

Oswald letters: Hosty, P.S., timing, sources HW 9/1/75

The AP story on LHO's threat to Hosty and the FBI's acknowledgement of the unexplained destruction of that letter appear in today's Post. The story broke two days ago. I heard it on the radio that night, partially, the end of the item only. That version included matter having to do with Clarence Kelley and Marina not in today's story. It was Westinghouse b'cast. The Dallas Times-Herald was out plenty early for east coast Sunday A.M. papers. The Post did not carry it.

I have had no calls on this.

There is a sort of coincidence in my having received a letter from P.S. in Mexico City reporting the handing over to Clarence Kelley of what I presume is the letter signed Oswald and addressed to Hunt, dated 11/8/63.

However, I do not believe the two letters can be identical. There are problems with that from P.S.

That Oswald would "threaten" Hosty I can understand, but it can't have been in the sense of with a real club. A figurative one, sure. That would have been by mouth, by talking.

I'd be interested in learning if the T-H story is by Aynesworth or Golz. It is a leak. Who is now interested in leaking against the FBI who was not for all these years? Anyone who might want vengeance. Even perhaps a certain Agency. I can have some friends who might have done this.

One who could have had knowledge is Surrey, who was a friend of Hosty's then. He could have known. Surrey is not a friend of mine. Several of these could have done this for retaliation. Friends of theirs, too.

It is unlikely that Hosty got such a letter without taking it up higher. It therefore is unlikely that if he destroyed the letter he did it on his own. And it is certain that the letter had to have been known inside the Bureau.

Of course the explanation that this was before and had no connection with the assassination is no explanation for keeping it secret from the Commission.

I do not believe it likely that Oswald's threat was over Marina. I think it much more likely it was over pressures aimed at him. The hassling of Marina was part of this. The issue made years ago over the Marina hassle may give credibility to this explanation. It is the immediate explanation.

Recent declassifications are largely aimed at CIA and have FBI origin. The are embarrassing to the CIA. Interesting coincidence. I first noted this some months ago on read what the FBI let out and Hoover's initiatives. We can be in for a very interesting period.

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After an earlier memo on the weekend Dallas Times-Herald disclosure of the Oswald letter to Hosty I was phoned by a Houston contact because most of the front pages is sensationally devoted to a nothig anti-FBI story, quite exceptionally unless there is a special reason for the Houston Chronicle to go this way -now.

Presented as new and sensational and as suppressed evidence is the old, published and testified to Jack Revill affidavit on his 11/22/63 encounter with Hosty. From recollection he has Hosty saying we knew the s.o.b was capable of it but didn't think he would. (I do think something of this sort happened but not exactly that way so Hosty could deny it under oath without fear. He did, in testimony.)

What may be new but is without significance is the registered letter covering this that Curry sent Warren. Interesting that he used that name, though. As described to me it is not in any way a new story but is given a major play. My wonder is why.

The story is by the guy who got interested through my contact and did a very critical review of the Weberman book. The interest goes back to the self-puffing by Security Associates International, probably June. The review is recent.

The Chronicle had a weekend story of which the Oswald letter to Hosty is part, I gather not a major one. I'm to get copies and can then know more and better.

(My contact also reports on questioning that while he was always in the papers before since the indictment there is virtually no mention of him in Houston now.)

I'm been preoccupied with other work, PM, and have not had time to pay attention to this, not by radio news yesterday or today or in thinking. But the fact and the timing strike me as unusual. In the little thinking I've been able to do I wonder about the possibility of CIA inspiration. (I've asked my contact to ask his reporter to check his files and the morgue for the Dallas stories not only to have copies but to see who wrote them. Agnew would not surprise and would bear on auspices and sources.) I recall my own elliptical suggestion in CIA correspondence that they had been set up and were being set up again. It may be irrelevant but it also may be that someone paid attention and found out that it is true and may be seeking either prevention or vengeance. I've not given though to the possibility Foreman did this.

Texas papers seemingly off on a campaign (that may have ended by now) does seem unusual. But when there are anti-FBI stories in conservative Dallas and Houston papers ~~para~~ practically over a weekend that something may be up and may be orchestrated does not seem to be an unreasonable conjecture.