

Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
Re: Lee Harvey Oswald
105-82555

He indicates Hudkins received information on the authority of William Alexander, assistant to Henry Wade, Dallas District Attorney, that Oswald had Agent Hosty's home and office phone and car license number; further that Hudkins indicated FBI coverage of Oswald was not too close or FBI would have known about the rifle, but as a sheriff's deputy put it, "you just wouldn't think to check out one of your own stoolies." Hudkins quotes Wade, himself a former FBI agent, as saying, "It may be true, but I don't think it will ever be made public if it is."

Facts

The Dallas office has advised that the address book of Oswald's showed Special Agent James P. Hosty's office telephone number and his car license number one digit off. Agent Hosty furnished his name and office phone number to Mrs. Ruth Paine when he interviewed her concerning the whereabouts of Oswald on November 1, 1963. Agent Hosty did not give Mrs. Paine the license number of the Bureau automobile and presumes that she may have jotted such number down on her own initiative unknown to him.

The fact that Agent Hosty's name appears in Oswald's address book has not yet been set out in our Dallas reports. To date, only those items in Oswald's address book needing additional identification and investigation have been set out in our Dallas reports. Agent Hosty's name and other items in Oswald's address book not pertinent to our investigation have not yet been reported. However, in view of "The Nation" article and the interest the Commission is showing in such article, the Dallas office is immediately including in its next report all data in Oswald's address book not already reported, including the item concerning Agent Hosty. *

*I think this was a mistake. **

We have interviewed both District Attorney Henry Wade and Assistant District Attorney William Alexander of Dallas concerning remarks attributed to them in Hudkins' article. Wade stated that reporter Hudkins was formerly a police reporter for both the Dallas "Times Herald" and the Dallas "Morning News." Wade stated Hudkins was a rather wild type of reporter and that he was in Dallas after the assassination of President Kennedy representing the Houston "Post." Wade remembers that some time in late December, 1963, Hudkins posed some leading questions to him, whether Oswald was an informant of the FBI, CIA or some Governmental agency. Wade stated he told Hudkins "I don't know anything about it" and that he possibly might have told Hudkins "even if he were, I don't think it ought to be publicized." Wade definitely denies the statement attributed to him by Hudkins.

* 2/19/64 -- This data reported in Dallas 2/11/64 report. RL