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Tip on Slaying of Oswald Alleged

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 18 (AP) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation received an anonymous telephone tip predicting that Lee Harvey Oswald would be killed as he was transferred from the Dallas city jail on Nov. 23, 1963, according to a retired F.B.I. agent.

James P. Hosty Jr., who was assigned to investigate Mr. Oswald before the assassination of President Kennedy, was quoted in an article in The Kansas City Star as saying that the Dallas police ignored the warning. A spokesman for the F.B.I. said today that the bureau would have no comment at this time on the allegations.

Mr. Oswald, who was named as President Kennedy's lone assassin by the Warren Commission, was fatally wounded by Jack Ruby during the transfer from the jail.

"We, of course, didn't know whether the call was legitimate or from some

crank," Mr. Hosty said in a copyright story in today's editions of the newspaper.

"But when the police insisted on going ahead with the move, we were ordered to stay completely out of the area," said Mr. Hosty, who retired from the bureau last month.

Mr. Hosty's pre-assassination investigation of Mr. Oswald's activities was criticized by the Warren Commission and he was suspended from the F.B.I. for a month without pay. However, the House assassinations committee recently concluded that Mr. Hosty's work had been "properly conducted."

Mr. Oswald was investigated before the assassination because of his Russian-born wife, his trip to the Soviet Union and his work in a "Fair Play for Cuba" group.

Mr. Hosty said his investigations and interviews with Mr. Oswald and his wife did not lead him to believe that Mr. Oswald was a threat to the President.