contact between you or the Dallas office with the Secret Service on this point?

Mr. Hosty. On the motorcade route, sir?

Mr. Dulles. Yes.

Mr. Hosty. No.

Mr. Dulles. Had not been?

Mr. Hosty. No.

Mr. Stern. The newspaper stories did not as far as you can recall tell what the motorcade route would be?

Mr. Hosty. Yes; they did. There was a description of the motorcade route, but as I say, I didn't bother to read it in detail. I noticed that it was coming up Main Street. That was the only thing I was interested in, where maybe I could watch it if I had a chance.

Mr. Stern. So that the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald was working in the Texas School Book Depository meant nothing—

Mr. Hosty. No.

Mr. Stern. In connection with the motorcade route?

Mr. Hosty. No.

Mr. Stern. Did you think of him at all in connection with the President's trip?

Mr. Hosty. No, sir.

Representative Ford. Did you have any others among the cases that were assigned to you that came to your attention in reference to the President's visit?

Mr. Hosty. I did turn over one item of information to the Secret Service on the 21st; yes, sir. I did bring some matters to their attention.

There were some scurrilous pamphlets circulated around Dallas on the 21st of November. You may have seen them. It was a poster of President Kennedy with a front and a profile view saying, "Wanted for Treason." I took those pamphlets over to the Secret Service office the morning of the 21st. Then I assisted another agent in our division in giving the Secret Service some information on an individual in Denton, Tex., who had made some remarks about the President, and another member of my squad had also given some information to the Secret Service the evening of the 21st about the possibility of a demonstration at the Trade Mart against President Kennedy, some picketing.

Representative Ford. Do you recall to whom you gave this information?

Mr. Hosty. The one piece the Secret Service.

Representative Ford. The

Mr. Hosty. The pamphlet

Representative Ford. The had?

Mr. Hosty. That I person

The Chairman. Was it a

Mr. Hosty. It was, I guess.

The Chairman. Single sheet?

Mr. Hosty. Single sheet.

The Chairman. A single

Mr. Hosty. Yes.

The Chairman. Did you see

Mr. Hosty. No, sir; I never

The Chairman. Did you see

Mr. Hosty. I didn't.

The Chairman. Do you know

Mr. Hosty. I am not sure

Mr. Stern. What next occurred

Mr. Hosty. All right. After

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Alcohol Tax Unit of the Treasury

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walked over towards Main Street

Main Street near our office at

so I stood and watched the

Street in Dallas.

After the President passed

lunch. While I was eating

just heard a radio report that

shot. I immediately stopped

Mr. Stern. The President?

Mr. Hosty. That was the case

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and headed back for the office

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and started out. I gave the

proceed towards Parkland Hospital

to return to the office immediately.

Mr. Stern. Do you know who

Mr. Hosty. No. We were

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Mr. Stern. Were you told

Mr. Hosty. When I got back

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assassin, to help out administration.

Mr. Stern. Did the case of

Mr. Hosty. No, sir.

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Mr. HOSTY. The one piece of information I gave, I gave to an Agent Warner of  
the Secret Service.

Representative FORD. That was the information about what?

Mr. HOSTY. The pamphlets, the "Wanted for Treason" pamphlets.

Representative FORD. Those are the only documents or contacts you personally  
had?

Mr. HOSTY. That I personally had, that is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Was it a pamphlet or a dodger?

Mr. HOSTY. It was, I guess you would call it a dodger.

The CHAIRMAN. Single sheet?

Mr. HOSTY. Single sheet; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. A single sheet, was it not?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you ever ascertain who put that out?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; I never did.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you ever investigate it?

Mr. HOSTY. I didn't.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know whether your office did?

Mr. HOSTY. I am not sure; no, sir.

Mr. STERN. What next occurred on the 22d, Mr. Hosty?

Mr. HOSTY. All right. After the conference that lasted until about 9 a.m., I  
then left the office and joined an Army Intelligence agent, and an agent of the  
Alcohol Tax Unit of the Treasury Department. We had a conference concerning  
a case not related to Lee Oswald. This conference lasted most of the morning  
until about 11:45. At 11:45 the Army Intelligence agent and myself left, and  
walked over towards Main Street. The motorcade was scheduled to pass down  
Main Street near our office at approximately noon. I was now on my lunch hour,  
so I stood and watched the motorcade go by at the corner of Field and Main  
Street in Dallas.

After the President passed by, I then went across the street, started eating  
lunch. While I was eating my lunch, the waitress came up and told me she had  
just heard a radio report that the President and the Vice President had both been  
shot. I immediately stopped my lunch.

Mr. STERN. The President and the Vice President?

Mr. HOSTY. That was the earliest report, that the Vice President had been shot  
too. These were the rumors. I then of course left the lunchroom immediately  
and headed back for the office, which is only a block away. I got back to the  
office.

One of the supervisors told me to get a radio car and get out on the street  
right away and I would get further instructions. I did that. I got in the car  
and started out. I gave the signal that I was on the air and I was told to pro-  
ceed towards Parkland Hospital. Just as I got to Parkland Hospital I got a call  
to return to the office immediately.

Mr. STERN. Do you know why you were sent to Parkland Hospital?

Mr. HOSTY. No. We were just told they wanted four cars to proceed to Park-  
land Hospital to stand by for further orders.

Mr. STERN. Were you told why you were ordered to return to the office?

Mr. HOSTY. When I got back they told me they wanted me to start reviewing  
our files to see if I could develop any information, any leads at all on the possible  
assassin, to help out administratively in the office.

Mr. STERN. Did the case of Oswald come to your mind at that time?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. As a possible—

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; it was approximately 1:30 that we got the report that a  
police officer had been killed in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas, and that the police  
were surrounding a movie theatre where the suspect was allegedly located.

Shortly after 2 o'clock, we received information that this man had been cap-  
tured and taken to the Dallas Police Department.

[REDACTED SECTION]



Mr. STERN. Because?

Mr. STERN. What happened next?  
Mr. HOSTY. I immediately got the file on Lee Oswald, and I determined that on the 21st of November this change of origin from New Orleans had arrived. It had not been routed to me as yet. It apparently arrived on the afternoon of the 21st. I got it for the first time after the assassination.

Mr. STERN. That is the administrative—  
Mr. HOSTY. Administrative form showing that I was now origin, that we now had all the information on the case.

Mr. STERN. Did they send any other information with that?  
Mr. HOSTY. The only other thing that they sent was a photograph of Lee Oswald taken at the New Orleans Police Department when he was arrested during the summer of 1963. The report of Milton Kaack of the 31st had covered everything else.

Mr. STERN. Just to be clear, you were not waiting for this shift of administrative responsibility before you did anything?

Mr. HOSTY. No; I mean if there was anything else to do, I would have gone ahead and done it.

Mr. DULLES. Was that action in Washington or New Orleans?

Mr. HOSTY. New Orleans.

Mr. STERN. Had anything else arrived at your Dallas office that you were told about at that point?

Mr. HOSTY. Not at that point, no; nothing had arrived then. I then took the file to the agent in charge.

Mr. DULLES. May I ask one point here?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Mr. DULLES. From the point of view of the administration, is the New Orleans office over the Dallas office, or are they equal?

Mr. HOSTY. They are equal, sir.

Mr. DULLES. They are equal?

Mr. HOSTY. We have 55 offices. They are all equal.

Mr. DULLES. All equal?

Mr. HOSTY. Right. There are no regional offices. I then took the file to the agent in charge, told him that we had a case on Lee Harvey Oswald. While I sat there he immediately called headquarters and advised headquarters here in Washington, D.C., that Lee Harvey Oswald was under arrest down at Dallas and had been observed shooting a police officer. They had eyewitnesses to his killing of Officer Tippit.

Mr. STERN. How do you know that?

Mr. HOSTY. This had been given to us by one of our agents from the call from the Dallas Police Department who had given the information. I don't know who it was. I did not receive the call.

I sat there and assisted the agent in charge while he talked to the Bureau headquarters here. I knew the file. Of course he would need some information. I would leaf through the file and get it for him so that he could relay the pertinent information.

Then sometime after that, the agent in charge instructed me to proceed to the Dallas Police Department and to sit in on the interview of Lee Oswald, which was apparently in progress at this time. Just prior to my leaving, I was told that a communication had just come in that day from the Washington field office advising that Lee Oswald had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Mr. STERN. Were you told anything more about that?

Mr. HOSTY. No; I mean this is the point I was given this information. I then went and got a car and drove to the Dallas Police Department, pulled my car into the basement garage of the Dallas Police Department, parked my car.

Mr. STERN. What were conditions like?

Mr. HOSTY. Very chaotic. The press was swarming all over the police station. There were television cameras being brought into the building. Many people were running, coming and going. The place was a beehive of activity.

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Mr. STERN. I no 831, a letter dated General Counsel newspaper article Mr. HOSTY. Yes Mr. STERN. What Mr. HOSTY. I had Mr. STERN. Do ment to this letter Mr. HOSTY. Yes. 1964, I believe.

Mr. STERN. And Mr. HOSTY. My Mr. STERN. You Mr. HOSTY. Of Mr. STERN. Now Mr. HOSTY. It was News on April 24, place in my conversation

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over the police station building. Many people were active of activity.

I parked the car, got out, and started in the door of the basement, at which time I observed a Dallas police car, an unmarked car, drive in, in which there were four detectives. The man sitting on the right-hand side of the front seat next to the driver was a man I recognized as Lieutenant Revill. He signaled me that he wanted to talk to me, at which time he jumped out of the car at the head of the ramp and came over towards me. The rest of the detectives in the car continued down the ramp to be parked.

We then proceeded in, Lieutenant Revill and I proceeded into the police department and started up the stairs. Lieutenant Revill advised me that—I might add he was in a very excited state—he advised me that he had a hot lead, that he had just determined that the only employee from the Texas School Book Depository who could not be accounted for was a man named Lee.

Now this conversation took place at approximately 3 p.m., about an hour after Lee Harvey Oswald had been arrested by the Dallas Police Department. I told Lieutenant Revill that Lee Harvey Oswald had been arrested about an hour ago, that he was an employee of the Texas School Book Depository, and that he was the man who had defected to Russia and had returned to the United States in 1962.

Now either Lieutenant Revill—I don't recall if he made a statement doubting that Oswald was the one who assassinated the President, or whether it was just a look of doubt on his face, but there was doubt came into Lieutenant Revill's—at this time I stated to him that Lee Oswald was the main suspect in this case.

Now this conversation took place running up the stairs from the basement to the third floor. At this time the level of noise was very high. As I said, there were many press representatives, TV representatives, curious bystanders, police officers, everybody running all over the place.

It was not too much unlike Grand Central Station at rush hour, maybe like the Yankee Stadium during the world series games, quite noisy. We got to the head of the stairs and I left Lieutenant Revill and went into Captain Fritz' office.

Mr. STERN. Was anyone else with you and Lieutenant Revill as you came up the stairs, as you recall?

Mr. HOSTY. As I say, the place was swarming with people. Just the two of us were going up the stairs together. My conversation was with Lieutenant Revill only.

Mr. STERN. I now show you a document marked for Identification Commission 831, a letter dated April 27, 1964, from Director Hoover to Mr. Rankin, the General Counsel of this Commission, having attached a one-page copy of a newspaper article and an affidavit. Do you recognize this letter?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir; I do.

Mr. STERN. Where have you seen it?

Mr. HOSTY. I have seen the file copy of this letter in the FBI files.

Mr. STERN. Do you recognize the newspaper article which is the first attachment to this letter?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir. It appeared in the Dallas Morning News on April 24, 1964, I believe.

Mr. STERN. And the attachment after this is?

Mr. HOSTY. My affidavit.

Mr. STERN. Your affidavit of five pages?

Mr. HOSTY. Of five pages, bearing my signature.

Mr. STERN. Now tell us what the reason for your making this affidavit was.

Mr. HOSTY. It was to refute the story that appeared in the Dallas Morning News on April 24, 1964, to set the record straight as to what actually did take place in my conversation with Lieutenant Revill.

Mr. STERN. What did that story state?

Mr. HOSTY. It stated in substance, alleged that I was aware that Lee Harvey Oswald was capable of assassinating the President of the United States, but did not dream he would do it.

Mr. STERN. Did you say that?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir. I want to state for the record at this time that I unequivocally deny ever having made the statement to Lieutenant Revill or to anyone



else that,

Mr. STERN. The newspaper story also mentioned another officer of the Dallas police force, V. J. "Jackie" Brian.

Mr. HOSTY. I know him as Jackie Brian.

Mr. STERN. Do you know this officer?

Mr. HOSTY. I know him to see him. I don't know him too well.

Mr. STERN. Do you recall whether or not he was present when you had your conversation with Lieutenant Revill?

Mr. HOSTY. I don't recall him being present. I was addressing my remarks to Lieutenant Revill.

Mr. STERN. Have you heard that there was a rumor to the effect of this story at any time before this newspaper article appeared?

Mr. HOSTY. About 2 weeks prior I heard a rumor, but I didn't know exactly what the story was all about. I did hear a rumor.

Mr. STERN. What was the tone and tenor of the rumor?

Mr. HOSTY. That I had made some statement concerning Oswald's assassinating the President. I wasn't clear. I was never given the exact wording. It involved my conversation with Lieutenant Revill.

Mr. STERN. Have you talked to Lieutenant Revill since this news story appeared?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; not since the news story appeared.

Mr. STERN. To Chief Curry?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. To any supervising official of the Dallas police force?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. To any newspaper reporter for any Dallas newspaper or otherwise?

Mr. HOSTY. They had contacted me for comment, and I have had no comment other than the first person who called me, I denied the story. Since then I have had no comment on instructions from headquarters.

Mr. STERN. Have you reviewed your affidavit in preparation for your testimony here today?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Mr. STERN. Is there anything you would like to add to it other than what you have already said?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir. I think it speaks for itself.

Mr. STERN. Any change you would like to make in it?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

The CHAIRMAN. Will you put this on the record, please?

Mr. Rankin, is there anything in the record of the Commission showing that Lieutenant Revill made a report to his superior officers concerning this statement that is alleged to have been made by Agent Hosty in this newspaper article?

Mr. RANKIN. The only thing that we have is this affidavit which you will note is Commission Exhibit 709.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. RANKIN. And it bears the date November 22, 1963, at the top, and is sworn to as of the 7th day of April 1964. That is what Chief Curry testified he received from Lieutenant Revill.

The CHAIRMAN. Has Lieutenant Revill been a witness before the Commission or has he made a statement, a deposition of any kind?

Mr. RANKIN. He has not been a witness before the Commission.

Mr. REDLICH. He was talked to in Dallas.

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Mr. RANKIN. He was a deposition witness.

The CHAIRMAN. When was that?

Mr. RANKIN. I will have to check that.

The CHAIRMAN. Was it before or after this affidavit?

Mr. RANKIN. I will have to check that, Mr. Chief Justice, to be sure.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he in that deposition state that Agent Hosty had made such a statement to him?

Mr. RANKIN. I haven't examined the deposition. I don't know. We have the deposition now, but I have not examined it.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know, Professor Redlich?

Mr. REDLICH. Mr. Chief Justice, I asked that question, and the information I have is that he was not questioned about this particular allegation. He was questioned on other matters.

Representative FORD. Did he volunteer that information?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. Is it in the deposition at all?

Mr. REDLICH. To the best of my knowledge, it is not, Mr. Chief Justice.

Mr. McCLOY. Don't we have the deposition here? Can't we get it?

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Chief Justice, I would like to be sure to check that before we have that on the record. I will report by morning, if that is all right, and be sure of it.

The CHAIRMAN. What was the date of this newspaper article? It isn't dated here.

Mr. STERN. The cover letter, Mr. Chief Justice, states that it appeared on April 24, 1964.

The CHAIRMAN. Do I understand that Chief Curry said that no statement of that kind had been made by Lieutenant Revill at or about the time the statement was supposed to have been made by Agent Hosty?

Mr. RANKIN. I don't think his testimony was in that form, Mr. Chief Justice. It was in the form that this was given to him and there wasn't any indication that it was given as of the date of November 22 in his testimony.

The CHAIRMAN. I should like to see Lieutenant Revill's deposition.

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Redlich has gone out for it.

The CHAIRMAN. We won't delay that now. We will proceed. Go right ahead, Mr. Stern.

Mr. STERN. What happened next?

Mr. HOSTY. As I said, I left Lieutenant Revill. I entered the office of Capt. Will Fritz. After a short delay, Agent James W. Bookhout and myself entered the inner office of Capt. Will Fritz of the homicide section, Dallas Police Department, where Lee Harvey Oswald was being questioned.

Mr. STERN. I show you a two-page document marked Commission No. 332 for identification. Can you identify that?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir. This is an interview form which I made for my interview with Lee Harvey Oswald on the 22d of November 1963. It was dictated as the form will indicate, on the 23d of November 1963.

Mr. STERN. Let me ask you there, Mr. Hosty, about your practice in reducing to formal form your notes of interviews. This happened the next day?

Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Mr. STERN. Is that faster than usual because of the circumstances?

Mr. HOSTY. Because of the circumstances. We have to reduce them to writing within 5 days.

Mr. STERN. In 5 days?

Mr. HOSTY. Five working days.

Mr. STERN. Did you retain the notes of this?

Mr. HOSTY. No. After the interview is reduced to writing, I get it back and proofread it. My notes are then destroyed because this is the record.

Mr. STERN. And in this particular instance did you destroy your notes of this?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Mr. STERN. Now you say that you are required to reduce your notes of an interview to writing within 5 working days.

Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Mr. STERN. Did that happen with respect to the interviews you conducted on October 29, November 1, and November 5?



Mr. HOSTY. To make this a little clearer, this would be an interview of a subject, not of a witness, unless this witness has something that was quite pertinent to the investigation.

Routine-type matters do not have to be put on these interview forms, but pertinent interviews would be. Now everything in this case after the assassination was declared to be pertinent. All interviews, regardless of how insignificant, were to be put on these forms.

Mr. STERN. But the interviews you conducted at the beginning of November and the end of October were not within this rule?

Mr. HOSTY. No; because they were not an interview of the subject or anything that contained anything of major importance.

Mr. STERN. Do you yourself destroy the notes?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes.

Mr. STERN. Do you recall specifically destroying the notes of your interview?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir; in the wastebasket.

Mr. STERN. Your interview of Oswald, on November 22, you put the notes in the wastebasket?

Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Mr. STERN. Do you recall specifically what you did with the notes of your interviews of October 29, November 1, and November 5?

Mr. HOSTY. After I reduced them to writing, such as I did here, and I got the form back, I proofread it, then I threw them away.

Mr. STERN. And you testified that the notes of your end of October—early November interviews were transcribed after November 22, is that correct?

Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Mr. STERN. Were the notes destroyed after you transcribed those interviews, also after November 22?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes.

Mr. STERN. Did you give any consideration to retaining the notes in view of the turn that the case had taken?

Mr. HOSTY. No.

Mr. STERN. The intervening assassination?

Mr. HOSTY. No; because this is the record and the notes would not be as good as this record, because the notes are not written out fully as this is. It would just be abbreviations and things of that type.

Mr. STERN. And you received no instructions about retaining notes?

Mr. HOSTY. No; we had no instructions. We were following the same rule we had always followed.

Mr. STERN. Why don't you tell us now, turning to your memorandum of the November 22 interview of Lee Harvey Oswald, what transpired from the time you first entered Captain Fritz' office.

Mr. HOSTY. As this interview form will show, the interview commenced at 3:15 p.m. I am certain of that time because I checked my wristwatch, and Agent Bookhout checked my wristwatch. We both agreed on the time, 3:15. We came in and identified ourselves as agents of the FBI. I told Oswald my name and he reacted violently.

Mr. STERN. How do you mean?

Mr. HOSTY. To both Agent Bookhout and myself. He adopted an extremely hostile attitude towards the FBI.

Mr. STERN. Was it the FBI or the name Hosty?

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Mr. STERN. What was he saying? Please be specific.

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Mr. HOSTY. Apparently in the room. We walked him I was with the FBI said to me could be used.

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Representative Ford. Had this been the attitude that existed prior to you  
and Bookhout coming into the—

Mr. Hosty. Apparently not; aparently not. I couldn't say because I wasn't  
in the room. We walked into the room. I immediately identified myself, told  
him I was with the FBI, and was a law-enforcement officer, and anything he  
said to me could be used against him. He did not have to talk to us.

Senator COOPER. Can you describe the tone of his voice and his manner?

Mr. Hosty. I beg your pardon, sir?

Senator COOPER. Can you describe the tone of his voice?

Mr. Hosty. He was highly excited. He was very surly, I think would be  
about the best way to describe him, very surly; and he was curt in his answers  
to us, snarled at us. That would be his general attitude.

Representative FORD. Did he use profanity?

Mr. Hosty. Yes, sir. I can't recall any specific statements he made, however.

Mr. McCLOY. Did he complain that you had been abusing or harassing his  
wife in anyway?

Mr. Hosty. He made the statement, "If you want to talk to me don't bother  
my wife. Come and see me." He didn't say that I had abused his wife in any  
manner, and I hadn't. He did criticize me for talking to her. He said, "Come  
talk to me if you want to talk to me."

Senator COOPER. Can you remember what he said about the FBI specifically?

Mr. Hosty. He called us gestapo, secret police, we were harassing people. It  
was along that line. I don't recall the exact wording.

Mr. STERN. Was he handcuffed at this time?

Mr. Hosty. He was handcuffed behind him. After he calmed down he asked  
Captain Fritz if they could remove the handcuffs. Captain Fritz ordered one  
of his detectives to remove them from the rear, and they handcuffed him in front.

Mr. STERN. This happened right after you came into the room?

Mr. Hosty. Shortly after we came in the room.

Mr. STERN. Before or after his outburst?

Mr. Hosty. After his outburst; after he had calmed down.

Mr. STERN. Please continue.

Mr. Hosty. Captain Fritz actually conducted the interview. Agent Bookhout  
and myself sat back in the corner and observed. Captain Fritz asked Oswald  
if he had ever owned the rifle. He denied he had ever owned a rifle. He said  
that he had seen the superintendent of the School Book Depository with a rifle in  
his office a couple of days before the assassination, but that he had never had a  
rifle in the building. He then told Captain Fritz that he had been to the Soviet  
Union and resided there for 3 years, and he had many friends in the Soviet  
Union. Captain Fritz then showed him a piece of paper which had "Fair Play  
for Cuba" on it, and Oswald admitted to Captain Fritz that he was secretary  
for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans a few months ago.

He told Captain Fritz that the Fair Play for Cuba Committee had its head-  
quarters in New York City. Captain Fritz then showed Oswald a marksman's  
medal from the Marine Corps, and Oswald admitted that this was his medal,  
that he had received a sharpshooter's medal while in the Marine Corps.

Mr. McCLOY. Was it a sharpshooter's or a marksman's? There are two dif-  
ferent types, you know.

Mr. Hosty. I believe it was a sharpshooter, sir. He then told Captain Fritz  
that he had been living at 1026 North Beckley, that is in Dallas, Tex., at 1026  
North Beckley under the name O. H. Lee and not under his true name.

Oswald admitted that he was present in the Texas School Book Depository  
Building on the 22d of November 1963, where he had been employed since the  
15th of October. Oswald told Captain Fritz that he was a laborer in this build-  
ing and had access to the entire building. It had offices on the first and second  
floors with storage on third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors.

Oswald told Captain Fritz that he went to lunch at approximately noon on



the 22d of November, ate his lunch in the lunchroom, and had gone and gotten a Coca Cola from the Coca Cola machine to have with his lunch. He claimed that he was in the lunchroom at the time President Kennedy passed the building.

He was asked why he left the School Book Depository that day, and he stated that in all the confusion he was certain that there would be no more work for the rest of the day, that everybody was too upset, there was too much confusion, so he just decided that there would be no work for the rest of the day and so he went home. He got on a bus and went home. He went to his residence on North Beckley, changed his clothes, and then went to a movie.

Captain Fritz asked him if he always carried a pistol when he went to the movie, and he said he carried it because he felt like it. He admitted that he did have a pistol on him at the time of his arrest, in this theatre, in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas. He further admitted that he had resisted arrest and had received a bump and a cut as a result of his resisting of arrest. He then denied that he had killed Officer Tippit or President Kennedy.

Mr. STERN. The memorandum says, "Oswald frantically denied shooting" —

Mr. HOSTY. It should be emphatically, I believe, rather than frantically. I think this probably should be "emphatically denied."

Mr. STERN. Is this your memorandum?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Mr. STERN. It is signed or initialed both by you and by Mr. Bookhout.

Mr. HOSTY. Right. The procedure is that when there are two agents involved, they both must approve it, so there can be no discrepancies.

Mr. STERN. But you dictated it.

Mr. HOSTY. I dictated it and he read it and we both approved it.

Mr. STERN. Have you been over it recently in preparation for your testimony?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Mr. STERN. Is it accurate? Is there anything you would like to add to it?

Mr. HOSTY. I think it is correct as it stands.

Mr. McCLOY. I didn't hear you repeating your testimony that he denied ever having been in Mexico.

Mr. HOSTY. Oh, yes; he was being questioned about his activities outside of the United States, where he had been outside of the United States. He told Captain Fritz that he had only been to Mexico to visit at Tijuana on the border and then he did admit having been in Russia.

Mr. McCLOY. He only admitted to having been at Tijuana in Mexico?

Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Mr. McCLOY. Not to Mexico City.

Mr. HOSTY. Not to Mexico City; that is right.

Representative FORD. There was no recording made of this interrogation?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; it was notes I took. Agent Bookhout and I took notes, and we dictated from the notes the next day.

Mr. STERN. Did you ask him any questions?

Mr. HOSTY. No; like I say, he was acting in such a hostile condition towards us that we did not. This was Captain Fritz' interview anyway. We were just sitting in as observers.

Mr. STERN. Did you tell Captain Fritz at this time any of the information you had about Oswald, about his trip to Mexico, for example?

Mr. HOSTY. No.

Mr. STERN. About his being in touch with the Russian authorities seeking a visa?

Mr. HOSTY. No.

Mr. STERN. About his previous residence in the Soviet Union?

Mr. HOSTY. Oswald himself told Captain Fritz of this. I didn't have to. Oswald came right out and told him.

Mr. STERN. About the affair in New Orleans and his arrest there?

Mr. HOSTY. No.

Mr. STERN. Did you subsequently tell Captain Fritz?

Mr. HOSTY. No; I didn't tell Captain Fritz; no.

Mr. STERN. Was any of this information provided to the Dallas police as far as you know?

Mr. HOSTY. I provided it to Lieutenant Revill earlier, as I pointed out. He

would have been the head of the intelligence to give this information

Mr. STERN. Was that Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Mr. McCLOY. Did you

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; course I don't deal with

Mr. STERN. Wouldn't information from you a stairway and the rest

Mr. HOSTY. Well, that proceeded to tell himself point in me repeating to the police.

Mr. McCLOY. But you

Mr. HOSTY. No; I didn't

Mr. McCLOY. You did

Mr. HOSTY. Just as I;

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. I your testimony, but I want the FBI to your knowledge Oswald as an informant

Mr. HOSTY. I have pointed out the effect that I had the 22d of November 1963 in addition, I had never source of information.

The CHAIRMAN. Your

Mr. HOSTY. Correct

Mr. STERN. This might identify this affidavit. Can you —

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Mr. HOSTY. On the 5th

Mr. STERN. Why don't you

Mr. HOSTY. "I, James investigation since January statement:

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Signed, James P. Hosty

Mr. STERN. Mr. Chair: which Mr. Hosty has identified Mr. Hosty's affidavit as the interview?

The CHAIRMAN. That is (The items marked C were received in evidence)

The CHAIRMAN. Is that

Mr. STERN. There are a

The CHAIRMAN. Let's hear

Mr. STERN. To conclude of anyone else in the government

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. That tried an informant or employee

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.



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head of the intelligence section. He would be the logical and correct person  
to give this information to.

Mr. STERN. Was that the extent of your advice to the Dallas police?

Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Mr. McCLOY. Did you tell Chief Curry that you had a file?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; I haven't talked to Chief Curry in several years. Of  
course I don't deal with him too much on a chief level.

Mr. STERN. Wouldn't it be difficult for Lieutenant Revill to have gotten this  
information from you under the conditions that you described, running up the  
stairway and the rest of it? Do you think he heard enough of this?

Mr. HOSTY. Well, that is true, he might not have. But you see Oswald then  
proceeded to tell himself, he told the police all this information, so there was no  
point in me repeating it when he himself, Oswald, had furnished it directly  
to the police.

Mr. McCLOY. But you did tell Revill that you had a file on Oswald?

Mr. HOSTY. No; I didn't tell him I had a file; no, sir.

Mr. McCLOY. You did not?

Mr. HOSTY. Just as I related here in the affidavit.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Hosty, I think the answer to this question is implicit in  
your testimony, but I would just like to ask it directly. Did you or anyone in  
the FBI to your knowledge for compensation or in any manner whatsoever use  
Oswald as an informant in any way, shape or form?

Mr. HOSTY. I have previously furnished a sworn affidavit to this Commission  
to the effect that I had never seen or talked to Lee Harvey Oswald prior to  
the 22d of November 1963. I had never made payments of any kind to him, and,  
in addition, I had never made any attempt to develop him as an informant or  
source of information. I have made a sworn affidavit to that effect.

The CHAIRMAN. Your answer to my question then is "No."

Mr. HOSTY. Correct.

Mr. STERN. This might be a good opportunity, Mr. Chairman, to have him  
identify this affidavit. I show you from Commission Exhibit 825 a one-page  
affidavit. Can you—

Mr. HOSTY. This is my affidavit. This is my signature.

Mr. STERN. And it was made when?

Mr. HOSTY. On the 5th day of February 1964.

Mr. STERN. Why don't you read that?

Mr. HOSTY. "I, James P. Hosty, Jr., Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation since January 21, 1952, having been duly sworn, make the follow-  
ing statement:

"At no time prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy did I  
ever see or talk to Lee Harvey Oswald. I have never made payments of any  
kind to him. In addition, I have never made any attempt to develop him as  
an informant or source of information."

Signed, James P. Hosty, Jr., Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. STERN. Mr. Chairman, may we have admitted Exhibits 831 and 832,  
which Mr. Hosty has identified, the letter from the Director of the FBI enclosing  
Mr. Hosty's affidavit as 831, and 832, which is his two-page memorandum on  
the interview?

The CHAIRMAN. That may be admitted with those numbers.

(The items marked Commission Exhibits Nos. 831 and 832 for identification  
were received in evidence.)

The CHAIRMAN. Is that all, Mr. Stern?

Mr. STERN. There are a few other points.

The CHAIRMAN. Let's hurry them along.

Mr. STERN. To conclude that last point, Mr. Hosty, do you have any knowledge  
of anyone else in the government service, either FBI or any other branch—

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. That tried or was successful in recruiting Lee Harvey Oswald as  
an informant or employee or agent?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.



Mr. STERN. Did you see Oswald again after the interview that Captain Fritz conducted?

Mr. HOSTY. No.

Mr. STERN. What did you do when this interview concluded?

Mr. HOSTY. As I stated here, he was removed from Captain Fritz' office at 4:03 p.m. Here again I checked my wristwatch, so I am certain the time is correct.

I then went to the outer office of Capt. Will Fritz and remained there until approximately 8 p.m. that evening.

Mr. STERN. You did not attend any of the lineups?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. Did you talk to any member of the Secret Service at this time?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir; at approximately 6 p.m. on the 22d of November 1963, Special Agent in Charge Forrest V. Sorrels of the United States Secret Service entered Captain Fritz' office with about five or six Secret Service agents. He then proceeded to interview Lee Harvey Oswald, I was not present during this interview.

I did see him take Lee Oswald to the rear of Captain Fritz' outer office and interview Lee Oswald. It appeared to me that Forrest Sorrels of the Secret Service had appeared for the purpose of representing the United States Secret Service in this investigation. I was aware at this time that the FBI did not have jurisdiction over this matter, that is, the assassination of the President of the United States, and that if any Federal agency did have jurisdiction, it would be the United States Secret Service. As I later determined, no Federal agency had jurisdiction over this assassination.

When Forrest Sorrels concluded his interview with Lee Oswald, I called him aside and advised him that there was some additional information on Lee Oswald which the FBI headquarters in Washington could furnish to the headquarters of the Secret Service in Washington, and that there were two items, and that I did not feel that I could give them to him directly since they were secret in nature.

Mr. STERN. Was anyone else present during this conversation?

Mr. HOSTY. As I said, this took place in the outer office of Capt. Will Fritz. There were about 30 or 40 people milling around out there. There were three or four Texas Rangers. There were perhaps a dozen Dallas police officers. There were, as I said, five or six Secret Service agents.

There were three other FBI agents besides myself, various clerical personnel from the police department who were assigned to the homicide division. I recognized two postal inspectors. I directed this conversation to Mr. Sorrels. I called him to one side and directed this to him directly.

Mr. STERN. Did you repeat the same information to anyone else later on?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. What did you have in mind? What were the two pieces of information?

Mr. HOSTY. The two pieces of information I had in mind were the contacts that Lee Oswald had with the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City, and the contact that he had had with the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Mr. STERN. Were you in touch with your Dallas office from the police headquarters regularly during the evening of the 22d?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes. I went out and made phone calls to them, advised them of my interview and how things were going.

Mr. STERN. Did you make any calls directly to Bureau headquarters in Washington?

Mr. HOSTY. I didn't; no, sir.

Mr. STERN. Were you advised at any time on the 22d after you left your office of other information, any other information with regard to Lee Harvey Oswald that had been supplied by Bureau headquarters in Washington through your Dallas office?

Mr. HOSTY. No; that was all, just what I previously related.

Mr. STERN. Just what you mentioned, nothing else came through?

Mr. HOSTY. Nothing else.

Mr. STERN. Were you on Sunday, the 24th, at

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. Did you have any contact with the Dallas office over the weekend?

Mr. HOSTY. No.

Mr. STERN. At any time during the weekend?

Mr. HOSTY. I have no contact with the Dallas office.

We did not discuss this on the 22d.

Mr. STERN. Did you have any contact with the Dallas office on two occasions that you mentioned?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. The only contact was from the basement on the 22d?

Mr. HOSTY. That is correct. Representative Ford was with him?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; I never saw him. I saw him sometimes, possibly in our office maybe in Marceline, Missouri. Representative Ford was with him on the assassination of the President.

Mr. HOSTY. Actually, I was not an agent, and I just happened to be in the office. I just nodded my head. I was in the office it was in connection with the assassination.

Mr. STERN. But you were not an agent in the events surrounding the assassination?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you any other information, Representative Ford, in your rough outline, involving the assassination?

Mr. HOSTY. I worked in the office of the Dallas police department, but I did not get to bed at all, as I recall, during the evening of the 22d. I had leads in connection with the assassination of Lee Oswald.

I talked to Mrs. Paine, the wife of the assassin. I talked to various other people. I had investigative leads in connection with the assassination. I wasn't working at the time of the assassination. Representative Ford was with me on Sunday?

Mr. HOSTY. That is correct. Representative Ford was with me on Sunday?

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. McCloy, I noticed you mentioned there is another name in connection with the assassination.

Mr. HOSTY. He is the name of the assassin.

Mr. McCLOY. It doesn't matter. You said nothing about it.

You said nothing about "We have a suspect who we never dreamed of it," to you?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. McCLOY. When you were in the office with her? Did she keep the rifle in the garage?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; I don't know.

Mr. McCLOY. Did you, in connection with the assassination, have any contact with Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Mr. McCLOY. Can you tell me anything else? Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir; I



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Mr. STERN. Were you in the police headquarters on Saturday, the 23d,  
or Sunday, the 24th, at all?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. Did you have any further discussions with Lieutenant Revill that  
weekend?

Mr. HOSTY. No.

Mr. STERN. At any time until now?

Mr. HOSTY. I have had discussions with him on two occasions since then.  
We did not discuss this matter of the 22d of November, this conversation of the  
22d.

Mr. STERN. Did you discuss the assassination with him on either of these  
two occasions that you recall?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. STERN. The only conversation you had with him was going up the stair-  
way from the basement to the third floor of the police headquarters on November  
22?

Mr. HOSTY. That is correct.

Representative FORD. Do you recall the dates of these two subsequent meetings  
with him?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; I don't. Just the first time was maybe in January, Janu-  
ary sometimes, possibly February, and that was at his office. Then he came to  
our office maybe in March. I just don't recall the dates.

Representative FORD. But those visits were on matters not at all related to the  
assassination or the events surrounding it?

Mr. HOSTY. Actually, when he came to our office he was coming to talk to an-  
other agent, and I just said "Hello" to him, and we didn't discuss anything  
official. I just nodded "hello" to him, "How are you doing?" When I went to his  
office it was in connection with another matter.

Mr. STERN. But on neither occasion did you discuss the assassination or the  
events surrounding it?

Mr. ECSTY. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you any further questions, Congressman Ford?

Representative FORD. What did you do on Saturday and Sunday following, in  
rough outline, involving the assassination, if anything?

Mr. HOSTY. I worked practically round the clock Saturday night. I didn't go  
to bed at all, as I recall, Friday night and Saturday. I was covering various  
leads in connection with the assassination, talking to people who knew Lee  
Oswald.

I talked to Mrs. Paine, to give you an example, the first thing Saturday morn-  
ing. I talked to various people that knew Oswald, just covering general inves-  
tigative leads in connection with the assassination, like everyone else was. But  
I wasn't working at the police department.

Representative FORD. You weren't at the police department at all on Saturday  
or Sunday?

Mr. HOSTY. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. McCloy, have you anything?

Mr. McCLOY. I noticed you mentioned Lieutenant Revill and Jackie Brian.  
There is another name mentioned here, Gordon Shanklin.

Mr. HOSTY. He is the agent in charge of the Dallas FBI Office.

Mr. McCLOY. It doesn't say so in this article, but it may be in this by implica-  
tion. You said nothing or anything that is comparable to the alleged statement.  
"We have a suspect who is capable of the assassination of the President, but I  
never dreamed of it," to your colleague Gordon Shanklin?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Mr. McCLOY. When you went to talk to Mrs. Paine, did you go over the premises  
then with her? Did she, for example, show you where Oswald is alleged to have  
kept the rifle in the garage?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; I didn't do that, no.

Mr. McCLOY. Did you, in the course of your followup leads, talk to Mr. Truly?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Mr. McCLOY. Can you tell us what transpired between you and Mr. Truly?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir; I talked to him about—



Mr. McCLOY. Is this anticipating something you have got?

Mr. STERN. No.

Mr. HOSTY. This interview took place quite a bit after the assassination. I did talk to Mr. Truly about I believe it was in January or February of 1964, and it concerned the time that he, Mr. Truly, was aware of the fact that there would be a parade through downtown Dallas. And his recollection was that he was not aware of the fact that the motorcade would pass in front of his building until shortly before noon on the 21st when an article appeared in the Dallas Times Herald.

Now the Dallas Times Herald appears on the street at approximately 10:30 a.m., and Mr. Truly said shortly before noon someone from his office saw this article and mentioned it to the office employees and said they all became excited, and this was apparently the first time anyone at the Texas School Book Depository realized the motorcade was going to pass directly in front of their building.

Representative FORD. This was Thursday?

Mr. HOSTY. Thursday before, yes. It was shortly before noon.

Representative FORD. The 21st?

Mr. HOSTY. On the 21st of November, yes.

Mr. McCLOY. But according to your recollection of what he said, all the employees were excited and became aware of the fact that the motorcade—

Mr. HOSTY. At that time.

Mr. McCLOY. At that time was going to pass the School Book Depository.

Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Mr. McCLOY. Did you notice that Oswald said in the course of his interview by Captain Fritz that he had not had a rifle but he had seen a rifle in the possession of Mr. Truly?

Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Mr. McCLOY. Did you interrogate Mr. Truly about that?

Mr. HOSTY. No, I didn't.

Mr. McCLOY. Do you know whether anyone else did?

Mr. HOSTY. I can't say for certain, no.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. McCLOY. Back on the record.

Do you know, Mr. Rankin, whether or not Mr. Truly has been interviewed on this subject?

Mr. RANKIN. It has been reported to me by the staff that he has.

Mr. McCLOY. Does he deny it, do you know?

Mr. RANKIN. He denies it.

Mr. McCLOY. He denies it?

Mr. RANKIN. Yes.

Mr. McCLOY. But we have no deposition from him in that regard as yet.

Mr. BELIN. No; we do not.

Senator COOPER. May I ask first as to Exhibit No. 830, you have it?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Senator COOPER. Does that represent statements made to you?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Senator COOPER. On November 5, did Mrs. Ruth Paine tell you that she thought Lee Oswald was an illegal person?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Senator COOPER. And that he admitted to her being a Trotskyite Communist?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Senator COOPER. Did you know that he had engaged in this Fair Play for Cuba demonstration in New Orleans and had been arrested?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Senator COOPER. You were told on November 1 that he was employed at the Texas School Book Depository?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Senator COOPER. Had you checked there to see if he was employed?

Mr. HOSTY. I made a pretext interview on the 4th.

Senator COOPER. On what day?

Mr. HOSTY. The 4th of November.

Senator COOPER. Could you be a defector?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Senator COOPER. And you were in New Orleans, and you were there at all that time?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Senator COOPER. Why would you commit a violent act, or would you necessarily take this kind of action?

Senator COOPER. I believe you would—

Mr. HOSTY. That is correct. Senator COOPER. Of the Texas School Book Depository?

Mr. HOSTY. That is correct. Senator COOPER. Did you work for the Secret Service or the Dallas Police?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; I did not.

Mr. McCLOY. You did not work for the Dallas Police?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Mr. McCLOY. Don't you know that he was lying and that he was a Fair Play for Cuba, that he was not necessarily violent, but he was a violent man?

Mr. HOSTY. He was a violent man. He would engage in violence.

Representative FORD. Is this a violent man?

Mr. HOSTY. You mean a violent man?

Representative FORD. Service?

Mr. HOSTY. It is indicated that he has some indication that he is a safety of the President of the United States.

Representative FORD. Is this a plan or a plot?

Mr. HOSTY. Well, or a take any action against the President?

Representative FORD. Is this a motorcade you were at?

Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Representative FORD. Is this a visit to a community, is this a security of the President?

Mr. HOSTY. Prior to November 5, I was called in to help the Secret Service.

Representative FORD. Is this a motorcade you were at?

Mr. HOSTY. Definitely.

Representative FORD. (any assignments?)

Mr. HOSTY. That is correct. Representative FORD. Is this a motorcade you were at?

Mr. HOSTY. That is correct. Mr. McCLOY. Mr. Hosty, that motorcade was going to be your action would have been a violent man?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; it was a violent man.



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Senator COOPER. Considering that he was a defector, you knew he was a defector?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

Senator COOPER. And considering that he had been engaged in this demonstration in New Orleans, and the statement that Mrs. Paine had made to you, did it occur to you at all that he was a potentially dangerous person?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir.

Senator COOPER. Why?

Mr. HOSTY. There is no indication from something of that type that he would commit a violent act. This is not the form that a person of that type would necessarily take. This would not in any way indicate to me that he was capable of violence.

Senator COOPER. I believe you testified that you didn't know the route of the—

Mr. HOSTY. That is correct, sir.

Senator COOPER. Of the procession which passed the Texas School Book Depository?

Mr. HOSTY. That is correct, sir.

Senator COOPER. Did it occur to you to communicate this information to the Secret Service or the Dallas police about Oswald?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; there would be no reason for me to give it to them.

Mr. McCLOY. You did know he was lying though, didn't you?

Mr. HOSTY. Yes, sir.

[REDACTED SECTION]

Mr. HOSTY. Well, of a single person doing something if anyone was going to take any action against the safety of the President or Vice President.

Representative FORD. I think you testified earlier that at the time of the motorcade you were at your lunch hour.

Mr. HOSTY. Right.

Representative FORD. And were actually eating lunch? When a President visits a community, is the FBI or its people assigned any responsibilities as far as the security of the President is concerned?

Mr. HOSTY. Prior to November 22, I know of no incidents where the FBI was called in to help the Secret Service, to my knowledge.

Representative FORD. And particularly on this day none of the—

Mr. HOSTY. Definitely not.

Representative FORD. Of the people in the FBI in the Dallas area were given any assignments?

Mr. HOSTY. That is correct.

Representative FORD. For the security of the President?

Mr. HOSTY. That is correct.

Mr. McCLOY. Mr. Hosty, let me ask you this: Suppose you had known that that motorcade was going to go past the School Book Depository, do you think your action would have been any different?

Mr. HOSTY. No, sir; it wouldn't have been any different.



Mr. McCLOY. Even though you knew that he was located there?  
Mr. Hosty. Right.  
Mr. McCLOY. And that he was a defector?  
Mr. Hosty. Right.  
The CHAIRMAN. Senator.  
Senator COOPER. Have you received any evidence that any person other than Lee Oswald was involved in the assassination of President Kennedy?  
Mr. Hosty. No, sir; I have no knowledge of anyone else.  
Senator COOPER. Did you know anything about the attempt on General Walker's life?  
Mr. Hosty. I have read in the newspapers about the attempt on General Walker's life; yes.  
Senator COOPER. Your office was not connected with an investigation of that?  
Mr. Hosty. No; this was not a matter under the jurisdiction of the FBI. It was under the jurisdiction of the Dallas Police Department.  
The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Hosty, you told us what your instructions were concerning dangerous persons as of the 22d of November. Have they been changed?  
Mr. Hosty. I think Mr. Belmont will bring that up tomorrow if it be all right. Yes; they have been.  
The CHAIRMAN. You will be sure to ask him that to get that from him. Are there any other questions, gentlemen?  
Mr. McCLOY. Mr. Hosty, are you still engaged in any aspects of the assassination?  
Mr. Hosty. Oh, yes. I am still involved in the investigation of it, what investigation we still have.  
Mr. McCLOY. And any odds and ends that come up?  
Mr. Hosty. Right.  
Mr. McCLOY. You are still in the process of investigating?  
Mr. Hosty. Yes, sir.  
The CHAIRMAN. I would like to ask Professor Redlich, did you find anything in the deposition of lieutenant, what was his name?  
Mr. Redlich. Revill.  
The CHAIRMAN. Revill, on this subject?  
Mr. Redlich. No, sir. Lieutenant Revill was deposed on Tuesday, March 31, by Mr. Hubert of the Commission's staff.  
The CHAIRMAN. What date?  
Mr. Redlich. March 31, 1964. The deposition consisted almost entirely of questions relating to Mr. Revill's responsibilities in connection with the investigation of the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, and during the course of that interrogation there is nothing at all on the matter which was the subject of Commission Exhibit No. 709.  
The CHAIRMAN. Is there any reference in his testimony to his going up the stairs with Agent Hosty on the 22d of November?  
Mr. Redlich. No, sir.  
The CHAIRMAN. Nothing concerning that particular time in the police station?  
Mr. Redlich. No; there was not.  
The CHAIRMAN. Very well. That is all.  
Mr. Rankin. Mr. Chief Justice, I answered Mr. McCloy's question in error about Mr. Truly. Mr. Belin tells me that he examined the FBI statement, and there is a statement by Mr. Truly in regard to two rifles in which he explains it, as he says, innocently. Mr. Belin, would you tell for the record what that is?  
Mr. Belin. I would almost rather wait until tomorrow morning to have the FBI reports before the Commission, if I can. I think it is a friend brought a rifle.  
The CHAIRMAN. It would be better to have the report itself here.  
Mr. Belin. I will have that for the Commission tomorrow morning, sir.  
Mr. McCLOY. I think, Mr. Hosty, you have probably answered this question which is very closely related to that which Senator Cooper asked you. You testified that you were continuing your investigation of various aspects of this case. You have not thus far at least unearthed anything which could be called in the nature of a conspiracy?

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Mr. Hosty. No, sir.

Mr. McCloy. In connection with this assassination?

Mr. Hosty. You mean involving someone else?

Mr. McCloy. Someone else?

Mr. Hosty. No.

Mr. McCloy. Other than—

Mr. Hosty. Lee Oswald.

Mr. McCloy. Oswald. And that would cover certainly any connection with  
Mr. Ruby?

Mr. Hosty. That is correct.

Mr. McCloy. Have you ever interviewed Mr. Ruby?

Mr. Hosty. No, sir.

Mr. McCloy. I think that is all I have.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there any other questions?

Congressman Ford?

Representative Ford. I think earlier, Mr. Hosty, you indicated that the case  
of Oswald was under your jurisdiction?

Mr. Hosty. Was assigned to me; yes, sir.

Representative Ford. Assigned to you?

Mr. Hosty. Yes, sir.

Representative Ford. As I recall the language you indicated that documents  
or papers or reports came to you?

Mr. Hosty. Correct.

Representative Ford. Would this go through the special agent in charge of  
the Dallas area or what would it be?

Mr. Hosty. Here would be the procedure. The mail would be received at  
the chief clerk's office. They would then match it up with the proper file, and  
take it to the supervisor in question.

Representative Ford. Who is that?

Mr. Hosty. Mr. Kenneth Howe was supervisor of the internal security squad,  
and he would get it first, would read it, and then route it to the agent to whom  
the case was assigned.

Representative Ford. So Mr. Howe—

Mr. Hosty. Yes.

Representative Ford. Was knowledgeable about the Oswald case?

Mr. Hosty. Right.

Representative Ford. Now how knowledgeable would a person in that capacity  
be about this case?

Mr. Hosty. Well, I might point out where I would have 25 to 40 cases that  
I was working on, he might have 500 to 700 cases he was supervising, so obviously  
he couldn't pay as much attention to the details of the case as the agent to  
whom it was assigned.

Representative Ford. He saw all the documents that came in or went out  
involving this case?

Mr. Hosty. This case and many other cases.

Representative Ford. Did you and Mr. Howe ever discuss the Oswald case  
prior to the assassination?

Mr. Hosty. I have no recollection of any discussion of the case; no.

Representative Ford. Is this unusual or is this typical?

Mr. Hosty. There would be a discussion if in my opinion there was something  
I wanted to consult him on or if in his opinion there was something he wanted  
to consult me on. If he thought I was handling the case all right, and I had  
no questions, we would not discuss the case.

Representative Ford. Your recollection is that in this instance you and Mr.  
Howe had no such discussion?

Mr. Hosty. That is my recollection.

Mr. McCloy. After this one interview in which you participated at least in  
part with Lieutenant or Captain Fritz, I forgot what his rank is—

Mr. Hosty. Captain Fritz.

Mr. McCloy. Captain Fritz, did you ever interview or were you ever a partic-  
ipant in an interview of Oswald thereafter?



Mr. Hosty. No; this was the only time I participated.  
Mr. McCloy. Did you return to the police headquarters the next day?  
Mr. Hosty. No, sir.  
Mr. McCloy. You weren't there when Oswald was shot?  
Mr. Hosty. No, sir.  
The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Mr. Hosty.  
Mr. Hosty. Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice.  
The CHAIRMAN. Thank you for your help. We are very glad to have seen  
you, sir.  
The meeting will adjourn.  
(Whereupon, at 5:00 p.m., the President's Commission recessed.)