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FBI DIR CLARENCE M KELLEY DISCLOSES THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD
DELIVERED NOTE THREATENING 1 OF ITS DALLAS AGENTS DAYS BEFORE
ASSASSINATION OF PRES KENNEDY, THAT VISIT WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED AND THAT NOTE WAS DESTROYED; SAYS FBI LEARNED OF OSWALD
VISIT AS RESULT OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DALLAS TIMES HERALD;
TIMES HERALD, IN COPYRIGHT STORY BY TOM JOHNSON, SAYS OSWALD
WAS NOT PLACED UNDER SURVEILLANCE AFTER HIS VISIT TO FBI
OFFICE; FBI VISIT TO OSWALD HOME WAS DESCRIBED IN WARREN COMM
REPT AS ROUTINE CHECK OF PERSONS WHO HAD LIVED IN COMMUNIST
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HOUSTON CHRONICLE REPTS THAT FBI AND DALLAS POLICE COVERED UP
UNTIL SPRING '64 A CONVERSATION BETWEEN POLICE LT JACK REVILL
AND FBI AGENT JAMES HOSTY INDICATING THAT FBI HAD KNOWN THAT
LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS A THREAT TO PRES KENNEDY; SAYS WARREN
COMM DID NOT FULLY CHECK INTO ALLEGED CONVERSATION WHEN COMM
LEARNED OF IT IN MAY '64; SAYS THEN-DALLAS POLICE CHIEF J E
CURRY TOLD THEN-US CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN OF FBI'S REPTD
PRIOR KNOWLEDGE IN REGISTERED LR; LR QUOTED; REVILL CONFIRMS
CONVERSATION WITH HOSTY; SAYS HE REPTD IT TO CURRY, WHO THEN
TOLD NEWSMEN; CURRY, IN LR TO WARREN, SAID FBI AGENT GORDON
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KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN LEE HARVEY OSWALD CONVEYED VIOLENT THREATS
ABOUT 10 DAYS BEFORE HE KILLED KENNEDY; SAYS DECISION TO
DESTROY LR, WHICH MADE THREATS AGAINST DALLAS POLICE, WAS TAKEN
AT MEETING ON WEEKEND AFTER KENNEDY WAS MURDERED IN DALLAS ON
FRIDAY, NOV 22 '63; FBI HAS ALWAYS MAINTAINED THAT IT HAD NO
REASON TO BELIEVE THAT OSWALD WAS CAPABLE OF VIOLENCE AND
THEREFORE HAD NOT FILED REPTS ON HIM WITH SECRET SERVICE;
SOURCE SAYS DECISION TO DESTROY LR WAS MADE BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL
EMBARRASSMENT TO FBI AND NOT TO HINDER INVESTIGATION OF
KENNEDY'S DEATH; SAYS ORDER TO DESTROY LR WAS RELAYED TO
DALLAS, WHERE LR WAS ON FILE, BY 1 OF HOOVER'S ASSIS, BUT ASST
WOULD NEVER HAVE ORDERED DESTRUCTION OF POSSIBLE EVIDENCE
EXCEPT ON HOOVER'S EXPRESSED ORDER; FBI DIR CLARENCE M KELLEY
HAS SAID THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT LR WAS RECD AND DESTROYED;
JAMES P HOSTY JR RECD OSWALD LR; HOSTY'S TESTIMONY NOTED; CASE
REVID; HOOVER SENT OUT LRS OF CENSURE TO 17 AGENTS AND FBI
OFFICIALS BECAUSE OF INCIDENT AND HOSTY WAS SUSPENDED WITHOUT
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FBI Keeps Silent On Agent's Case

By JAMES EWELL

The Federal Bureau of Investigation maintained official silence Tuesday on the report that Dallas-based agent James P. Hosty Jr., who investigated Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy had been suspended for 30 days and reassigned to the Kansas City office.

Hosty's supervisor here, agent-in-charge Gordon Shanklin, declared flatly:

"I'll make no comment on it at all."

An FBI spokesman in Washington withheld comment, saying that the office never discusses personnel.

The report said that Hosty, whose wife is expecting their ninth child, would not draw pay during the suspension.

The report added that the action was the direct result of the Warren Commission's criticism of the FBI in its report on the assassination.

Hosty specialized in security intelligence for the Dallas office, and had routinely checked on Oswald and Oswald's Russian wife, Marina.

The Warren Commission report said Hosty never talked with Oswald, but had sought information about him through other sources, including Mrs. Ruth Paine, who shared her home in Irving with Marian Oswald.

The agent's name was drawn into the FBI-Dallas police squabble after Police Chief Jesse E. Curry disclosed on the day after the assassination that the FBI knew, but had not informed police, that Oswald was working in Dallas in a building on the Presidential parade route. Curry based

the charge on a memo from Detective Lt. Jack Revill which was sent to his office only hours after assassination. The memo

quoted Hosty as telling Revill that the FBI knew Oswald was "capable" of killing the president.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover denied that the agent ever made the statement to the Dallas police lieutenant.

Curry and Revill, the department's criminal intelligence chief, both testified in Washington before the commission about the memo.

Neither would comment Tuesday on the Hosty suspension.

Sources, meanwhile, described morale as "shot" among Dallas FBI agents as a result of the action against Hosty. The sources said some of the other agents feel Hosty was being made a "fall guy," a feeling also shared by those in other branches of law enforcement here.

One police official defended Hosty's work in the FBI. He described him as "one of the better agents in the area, conscientious, worked hard and was well informed."

The official said it was obvious that Hosty was made a "scapegoat for doing exactly what he was told to do."

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FBI Agent Suspended For 30 Days

Disciplinary Action Comes As Result of Oswald Case

By JIM LEHRER
Staff Writer

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FBI Agent James P. Hosty Jr., the Dallas agent who investigated Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the assassination, has been suspended from duty for 30 days without pay and transferred to Kansas City, Mo.

Unimpeachable sources said the disciplinary action came on orders from the Washington office of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The 30-day suspension was effective last Monday—Oct. 5. During this period agent Hosty, the father of eight children, will neither work nor will he be paid.

When the suspension starts

over next month he is to report for duty in the Kansas City office of the FBI.

The sources said the action against agent Hosty came as a direct result of the Warren Commission's criticism of the FBI in its report on the assassination of President Kennedy. The report was released Sept. 27.

J. Gordon Shanklin, special agent in charge of the Dallas FBI office, declined comment on the story Tuesday morning.

The Times Herald learned that this was the second disciplinary action the FBI had taken against Agent Hosty, who has been with the bureau approximately 12 years—10 of them in Dallas.

Prior to last Monday's order, he had served a 90-day period of pro-

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basis—with pay—and had received a letter of censure.

Both of these earlier moves were taken after the assassination but before the Warren Commission report was released.

OTHER CENSURE ACTION

In addition to the suspension and transfer of Mr. Hosty, letters of censure were also received last week by three other Dallas-based FBI agents.

The letters, which constitute an official reprimand in writing and are placed in the agents' personnel jackets, also resulted from the Warren Commission report. Exact details, however, were unavailable.

As an FBI internal security expert assigned to Dallas, agent Hosty was routinely investigating Oswald, a returned Russian defector, last November.

Testimony before the Warren Commission showed that he did not talk to Oswald, but did on Nov. 1 interview Mrs. Ruth Paine in

Irving, with whom Marina Oswald and her two children lived.

Mrs. Paine told agent Hosty that Oswald was living in Oak Cliff, but she did not know his address or phone number—the information the agent was seeking. She also told him that Oswald was working at the Texas School Book Depository.

The Commission report said agent Hosty called the depository on Nov. 4 to confirm Oswald's employment, but did not speak with Oswald.

LAST INVESTIGATION

On Nov. 5, Mr. Hosty again talked to Mrs. Paine and that was the last investigation the agent did on the Oswald case until Nov. 22.

Commenting on this, the Commission said only that "under proper conditions, the knowledge of the pending presidential visit might have prompted Hosty to have made more vigorous efforts to locate Oswald's rooming house address and interview him regarding unresolved matters."

It said also that the FBI generally took an "unduly restrictive" view of its responsibility for presidential protection in not reporting Oswald's presence to the Secret Service.

The FBI's action against agent Hosty came despite the Bureau's position to the Warren Commission that none of its agents did anything wrong.

As explained by FBI officials before the Commission, agent Hosty's failure to notify the Secret Service was a result of the

Secret Service policy on such matters—not the FBI's.

The Commission, in fact, strongly criticized the Secret Service's policy of requiring only information regarding direct threats to the President referred to it.

Agent Hosty testified before the Commission that none of the background information known on Oswald prior to Nov. 22 fitted him into the criteria set down by the Secret Service.

FBI officials backed him on this point.

They also supported the Dallas agent in a controversy with Lt. Jack Revill of the Dallas Police Department.

REVILL STATEMENT

Lt. Revill reported in a memorandum—which was later given to the Commission—that agent Hosty told him in the basement of City Hall following Oswald's arrest that Oswald was "capable" of shooting the President.

Agent Hosty denied ever making such a statement and FBI Director Hoover backed up the denial in a press statement following release of the memo several months ago.

The Commission pointed out the differences in the testimony of agent Hosty and Lt. Revill, but did not draw any conclusions as to whether the statement was made.

Agent Hosty and the other three men were not the first to receive official discipline from the FBI.

The Times Herald reported two weeks ago that agent Hosty's supervisor in Dallas had been demoted and an agent in New Or-

leans was given a disciplinary transfer to Springfield, Ill.

The man in New Orleans had more than 22 years of service, however, and chose to retire rather than go to Springfield. He had been the agent responsible for the Oswald case in New Orleans before the assassination.

Agent Hosty, who is in his late 30s, is a native of Chicago, Ill., and a graduate of Notre Dame University. He and his wife live with their eight children in Northeast Dallas. Their youngest child is 1 year old and their oldest is a boy in the seventh grade. The Hostys are expecting their ninth child.

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Suspended FBI Agent Gets Help

Dallas FBI Agent James P. Hosty Jr., facing 30 days without pay and other assistance to the agent and his family through Mr. Hosty's church and fraternal affiliations, informed sources said.

The agent, who was investigating Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas prior to the assassination of President Kennedy, was suspended by the FBI from duty on Oct. 5 for 30 days without pay and ordered transferred to Kansas City, Mo.

The Times Herald reported this in a copyrighted story on Oct. 13. Since then, Agent Hosty, his wife, Janet, and their eight children have received unprecedented help.

KNIGHTS START OUT

A project known as "the Hosty Fund" was inaugurated by the Knights of Columbus, Council 799, in which Mr. Hosty held the post of Grand Knight.

Members of St. Pius X Catholic Church, where the Hostys attended church regularly, also have contributed. Mr. Hosty is on the church's finance committee and his wife is a former president of the St. Pius Ladies Society.

A group of Dallas businessmen took on the chore of selling the Hosty's home in Northeast Dallas.

Through the setting up of a trust fund, the monthly payments on the home will continue to be paid while the group attempts to sell the house.

The plan is for the Hostys, who are expecting their ninth child, to move on to Kansas City and then after the house has been sold the money will be forwarded to them by the businessmen's group. The Hostys have lived in their Northeast Dallas home for more than six years.

The FBI also took disciplinary action against five other agents who were involved in some way in the pre-assassination investigation of Oswald.

Mr. Hosty's supervisor in Dallas was transferred to Seattle, Wash. An agent in New Orleans who investigated Oswald there was given a disciplinary transfer to Springfield, Ill. He retired, however, rather than go.

In addition, three other agents in Dallas received letters of censure in their personnel jackets.

Prior to the ordered suspension and transfer, Agent Hosty had also received a letter of censure and had served a 90-day period of probation.

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FBI Reassigning 2nd Dallas Agent

By JIM LEHRER

Staff Writer

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The FBI has ordered a transfer for a second Dallas agent in wake of the Warren Commission's criticism of the bureau's pre-assassination handling of the Lee Harvey Oswald investigation.

Times Herald sources said Ken Howe, the agent who was in charge of the security section in the Dallas FBI office on Nov. 22, has been ordered to Seattle, Wash.

These sources said the agent, a veteran of more than 20 years with the FBI, is on annual leave now. He is scheduled to report to Seattle late this month or early in November.

AGENTS CENSURED

The transfer order on Mr. Howe came from Washington on Oct. 5, the same day the FBI ordered agent James P. Hosty Jr. suspended from duty for 30 days without pay and transferred to Kansas City, Mo. Three other agents in Dallas also received official letters of censure on that date.

The Times Herald reported the actions involving Mr. Hosty and the three other agents Tuesday, but did not learn of the move involving Mr. Howe until Wednesday.

Prior to Nov. 22, agent Hosty, the man investigating Oswald in Dallas, worked under Mr. Howe's supervision. Both agents handled security matters as a specialty.

Agent Howe, as reported in The Times Herald two weeks ago, already had been removed from his supervisor's post and reassigned

as a regular agent. The demotion meant a cut of more than \$1,000 a year in pay.

ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE

This earlier action, plus the ordered transfer of an agent in New Orleans who also worked on the Oswald case prior to Nov. 22, was taken last spring. The New Orleans agent retired, however, rather than go to Springfield, Ill., his new duty assignment.

Agent Howe, who is in his late 50s, is also eligible for retirement under FBI regulations which require an agent to reach the age of 50 and have 20 years government service to retire.

Mr. Howe has been an FBI agent for approximately 25 years.

Apparently, Mr. Howe's connection with the investigation of Oswald, the assassin of President Kennedy, before the assassination was only as agent Hosty's supervisor.

NOT MENTIONED

His name is not mentioned in the Warren Commission report nor in the index of witnesses who gave depositions or direct testimony to the commission.

The FBI in Dallas and Washington has maintained a strict silence of the disciplinary moves involving the agents.

The Warren Commission criticized all of the law enforcement agencies involved in the tragic weekend of Nov. 22, saying federal agencies neglected to coordinate information adequately.

The FBI was singled out for taking an "unduly restrictive" view of its responsibilities for presidential protection in not informing the Secret Service of Oswald's presence in Dallas on Nov. 22.

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