

# FBI Agent Who 'Knows Too Much'

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The FBI agent whose name, automobile license and telephone number were in Lee Harvey Oswald's personal notebook when he was arrested for killing President John Kennedy believes House Assassinations Committee leaders do not want him to testify because he knows too much.

In a copyrighted article in yesterday's Dallas Morning News, FBI agent James P. Hosty Jr. was quoted as saying: "If they are going to try and contain this (investigation) like the Church (Senate intelligence) committee and the Warren Commission, they don't want me up there."

Hosty was the FBI agent in Dallas who monitored Lee Harvey Oswald's activities before the Kennedy assassination on Nov. 22, 1963. He was transferred to the FBI's Kansas City, Mo., office in 1964. He is still based there and is nearing retirement.

Hosty said he would "drop bombs" if called to testify publicly. He said he spent 30 hours telling the true assassination story to the Senate intelligence committee and another 3½ hours speaking with House assassinations committee investigators.

"I was called up in November," Hosty told the Morning News, "and I started telling them what the story was and they apparently didn't want to hear it so they sent me home. They said, 'We'll get in touch with you.'"

Hosty said he did not hear from investigators again and finally called and asked whether "you are through with me or not." He gave a deposition August 25 but is not scheduled to give public testimony at a September 20 hearing on the FBI's and Justice Department's roles in the Kennedy assassination probe.

Hours after Kennedy was killed, Hosty was quoted in a top-level FBI memo as stating the FBI knew Oswald was capable of killing Kennedy. The memo was quoted by then-Dallas police chief Jesse Curry, who told reporters the FBI knew, but did not inform Dallas police, that Oswald was working in a building along the presidential motorcade route.

Hosty's name, auto license and phone number were in a notebook Oswald had when arrested. The FBI

## Respectable Mustache

### Belgrade

Bozo Korica, a farmer in the village of Morgoric in western Yugoslavia, wears a mustache that is more than 27.5 inches long, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported yesterday.

The report said elderly men in the region are the more respected and dignified the longer their mustache.

Korica wears his over the ears, with ends tied together at the back of his neck, the report added.

did not disclose the fact to the Warren commission in its initial reports on the notebook. The FBI finally made the admission in a "supplemental" report on Feb. 11, 1964 — only after it had been reported by various news agencies.

In 1975 it was reported that Oswald left a threatening note at the Dallas FBI office two weeks before Kennedy was killed. Hosty told reporters the note warned that Oswald "would take action against the FBI . . . if I did not stop talking to his (Oswald's) wife."

Hosty said the note was ordered destroyed two days after the assassination by J. Gordon Shanklin, then special agent in charge of the FBI in Dallas. Shanklin, now retired, has denied he knew about the note from Oswald. *United Press*

Hosty

To Quin Shea from Harold Weisberg re JFK assassination records, appeals  
FBIHQ; Dallas Field Office

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Attached is a copy of a UPI story from the San Francisco Chronicle of 9/11/78. In time I expect the original story, which I am confident is by Earl Golz of the Dallas Morning News, based on his conferring with me prior to the appearance of the story.

The story recounts that SA James Patrick Hosty, Jr. has "bombs" to "drop" if he testifies before the House assassins committee in public.

Although after he testified in executive session to the House committee there were no accounts of any actual explosions on the Hill I am confident that SA Hosty would not exaggerate or in any way be untruthful.

Because I believe him to be neither untruthful nor one who exaggerates I believe that in fact he did testify to the Senate Intelligence Committee for some 30 hours.

As we all know, the Senate is not prone to waste time, so I assume that SA Hosty had much to say about "what the story was" about the JFK assassination.

I am not aware of any information of this character or more modestly like it in the FBIHQ or Dallas Field Office files. Having implicit trust and faith in SA Hosty and no less confidence that he would not have talked to Mr. Golz without all the necessary FBI OKs I appeal the denial of this dropped-bomb information.

Mr. Golz is in the files provided, although to locate him the FBI will have to pretend his names is Goetz, the way in which it preferred to spell it.

I am aware that SA Hosty destroyed his notes and other papers a month after he destroyed the note Lee Harvey Oswald delivered to the Dallas Field Office for him. Perhaps a better formulation <sup>is</sup> was that he so testified to the Warren Commission. He is human and might have had a flawed or convenient memory. I am aware that there are special FBI regulations covering any destructions and in fact I have received a number of properly executed forms in which destructions are attested to. (One reference to this, which I ask be noted in my King appeals, is the attached "June" record from 100-3-116-1036, this copy not provided to me by the FBI, which also had a copy in the Hoover O & C files.) I have received neither the Hosty notes nor the approval for the destruction of "originals...even though they contain errors." (June record, p. 5, penultimate paragraph.)

When interviewed by Mr. Golz SA Hosty had a credible explanation for recurrent reports of the presence of Secret Service agents on the "grassy knoll" immediately after President Kennedy was killed. Because it is known that in fact there were no Secret Service personnel there at that time there was a Dallas investigation. (No records provided.) SA Hosty's explanation, which I doubt he denied the FBI, is that these men flashed other Treasury credentials - ATF whose offices were nearby.

I believe I have appealed the denial of the investigation of the Oswald note destruction. These records include many sworn statements.