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TO : MR. BASSETT

DATE: 9/23/76

FROM : J. A. CONLEY

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
(VISIT OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD TO DALLAS OFFICE)

At the inception of this inquiry, Mr. J. Gordon Shanklin, retired SAC of the Dallas Office, came to Washington, D. C., wherein he dictated the attached two statements on 7/8/75.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None for file.

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With respect to the information that either some 7 or several days before the assassination Lee Harvey Oswald came to the Dallas Office of the FBI and was mad because the FBI had his wife Marina under surveillance. He supposedly wanted Agent James P. Hosty to quit harassing Marina. He also supposedly made a threat against Hosty and left a threatening letter. I certainly have no knowledge whatsoever of Lee Harvey Oswald ever coming to the Dallas Office, have no knowledge of any letter he may have left, or the fact the letter may have been destroyed after the assassination. In this connection I do seem to remember that after the assassination some attendant in the garage which was immediately adjacent to the Dallas Office at that time reportedly had seen Oswald in the garage possibly driving a car. I am certain that this incident was checked out because I do recall that while Oswald was reported to have been seen driving a car on a number of occasions it was actually almost conclusively determined that he did not even drive. I believe that this instance would have been included in a report which has gone to the Warren Commission. There were numerous wild allegations made concerning Oswald's connection with the FBI and one in particular that surfaced on a number of occasions was that he was an informant of the FBI. I recall that an article written by Lonnie Hudgins at that time a reporter for a Houston paper, claimed that Oswald was rumored to be an informant of the FBI, that he allegedly had in his notebook Agent Hosty's name and the office telephone number of the FBI, as well as the license number of the car driven by Hosty.

Hosty was, of course, questioned and I am certain that this was part of his testimony before the Warren Commission and he denied ever having seen Oswald prior to the afternoon of the assassination. Extensive investigation was conducted and it was definite that Hosty had found out that Oswald was employed in the School Book Depository Building and had given an address out in Irving, Texas. Hosty had gone out and attempted to verify Oswald's address. He had interviewed a Mrs. Payne at whose residence Marina Oswald was living at the time. Mrs. Payne stated that Oswald was rooming in Dallas Monday through Thursday but she did not know his address. Hosty did leave his telephone number and name with Mrs. Payne and I think she was supposed to contact him when she determined Oswald's address. As the car was driving off, Marina took down the license number. As I recall she got one of the numbers wrong. This explained Hosty's name being in the address book.

As I recall, further evidence showing that Hosty did not know Oswald or Oswald know Hosty, on the afternoon after the assassination Hosty went to the Police Department and was introduced as being Hosty of the FBI. Oswald is supposed to have said, "Oh, so you are Hosty."

I desire to make this observation -- while I am certain we would have included his visit to the office under our attempting to show his almost hourly activities during the period before the assassination the real threat here seems to have been made against Agent Hosty and allegedly the letter was the same. There would have been no dissemination or need to disseminate this information to Secret Service or the Dallas Police Department because it would appear to be strictly a threatened assault against an Agent which matter would ordinarily have been opened and presented to the appropriate U. S. Attorney.

Dictated by Mr. J. Gordon Shanklin
to me on 7/8/75.



With regard to the second episode mentioned I do recall that sometime Saturday night, possibly shortly before midnight, a telephone call was received at the switchboard of the Dallas Office. The operator taking the call reported that he heard music I think in the background, that some male individual said that we are going to kill Oswald at the time he is moved on Sunday. This information was relayed to me at home (which was approximately 11 PM as I recall and the first time I had been home since the assassination occurred). The supervisor relaying the information was told to contact Chief of Police Curry immediately. He later called me back and stated he couldn't get anyone to answer at Curry's home as apparently the phone was off the hook. I came back to the Dallas Office again and attempted on numerous occasions to contact Curry. Finally early Sunday morning I talked to the Deputy Chief of Police Charles Batchelor, now deceased, and as I recall he went out to Curry's home and insisted that he talk to me. I then relayed the information to him concerning the threat. He assured me that all possible precautions had been taken and that they were going to have two armored cars. He would be placed in one and the other one would be used for diversionary car. On that morning however, when they brought the armored cars to the Police Department they found they were too tall or too high to get down the ramps and this, of course, resulted in change of plans and a delay.

I am certain that this matter was reported in the Oswald case with the exact time, etc., that I talked to Curry.

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