

September 23, 1954

Mr. James P. Hosty, Jr.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Hosty:

Your headquarters are changed from **Dallas, Texas,**
to **Kansas City, Missouri,**
effective upon your arrival there on or after this date. This change is made for official reasons and you will be allowed transportation expenses and per diem at the rate of \$16.00 per day within the U. S., \$6.00 per day for air travel, rail travel, and ocean travel by steamship outside the continental limits of the U. S., transportation expenses for your immediate family, and transportation costs of household goods and personal effects as provided for in Public Law 600 dated August 2, 1946, and Executive Order 9805, dated November 25, 1946, as amended. You are authorized to use your privately owned automobile and you will be reimbursed at the rate of ten cents per mile plus incidental expenses, not to exceed the cost by common carrier, as prescribed by Section 3.5b(2) of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, over the most direct route for all persons officially traveling therein. Should your dependents travel separate and apart from you, expenses will be allowed under the same conditions as above.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

1 - SAC, Kansas City
① - SAC, Dallas (Personal Attention) Expedite transfer and advise by letter within 48 hours departure and arrival dates.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (67-5593)

DATE: 4/2/64

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: JAMES P. HOSTY
SPECIAL AGENT

During the conversation with Inspector VALLEY on 4/2/64, he advised me that, in line with the Commission's request to interview Agents, he had informed Mr. BELMONT that he has no hesitation as to allowing any of the Agents in the Dallas Office to furnish affidavits, with the exception of SA HOSTY.

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He stated Mr. BELMONT is aware of this situation and he instructed that it be impressed on SA HOSTY that, if he is required to testify or furnish an affidavit, he is to furnish no information other than information he has reduced to writing and put in report form. In addition, it should be impressed on SA HOSTY that he has no personal opinions or observations concerning the investigation of the President's assassination.

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TO DALLAS

FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

RE JAMES P. MOOTY, JR., PERSONNEL MATTER.

EMPLOYEE BEING SUSPENDED WITHOUT PAY FROM OCTOBER SIX
TO OCTOBER FIVE AND PLACED ON PROBATION. ACTION BASED ON
IMPROVED PERFORMANCE IN INTERNAL SECURITY CASE. [REDACTED]

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TO DALLAS

FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

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October 5, 1964

PERSONAL

Mr. James P. Hosty, Jr.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Hosty:

Further consideration has been given to the facts relating to your handling of your duties in connection with an Internal Security case which was assigned to you in the Dallas Division and it has been determined that your shortcomings in this matter were most reprehensible. An unwarranted delay occurred on your part in reporting certain important information and the investigation you conducted in this case was completely inadequate. Your failure to conduct an interview of the subject's wife was inexcusable and your judgment with respect to this phase of the investigation was very bad. In addition, it should have been apparent to you in view of certain information developed, that the subject required a status which would have insured further investigative attention. Furthermore, during subsequent testimony regarding the case in question, you made certain statements which were entirely inappropriate.

In view of the above, you are being suspended without pay from the close of business October 6, 1964, to the close of business November 5, 1964, and placed on probation. It will be necessary for you to carry out your future assignments with greater efficiency and more consideration for the Bureau's interests if you are to continue in the service.

The Federal Salary Reform Act of 1962 provides that before a within-grade increase can be granted, a determination must be made that the performance of the employee is at an acceptable level of competence. Although you have completed the required waiting period for such a salary increase, it is not possible to make a favorable determination regarding your competence at this time in view of the circumstances set out above.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

① SAC, Dallas (Personal Attention) (See Note Page 2)
1 - SAC, Kansas City (Personal Attention) (See Note Page 2)

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Mr. James P. Hosty, Jr.

NOTE: By communication dated 9/29/64, SA Hosty was ordered under transfer to the Kansas City Division.

This employee should be closely supervised and at the expiration of 90 days a special performance rating report should be submitted on him, together with a recommendation as to whether he should be removed from probation. Period of special rating should begin the day he returns to duty upon completion of his suspension.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Suspended FBI Agent Gets Help

Dallas FBI Agent James P. Hosty Jr., facing 30 days without pay and the moving of his family, is receiving spontaneous assistance from groups and individuals. More than 1,200 persons Wednesday had already contributed money and other assistance to the agent and his family through Mr. Hosty's church and fraternal organizations, informed sources said.

The Times Herald reported this in a copyrighted story on Oct. 13. Since then, Agent Hosty, his wife, Janet, and their eight children have received unprecedented help.

KNIGHTS START OUT

A project known as "the Hosty Fund" was inaugurated by the Knights of Columbus, Council 709, in which Mr. Hosty held the post of Grand Knight.

Members of St. Pius X Catholic Church, where the Hostys attended church regularly, also have contributed. Mr. Hosty is on the church's finance committee and his wife is a former president of the St. Pius Ladies Society.

A group of Dallas businessmen took on the chore of selling the Hosty's home in Northeast Dallas.

Through the setting up of a trust fund, the monthly payments on the home will continue to be paid while the group attempts to sell the house.

The plan is for the Hostys, who are expecting their ninth child, to move on to Kansas City and then after the house has been sold the money will be forwarded to them by the businessmen's group later. The Hostys have lived in their Northeast Dallas home for more than six years.

The FBI also took disciplinary action against five other agents who were involved in some way in the pre-assassination investigation of Oswald.

Mr. Hosty's supervisor in Dallas was transferred to Seattle, Wash. An agent in New Orleans who investigated Oswald there was given a disciplinary transfer to Springfield, Ill. He retired, however, rather than go.

In addition, three other agents in Dallas received letters of censure in their personnel jackets.

Prior to the ordered suspension and transfer, Agent Hosty had also received a letter of censure and had served a 90-day period of probation.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

"The Dallas Times-Herald" Dallas, Texas

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (67-5593)

**JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.
SPECIAL AGENT
PERSONNEL MATTER**

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 10/17/64, concerning the meeting on 10/15/64 of men of the St. Pius X Parish, and Dallas telephone call 10/21/64.

Enclosed is a clipping of article concerning SA HOSTY as published in the Dallas Times Herald, Wednesday, 10/21/64, page 65A.

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FBI Keeps Silent On Agent's Case

By JAMES EWELL (The charge on a memo from Do-

The Federal Bureau of Investigation Lt. Jack Revill which was
gation maintained official silence sent to his office only hours after
Tuesday on the report that Dallas assassination. The memo
las-based agent James P. Hosty queried Hosty as telling Revill
Jr., who investigated Lee Harvey Oswald that the FBI knew Oswald was
Oswald prior to the assassination of killing the presi-
dent.
tion of President John F. Kennedy. FBI director J. Edgar Hoover
nedy had been suspended for 20 days and reassigned to the Kansas
City office.

Hosty's supervisor here, agent-in-charge Gordon Shannon, de-
clared flatly: "I'll make no comment on it at all."

An FBI spokesman in Wash-
ton withheld comment, saying that the office never discusses
personnel.

The report said that Hosty's
whose wife is expecting their
ninth child, would not draw pay
during the suspension.

The report added that the ac-
tion was the direct result of the
Warren Commission's criticism of
the FBI in its report on the as-
sassination.

Hosty specialized in security in-
telligence for the Dallas office,
and had routinely checked on Os-
wald and Oswald's Russian wife,
Marina.

The Warren Commission report
said Hosty never talked with Os-
wald, but had sought information
about him through other sources,
including Mrs. Ruth Paine, who
shared her home in Irving with
Marina Oswald.

The agent's name was drawn
into the FBI-Dallas police squa-
dle after Police Chief Jesse E.
Curry disclosed on the day after
the assassination that the FBI
knew, but had not informed po-
lice, that Oswald was working in
Dallas in a building on the Presi-
dential parade route. Curry had

neither would comment Tues-
day on the Hosty suspension.
Sources, meanwhile, described
morale as "shoddy" among Dallas
FBI agents as a result of the ac-
tion against Hosty. The sources
said some of the other agents feel
Hosty was being made a "fall
guy," a feeling also shared by
those in other branches of law
enforcement here.
One police official defended
Hosty's work in the FBI. He de-
scribed him as "one of the better
agents in the area, conscientious,
worked hard and was well in-
formed."
The official said it was obvious
that Hosty was made a "scape-
goat for doing exactly what he
was told to do."

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