

DFO 89-43, Serial 9559a, 9561a, 9564a, 9569(?), 9571a, 9577a (possibly 79a), 9593  
Oswald letter (threat) - destruction; withholdings; one not serialized 10/23/75

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FO 14-10  
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Hosty*

These are among a series of records indicating that newspaper stories were sent by facsimile to FBI Headquarters. The newspaper stories themselves are for the most part indicated by the worksheets only as previously processed. While with dated newspaper stories it is not as difficult to isolate the one that is referred to, as a matter of fact locating them in the FBI Headquarters files is a practical impossibility.

In this case there have to be other relevant records because of the nature of the stories and because these indicate that the facsimiles are to be hand-delivered. Some stories are sent to Kansas City to which Hosty had been transferred and things of this sort and again there are no relevant records.

One newspaper story is here and is attached. It states that the FBI was first spoken to on the Director level by the Times-Herald almost two months earlier, on July 6, which makes the teletype of an earlier serial, certainly not the first FBI record, although it is the first I was provided.

9569, a Dallas Times-Herald story of August 31, 1975, is not the description of 9569 on the worksheets, an airtel from Houston to the Bureau of merely one page.

9593 is a xerox of the wire copy of a New York Times story by Martin Waldron without the date on the xerox or the worksheet but from the copy it appears that, as embargoed, it was put on the wire on September 16. There are two versions, the first one, the shorter one, concludes with a quotation from an unnamed FBI spokesman saying there was "an internal FBI investigation" then under way. I recall no report of any such investigation and there is none in the Dallas files where it certainly should be. ~~as the Dallas files were provided to me.~~

The longer version, which has parts relevant to the Dallas Field Office marked, does reflect the existence of records, "shortly after the assassination the FBI's Dallas office notified its headquarters in Washington of the existence of the letter. The meeting to discuss what to do about the letter ensued..."

I have seen no such records.