

Hosty interview WDAF memo 6/92

Begins with his account of that Oswald note. Dates it to November 11-12.

He says the non-threat was to "take it up with the proper authorities." Oswald?

Says his first knowledge of who wrote it - it was unsigned - when he interviewed him at police station.

Says Oswald investigation was under "espionage." Not file<sup>d</sup> for that.

Watched JFK go by, as a spectator. Secret Service jealous. Had nothing to do with protection. Says he was with Powell, unnamed, about a mile away and then had lunch.

No security. No agents on car with him. He says that Kenny O'Donnell made the choice ~~g~~ between "politics" and "security," and we chose politics." JFK's decisions. SS did not want any federal agents at all.

On "wild party" Hosty first says "confirmed" and then has it all wrong, that they were on the followup car. That was the off duty section.

"I had personally given the Secret Service two items on threats. "Right-wing extremists" he thought and source threats.

Called back to office because HQ wanted check on all "right wing extremists." Says that TT is what Walter got "mixed up." Heard police officer shot on radio on going back to office. Barrett phoned in to say they had picked up Oswald. Name used.

Found Oswald file in SAC's office.

Belmont personally told him to go to PD and tell what they knew of Oswald.

If he had known more about what Kennedy was up to with Castro it might have added up to something.

Admist ran into Devill at PD HQ. Had never told him about LHO before because both working on right-wing extremists. His is an entirely different account of their conversation. Hosty has Devill having written a long memo and what he attributed to Hosty in last graf. It is short, very short, and had nothing other than their brief conversation. Hosty saying LHO could have done it but they did not expect it.

= Says Bath Plane says he told WC about that letter and does not know "why they didn't follow up on it." Has JFK's trip timing and announcements all wrong. Says not due until November

Hosty took notes. Asked for them says wrote up memo within 12 hours. No more mention of notes. Then 3:15 to 4:05. Says Oswald admitted pistol his and that he resisted arrest. "Big thing I thought was interesting is when I asked him about Mexico City he blew up and denied it." "He met with the head of the KGB assassination team of the western hemisphere."

Hosty says that another KGB agent said he interviewed Oswald. Says that KGB has interviewed admitted that he interviewed Oswald. What he "thinks happened" Says that in June JFK authorized CIA to go after Castro. Castro found out about it and threatened JFK, "released to two New Orleans Newspapers" by AP.

Says that after assassination admitted that Oswald had "contacted" his people in Mexico City. Says FBI sent two agents to Cuba.

Identifies them as Childs brothers. Childs' story is that Oswald said he as going to ~~kill~~ kill JFK and ~~his~~ Castro said his people "would not accept that." But "Oswald" did it anyway."

Oswald "would have been a hero for saving VCastro's life." Trotsky killed want back to Russia and live the life of Riley.

LBJ knew about all of this and "he as fearful that World War III would break out."

After Oswald killed Shanklin called him back to his office and told him to get rid of note. Excuse for destroying it they did not know there would be a Warren Com.

He would have kept note but had a direct order so he destroyed it.

Show Perspective. Moderator Frank Haines (phon) to be continued next Sunday but tape ends here, I think it is on other side of tape. Station WDAF, 6.9/ 92 Second part, week later.

Repeats "he took notes" on interview. "I sure did." They do not exist in the FBI files given to me on 78-0322. Hosty repeats he could not have interviewed Oswald because he had made contact with USSR embassy in Mexico City. They had strict orders not to interview anyone who had gone into such an embassy not to interfere with CIA's work. Could "give away" such a CIA operation. This is fake explanation because he did not know that when he was put back on the Oswald case. He admits "that information did not come out until after the assassination."

Says Oswald told Russians he had information so important they would welcome him back. No source and not true. Says not true that Oswald did not like it in the USSR.

Says it is his idea that Oswald got the idea after he saw the story in which Castro seemed to warn against efforts against him. Hosty attributed scant attention to that story to "the liberal press," which most by far AP subscribers are not. Repeats what is false, that JFK authorized CIA "to go after Castro."

Says he interviewed Oswald. Records do not bear that out. Says Oswald was very cool and collected and the only thing they had was that Oswald admitted the pistol was his. Says Oswald denied being in Mexico City, the one time he seemed to be "off-stride."

"They would have like Oswald to turn out like ~~Sam~~ Hinckley turned out." *government is "they"*

Implied Oswald did not try to suicide in USSR.

They "permitted him to marry the niece of a <sup>high</sup> ranking police official."

Marina "had a good education. ... We were looking at her as a long-range plant."

Says that while Oliver Stone was in Cuba "somebody gave him the script that gave him the idea" for the movie JFK.

Says he was a "strong supporter of President Kennedy." Says half of FBI and CIA agents were pro-Lee Kennedy "and I still am."

Says what is important is the why Oswald did it. That was further the pro-Castro movement. How he does not say but implied Oswald was "inflamed" by the JFK Miami speech encouraging the pro-Castro's to have at it again.

All books "deliberately disseminate information, to draw people's attention away from the ~~sur~~

truth," Blames Warren Commission "for not telling you why."

If the truth ~~that~~ had been told "that could have led to World War III").

"I'm trying to get a publisher right now" for a book.

HSCA "did not want to get into the foreign conspiracy part," that "Castro was involved."

Last words are "I think he did it because President Kennedy had authorized the CIA to go after Castro."

This is a mixture of fact and non-fact some of which Hosty made up.

Portraying himself as a "liberal" as he does in castigating "right-wing extremists" and portraying himself as a liberal in supporting a President he says was liberal is not faithful to reality. He had the reputation of being a right-winger and he uses their lingo throughout this.

Not worth spending any time on other than from an interest in Hosty, not the assassination.