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DALLAS--A DALLAS FBI AGENT TODAY FLATLY DENIED HE EVER SAID THE FBI KNEW BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS CAPABLE OF KILLING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

"I SAID NOTHING LIKE THAT," SAID AGENT JAMES HOSTY. "I COMPLETELY DENY IT."

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS IN A COPYRIGHT STORY BY HUGH AYNESWORTH, SAID TODAY A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE WARREN COMMISSION TOLD OF A MEMO GIVEN THE COMMISSION BY DALLAS POLICE CHIEF JESSE CURRY CONTAINING THE ALLEGED REMARK BY HOSTY.

ACCORDING TO THIS MEMO, THE NEWS SAID, HOSTY, ONLY MOMENTS AFTER OSWALD WAS ARRESTED, SAID:

"WE KNEW HE WAS CAPABLE OF ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT BUT WE DIDN'T DREAM HE'D DO IT."

HOSTY SAID HE COULD ONLY DENY THAT HE EVER MADE SUCH A STATEMENT, AND WOULD NOT COMMENT FURTHER. THE HEAD OF THE DALLAS FBI OFFICE, GORDON SPANGLIN, SAID ANY OFFICIAL COMMENT WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM WASHINGTON. THE FBI IN WASHINGTON SAID IT HAD NO COMMENT.

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