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ATTENTION INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS. MISCELLANEOUS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING. OO: DALLAS.

SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. ADVISED HE WAS CONTACTED SEPTEMBER  
29, 1976 AT APPROXIMATELY NINE PM CDST AT HIS RESIDENCE BY  
PHONE BY RONALD KESSLER WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A REPORTER  
FROM THE WASHINGTON POST, OFFICE PHONE 202-223-6000, EXT.

7290, HOME PHONE [REDACTED] EX-113  
KESSLER CLAIMED HE IS WORKING ON A STORY FOR THE  
WASHINGTON POST CONCERNING MEXICO CITY ASPECT OF ASSASSINATION  
INVESTIGATION. HE ASKED SA HOSTY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ORDER  
TO DESTROY THE ROUGH DRAFT OF OSWALD'S LETTER TO SOVIET EMBASSY,  
IN WASHINGTON D.C. SA HOSTY ADVISED KESSLER THIS WAS A MATTER

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ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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ON 1/25/89 # 0134  
*Per CIA letter 9/23/88.*  
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OF PUBLIC RECORD FROM TESTIMONY GIVEN BEFORE HOUSE JUDICIARY SUB COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER OF 1975 AND THAT HE STOOD BY HIS SWORN TESTIMONY IN THIS REGARD. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THIS REFERS TO COMMISSION EXHIBIT 103. HOSTY WAS THEN ASKED IF ORIGINAL LETTER WHICH IS COMMISSION EXHIBIT 15 WAS INTERCEPTED BY BUREAU PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION. SA HOSTY ADVISED HIM HE COULD COMMENT NO FURTHER THAN HIS TESTIMONY WHICH IS PUBLIC RECORD. KESSLER STATED HE HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF CIA DOCUMENTS ON THIS MATTER AND IMPLIED THAT CIA WAS COOPERATING WITH WASHINGTON POST IN THIS MATTER.

HE ASKED SA HOSTY FOR HIS COMMENTS CONCERNING THE MEMORANDUM WRITTEN BY SAC SHANKLIN TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR BELMONT CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF HOSTY LISTENING TO TAPES OF OSWALD TALKING TO SOVIET EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY. SA HOSTY STATED HE WOULD MAKE NO COMMENT REGARDING THIS OTHER THAN PUBLIC TESTIMONY UNTIL CONSULTING WITH HIS SUPERIORS REGARDING THIS MATTER.

KESSLER STATED HE PLANNED TO GO TO MEXICO CITY NEXT WEEK ON THIS MATTER AND INDICATED HE WOULD RECONTACT SA HOSTY PRIOR TO THAT TIME.

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SA HOSTY INTENDS TO ADVISE WASHINGTON D.C.

ATTORNEY JOHN M. BRAY APPOINTED BY DEPARTMENT TO REPRESENT  
HOSTY REGARDING THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOV. 22, 1963,

DALLAS, TEXAS. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING. OO DALLAS.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU SEPTEMBER 30, 1976.

ON OCTOBER 14, 1976, SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. ADVISED THAT

HE WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY RONALD KESSLER OF THE

WASHINGTON POST NEWSPAPER AT HIS RESIDENCE ON OCTOBER 13, 1976,

AT APPROXIMATELY NINE THIRTY PM CDST.

KESSLER STATED HE HAS RETURNED FROM MEXICO CITY,

WHERE HE CLAIMED TO HAVE INTERVIEWED PAST AND PRESENT CIA

EMPLOYEES. HE STATED FROM DOCUMENTS HE HAS RECEIVED, PLUS

INTERVIEWS OF CIA PERSONNEL, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE CIA ONLY

FURNISHED VERY LIMITED INFORMATION TO THE FBI ON THE VISIT OF

LEE HARVEY OSWALD TO MEXICO CITY SEPTEMBER 26, 1963, THROUGH OCTOBER

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3, 1963, PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION. KESSLER STATED HE IS NOW AWARE THAT THE CIA POSSESSED CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION ON THIS VISIT THAT WAS NOT FURNISHED TO THE FBI PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION. KESSLER WANTED COMMENTS FROM SA HOSTY RE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS WITHHOLDING OF INFORMATION BY THE CIA FROM THE FBI COULD HAVE BEEN DUE TO AN ALLEGED FEUD THAT FORMER FBI DIRECTOR HOOVER WAS HAVING AT THAT TIME WITH THE CIA. SA HOSTY DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS POSSIBILITY. KESSLER STATED THAT CIA EMPLOYEES DENIED THIS ALLEGATION OF A FEUD WITH THE FBI, STATING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FBI AND CIA IN MEXICO CITY WERE EXCELLENT AT THE TIME.

FOR INFO BUREAU SA HOSTY WILL TESTIFY IF ASKED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT RELATIONS WERE EXCELLENT BETWEEN THE FBI AND CIA IN MEXICO CITY, THIS INFORMATION BEING BASED UPON STATEMENTS MADE BY FORMER MEXICO CITY LEGAT CLARK ANDERSON BEFORE AN IN-SERVICE CLASS IN SEPTEMBER, 1963, TO THE EFFECT THAT RELATION WERE EXCELLENT.

ON OCTOBER 1, 1976, FOLLOWING KESSLER'S FIRST CONTACT WITH SA HOSTY, JOHN M. BRAY, WASHINGTON, D.C. ATTORNEY

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APPOINTED BY THE JUSTICE DEPT. TO REPRESENT SA HOSTY IN THIS MATTER, INSTRUCTED SA HOSTY TO HAVE KESSLER CONTACT HIM, BRAY, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IF HE MADE ANY FURTHER REQUESTS OF SA HOSTY.

FOR FURTHER INFO BUREAU ATTORNEY BRAY FAVORS FURNISHING NO INFORMATION TO PRESS AT THIS TIME. BRAY FEELS THAT IT IS CERTAIN THAT SA HOSTY WILL BE CALLED BY THE NEWLY-FORMED U. S. HOUSE COMMITTEE TO TESTIFY AND WILL PROBABLY BE RECALLED BY THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE TO TESTIFY. BRAY FEELS THAT THE LESS INFORMATION FURNISHED TO THE PRESS AT THIS TIME THE BETTER IT WOULD BE. ACCORDING TO BRAY'S INSTRUCTIONS KESSLER WAS REFERRED TO ATTORNEY BRAY FOR ANY FURTHER COMMENTS.

KANSAS CITY WILL KEEP THE BUREAU ADVISED.

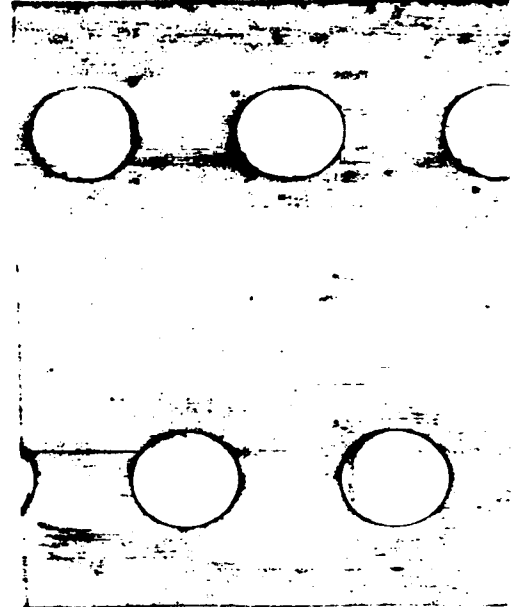
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Previous communication advised that SA James P. Hosty, Jr., Kansas City Division, was contacted by Ronald Kessler, a reporter for the Washington Post on September 29, 1976. Kessler advised Hosty he is writing a story for the Washington Post concerning the Mexico City aspect of the Kennedy Assassination. He asked SA Hosty questions regarding Oswald's letter to the Soviet Embassy and the possibility Hosty had listened to tapes of Oswald talking to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. Hosty did not comment and advised Kessler he would stand on his testimony before the House subcommittee in December, 1975, regarding these questions. Kessler stated he had large numbers of CIA documents on this matter and implied that the CIA was cooperating with the Washington Post.

Attached advises that SA Hosty was again contacted by Kessler on October 13, 1976. Kessler advised Hosty that his review of CIA documents and interviews of CIA personnel shows that the CIA possessed considerable information on Oswald's visit to Mexico City in September - October, 1963, which it did not furnish to the FBI prior to the assassination. Kessler asked if it is possible this information was withheld because of an alleged feud between Director Hoover and the CIA. SA Hosty did not comment on this possibility. Kessler was referred by SA Hosty to John M. Bray, Washington, D. C., attorney, appointed by the Department of Justice to represent SA Hosty in this matter. Bray favors furnishing no information to the press at this time.



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ATTN: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS; MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

OO: DALLAS.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, OCT. 14, 1976.

ON NOV. 5, 1976, SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR. ADVISED HE WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY DONALD KESSLER OF THE "WASHINGTON POST" NEWSPAPER AT HIS RESIDENCE ON NOV. 4, 1976, AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 PM CST. KESSLER STATED HE IS ABOUT TO FINISH HIS ARTICLE ON LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET AND CUBAN EMBASSIES IN MEXICO CITY IN 1963. HE DOES NOT THINK THE ARTICLE WILL APPEAR THIS SUNDAY, NOV. 7, 1976, BUT

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PROBABLY SUNDAY, NOV. 14, 1976, OR POSSIBLY AS LATE AS SUNDAY NOV. 21, 1976, WHICH IS THE DAY BEFORE THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION. KESSLER STATED HE HAS INTERVIEWED A PERSON OR PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH THE OPERATION OF THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, FBIHQ, AND HAS QUESTIONED THEM AS TO WHAT THE FBI WOULD HAVE DONE IF FBIHQ HAD BEEN IN POSSESSION OF ALL OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE CIA ON OSWALD'S VISIT TO THE SOVIETS IN MEXICO CITY. ACCORDING TO KESSLER, THIS PERSON OR PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH POLICY AT THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, FBIHQ, LEVEL ADVISED HIM THAT FBIHQ WOULD HAVE ORDERED THE DALLAS OFFICE, FBI, TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN A FULL ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY HAVE INCLUDED SA HOSTY CONDUCTING A PRETEXT INTERVIEW OF OSWALD AND FULL SURVEILLANCE COVERAGE OF OSWALD. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE SOVIET ESPIONAGE SECTION CHIEF WITH THE APPROVAL OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OR DIRECTOR.

KESSLER ASKED SA HOSTY TO CONFIRM THE ABOVE INFORMATION THAT FBIHQ WOULD HAVE ORDERED HIM TO CONDUCT A FULL ESPIONAGE INVESTIGATION OF OSWALD. SA HOSTY ADVISED KESSLER HE WOULD RATHER NOT COMMENT UNTIL HE HAD A CHANCE TO CONSULT HIS

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HIS SUPERIORS. KESSLER WAS ADVISED THAT HE WOULD BE RECONTACTED BY FBIHQ OR ATTORNEY JOHN M. BRAY RE MY ANSWER TO THE ABOVE.

KESSLER STATED INFORMATION WITHHELD BY THE CIA INDICATED OSWALD OFFERED TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO THE SOVIETS AND REQUESTED MONEY AND FREE PASSAGE FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY TO THE SOVIET UNION VIA CUBA.

KESSLER FURTHER ADVISED HE RECENTLY HAD LUNCH WITH THE NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF INVESTIGATOR FOR THE U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE NAMED (FNU) SPRAGUE (PH). ACCORDING TO KESSLER, SPRAGUE IS A VERY TOUGH PROSECUTOR AND HAS TOLD HIM HE WILL ORDER POLYGRAPH TESTS FOR MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING FORMER CIA DIRECTOR HELMS, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL KATZENBACH, AND MARINA OSWALD, WIDOW OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE FURNISHED BY SA HOSTY TO ATTORNEY JOHN M. BRAY, WASHINGTON, D.C., APPOINTED

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BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO REPRESENT SA HOSTY.

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KANSAS CITY WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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## Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 11/5/76

Attached reports information obtained by SA James P. Hosty, Jr., from Ronald Kessler, a reporter for "The Washington Post," during an attempt by Kessler to interview Hosty on 11/4/76.

Kessler informed Hosty that he had talked with individuals familiar with the operation of the Intelligence Division at FBIHQ and had questioned them as to what FBI would have done had it been in possession of all information CIA had on Oswald's activities with the Soviets in Mexico. According to Kessler, such individuals advised him the FBI would have conducted a full espionage investigation.

Kessler stated information withheld by CIA indicated Oswald offered to furnish information to the Soviets and requested money and free passage for himself and his family to the Soviet Union via Cuba.

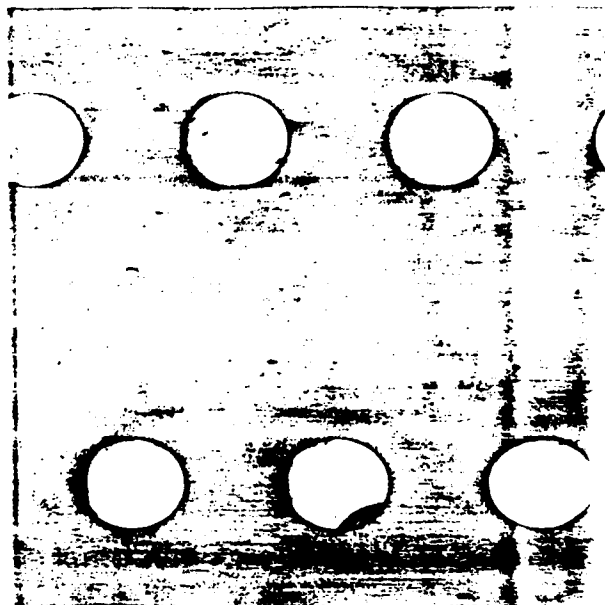
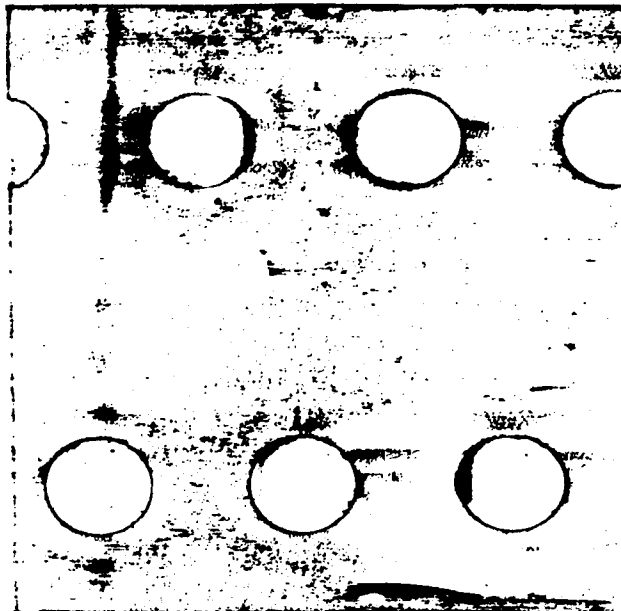
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Hosty advised Kessler he would not comment until he had a chance to consult his superiors and advised Kessler he would be recontacted by FBIHQ or Attorney John M. Bray. Mr. Bray is the counselor appointed by the Justice Department to represent SA Hosty.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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