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# KBI Keeps Si On Agent's Case

By JAMES EWELL

Tuesday on the report that Dal- assassination. Oswald prior to the assassina-dent. tion of President John F. Kennedy had been suspended for 30 denied that the agent ever made days and reassigned to the Kan-the statement to the Dallas police sas City office.

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

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

ton withheld comment, saying that the office never discusses personnel.

during the suspension.

tion was the direct result of the enforcement here. Warren Commission's criticism of sassination.

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 De-The Federal Bureau of Investi-tective LL Jack Revill which was gation maintained official silence sent to his office only hours after las-based agent James P. Hosty quoted Hosty as telling Revill Jr., who investigated Lee Harvey that the FBI knew Oswald was Oswald prior to the assassina- "capable", of killing the presi-

> FBI director J. Edgar Hoover lieutenant.

> Curry and Revill, the departintelligende criminal ment's chief, both testified in Washington before the commission about the

Neither would comment Tues-An FBI spokesman in Washing-day on the Hosty suspension.

Sources, meanwhile, described morale as "shot" among Dallas FBI agents as a result of the ac-The report said that Hosty, tion against Hosty. The sources whose wife is expecting their said some of the other agents feel ninth child, would not draw pay Hosty was being made a "fall guy." a feeling also shared by The report added that the ac- those in other branches of law

One police official defended the FBI in its report on the as- 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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## Disciplinary Action Comes As Result of Oswald Case

By JIM LEHRER Staff Writer

Copyright 1964, The Dollas Times Herald fice of the FBI. the Dallas agent who investigated against agent Hosty came as a Lee Harvey Oswald prior to the direct result of the Warren Comassassination, has been suspended mission's criticism of the FBI in from duty for 30 days without its report on the assassination of pay and transferred to Kansas President Kennedy. The report

Unimpeachable sources said the ers from the Washington office of FBI office, declined comment on J. Edgar Hoover, director of the the story Tuesday morning. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

father of eight children, will neithe bureau approximately 12 ther work nor will he be paid. years-10 of them in Dallas. When the suspension stines

over next month he is to report for duty in the Kansas City of-

FBI Agent James P. Hosty Jr., The sources said the action was released Sept. 27.

J. Gordon Shanklin, special disciplinary action came on ord- agent in charge of the Dallas

The Times Herald learned that The 30-day suspension was effective last Monday-Oct. 5. Dur- action the FBI had taken against ing this period agent Hosty, the Agent Hosty, who has been with

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

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bation, with pay - and had re- Irving, with whom Marina Oswald ceived 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 Dallasbased 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 unavail-

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 Cor mission showed that he did not talk to Oswald, but did on Nov 1 interview Mrs. Ruth Paine In 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 migst have prompted Hosty to have made more vigorous efforts to locate Oswald's rooming house address and interviewhim regarding unresolved matters.".

erally took an "unduly restrictive" view of its responsibility for presi-

Hosty came despite the Bureau's made. position to the Warren Commis- Agent Hosty and the other three sion that none of its agents did men were not the first to receive anything wrong.

before the Commission, agent weeks ago that agent Hosty's su-Hosty's failure to notify the Se pervisor in Dallas had been decret Service was a result of the moted and an agent in New Or-

The Commission, in fact, strongthe President referred to it.

Agent Hosty testified before the the assassination Commission that more of the 30s, is a native of Chicago, Ill. Secret Service.

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agent in a controversy with Lt child which were Jack Revill of the Dallas Police Department.

## REVILL STATEMENT

Lt. Revill reported in a meroorandum-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 fol-It said also that the FBI gen-lowing release of the memo sev-eral months ago.

The Commission pointed out the dential protection in not reporting differences, in the testimony of Oswald's presence to the Secret agent Hosty and Lt. Revill, but did not draw any conclusions as The FBI's action against agent to whether the statement was

official discipline from the FBI.

As explained by FBI officials The Times Herald reported two

Secret Service policy on such mat-leans was given a disciplinary ters—not the FBI's transfer to Springfield, III.

The man in New Orleans had more than 22 years of service. ly criticized the Secret Service's however, and chose to retire rather policy of requiring only informathan go to Springfield. He had tion regarding direct threafs to been the agent responsible for the Oswald case in New Orleans before

Agent Hosty, who is in his late background information known on and a graduate of Notre Dame Oswald prior to Nov. 22 fitted him University. He and his wife live into the criteria set down by the with their eight children in North-FBI officials backed him on is 1 year old and their oldest is a boy in the seventh grade. The They also supported the Dallas Hostys are expecting their ninth

Dallas FBI Agent James P. The plan is for the Heating Hosty Jr., facing 30 days without are expecting their ninth child pay and the moving of his family, to move on to Kansas City and is receiving spontaneous assist-then after the house has been sold arce from groups and individuals, the money will be forwarded to More than 1,200 persons Wedness them by the businessmen's group

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exent and his family through Mr. Northeast Dallas home for more Hosty church and fraternal of than six years.

prior to the assassination of Presition of Oswald. dent Kennedy, was suspended by Mr. Hosty's supervisor in Daltransferred to Kansas City, Mo.

in a copyrighted story on Oct. 13 to Springfield, Ill. He retired, Since then, Agent Hosty, his however, rather than go. wife, Janet, and their eight children have received unprecedented in Dallas received letters of cenhelp.

ENIGHTS START OUT

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 trist furth, the monthly payments on the hore will continue to be paid while the group attempts to sell the house.

ey and other assistance to the The Hostys have lived in their

filiations, informed sources said. The FBI also took disciplinary action against five other agents The agent, who was investigat who were involved in some way ing Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas in the pre-assassination investiga-

the FBI from duty on Oct. 5 for las was transferred to Seattle, 3) days without pay and ordered Wash. An agent in New Orleans who investigated Oswald there The Times Herald reported this was given a disciplinary transfer

In addition, three other agents sure in their personnel jackets.

Prior to the ordered suspension A project known as "the Hosty and transfer, Agent Hosty had also received a letter of censure and had served a 90 day period of probation.

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By JIM LEHRER Staff Writer

Convright 196s. The Dallos Times Herald The FBI has ordered a transfer a year in pay. for a second Dallas agent in wake icism of the burean's pre-assas Orleans who also worked on the vey 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 the same day the FBI ordered agent James P. Hosty Jr. suspended from duty for 30 day without pay and transferred in His name is not mentioned in

the three other agents Tuesday, in the agents.

but did not learn of the move involving Mr. Howe until Wednes-

the man investigating Oswald in dinate information adequately. Dallas, worked under Mr. Howe's The FBI was singled out for tak-

Agent Howe, as reported in The tial protection in not informing the Times Herald two weeks ago, al- Secret Service of Oswald's pies ready had been removed from his ence in Dallas on Nov. 22. supervisor's post and reassigned

or mregular agent. The demotion meant a cut of more than \$1,400

## ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE

This earlier action, plus the orof the Warren Commission's crit-dered transfer of an agent in New sination handling of the Lee Har-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 uner 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 Oscame from Washington on Oct 5, Kennedy, before the assassination wald, the assassin of President was only as agent Hosty's supervisor.

## NOT MENTIONED

Kinsas City, Mo. Three other the Warren Commission report agents in Dallas also received of nor in the index of witnesses who ficial letters of censure on that gave depositions or direct testimony to the commission.

The FBI in Dallas and Washid The Times Herald reported the to has maintained a strict silen actions involving Mr. Hosty and or the disciplinary moves involved

cized all of the law enforcement agencies involved in the tragic weekend of Nov. 22, saying fed-Prior to Nov. 22, agent Hosty, eral agencies neglected to coor-

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