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Searches, the destroyed Oswald letter to the FBI

The records provided on this are entirely inadequate and grossly incomplete. This record is a teletyped to all SACS labeled as urgent 8/31/75 from the Director with a notation partly eliminated in xeroxing in Dallas.

The incompleteness is easily established from what is within the public domain, not only in statements by the FBI in newspaper stories but in Congressional hearings. The FBI obtained an affidavit from everyone employed in the Dallas office at the time of the assassination. These have not been provided. There was testimony before the Edwards subcommittee ; there is no reference to it in these files.

This record, which ~~eliminates~~ <sup>does not refer to</sup> many earlier records <sup>(NOT PROVIDED)</sup> refers to "inquiries from the Dallas Times-Herald." It is a direct quotation of the statement released by the FBI.

However, the Dallas newspaper had been in touch with the FBI about this destroyed Oswald note much earlier. It took them a long time to prepare a story and to publish it. This, however, is the first relevant record provided.

The handwritten note indicates that there was also a telephone call because it includes other directions, apparently specially aimed at the Dallas Field Office.

While there is dispute about the content of the note, there is no dispute that Oswald hand delivered a note intended for Special Agent James P. Hosty to the Dallas Field Office prior to the assassination.

It is entirely impossible that until the time the Dallas Times Herald learned about this the FBI did not have a single relevant record; but from the records provided to me, this is supposedly the case, that after Oswald was charged with killing the President, nobody in all the FBI office remembered anything about his delivering a note or its destruction by SA Hosty, and the FBI Headquarters was never informed about it. This simply cannot be believed.

Because after disciplining Hosty, who was transferred to the Kansas City office, there should be relevant Kansas City files, too.

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TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR (62-109360)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
DALLAS, TEXAS.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT  
INQUIRIES ARE RECEIVED BY YOUR OFFICE, THE FOLLOWING STATE-  
MENT WAS RELEASED LAST NIGHT IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES FROM THE  
DALLAS TIMES-HERALD:

FBI DIRECTOR CLARENCE M. KELLEY CONFIRMED TODAY THAT  
INQUIRIES CONDUCTED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ASKED BY  
THE DALLAS TIMES-HERALD TEND TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT LEE HARVEY  
OSWALD VISITED THE DALLAS FBI OFFICE SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO  
THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, APPARENTLY AS THE  
RESULT OF AN INTERVIEW BY AN FBI AGENT OF HIS WIFE MARINA IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION WHICH WAS DOCUMENTED IN THE WARREN  
COMMISSION REPORT. OSWALD LEFT A NOTE ADDRESSED TO THIS AGENT  
AND ALTHOUGH RECOLLECTIONS VARY AS TO THE WORDING OF THE NOTE,

~~Visit of Oswald  
to Dallas  
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IT WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF WARNING THE AGENT TO DESIST FROM FURTHER INTERVIEWS OF HIS WIFE.

FBI INQUIRIES TO DATE ESTABLISH THAT THE NOTE CONTAINED NO REFERENCES TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY OR IN ANY WAY WOULD HAVE FOREWARNED OF THE SUBSEQUENT ASSASSINATION. PRIOR TO THE CURRENT FBI INQUIRIES, THERE HAD BEEN NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS VISIT AND NOTE RECORDED IN FBI RECORDS; AND INQUIRIES TEND TO CORROBORATE THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION THE NOTE IN QUESTION WAS DESTROYED. INQUIRIES ARE CONTINUING TO DETERMINE THE FULL FACTS CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF THIS MATTER.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS, FROM THE INCEPTION, BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF FBI INQUIRIES TO DATE. DIRECTOR KELLEY HAS INDICATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER COMMENT FOR PUBLICATION UNTIL ALL INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED AND THE MATTER CONSIDERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

IN THE EVENT INQUIRIES ARE RECEIVED BY YOUR OFFICE YOU ARE TO REFER THEM TO THE ABOVE STATEMENT AND MAKE NO ELABORATIONS THEREON.

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