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Unanswered: Why FBI Delayed on Oswald's Listings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI's files released so far on the Kennedy assassination do not say why the agency delayed telling the Warren Commission that the name of an FBI agent was in Lee Harvey Oswald's address book. The agent was James P. Hosty. The book also included Hosty's car

license number, a phone number and the address of the bureau's Dallas office. The entry was dated Nov. 1, 1963, three weeks before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Hosty had gone to the Dallas home of Oswald's Russian-born wife after Oswald had applied for a visa to Cuba while he was in Mexico. His wife has said she noted Hosty's license number and name and gave them to Oswald.

The files show that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover told the Warren Commission on Jan. 17, 1964, that Hosty's name had been omitted from the book's list of names given earlier to the commission.

The commission asked by letter for a full explanation, and Hoover himself noted in his own handwriting on the letter: "And I want to

know details of this at once." The agency's explanation could not be found in the 40,001 pages of the files released so far.