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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.

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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 "Time 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.

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Action

We have instructed the San Antonio Office to interview Kline and Pugh concerning statements attributed to them and to check U. S. Immigration, Laredo, Texas, to determine if they had folder on Oswald.

Allegation

Feldman alleges FBI tried to recruit Oswald as an undercover informant in Castro groups two months before Mr. Kennedy's death. He references a report which appeared in a "Philadelphia Inquirer" dispatch from Dallas, 12-8-63, which reported: "The FBI attempt to recruit Oswald as an informant, an informed law enforcement source said, was made in September, just after he had moved to Dallas from New Orleans. Oswald's mother said an 'agent named Hosty' came to the Irving house and talked to the young man at length in his car. An FBI agent named Joseph Hosty handles investigations of subversives for the Dallas field office. The source said he did not know if the FBI succeeded in hiring Oswald; and the federal agency would not discuss the matter."

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We have previously run down this allegation and interviewed the Philadelphia reporter, Joseph Goulden, who authored the article in the "Philadelphia Inquirer." Goulden told us he received this data from an unidentified law enforcement officer in Dallas but refused to identify such source. This same law enforcement officer also informed Goulden that Jack Ruby had obtained entrance into the Dallas Police Department by posing as a television cameraman's helper on the day Oswald was shot. Investigation has failed to corroborate such statement.

Agent James P. Hosty of Dallas, of course, did not interview Oswald in September, 1963, at Irving, Texas. Bureau's last interview of Oswald, prior to the assassination, took place at Oswald's request on 8-10-63 by Special Agent John L. Quigley when Oswald was in jail at New Orleans, Louisiana, charged with disturbing the peace by creating a scene.

Allegation

Feldman also references article of Lonnie Hudkins in 1-1-64 issue of Houston "Post" entitled "Oswald Rumored as Informant for U. S."

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Assistant District Attorney William Alexander advised Dallas office that some time in December, 1963, Hudkins did appear and talk with him and he indicated that he was working on a real good story, trying to prove that Oswald was an informant of the FBI, CIA or some Governmental agency and that he had received information that Oswald's notebook which had been seized by the police had Agent Hosty's name and the telephone number of the local FBI office, and possibly a license number of a car and that Hudkins had asked Alexander if that did not mean Oswald was an informant of the FBI. Alexander claims that he told Hudkins that he did not know anything about Oswald's being an informant. When questioned about the notebook by Hudkins, Alexander told us that he told Hudkins "it looks like you have the story there." Alexander denied making any further statements to Hudkins.

Allegation

Feldman also intimates that what the public hears of the FBI's part in the Oswald case is usually a report that such and such a witness or authority has been asked, or ordered, to keep his mouth shut. The author then cites a number of individuals apparently contacted by him who failed to give him any information, including Dr. J. J. Humes of the Naval Medical Center who refused to furnish data on the autopsy of President Kennedy; Western Union authorities who refused to give information regarding data in their possession concerning Oswald; or witnesses who furnished data concerning Oswald or the assassination weapon.

Facts

It is entirely possible that Dr. Humes, Western Union officials and other people would not furnish information to reporters and to the general public. The FBI did not tell people to "shut up." Furthermore, records of the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda; Western Union records and the like could only be obtained through a subpoena.

Allegation

Feldman alleged that the statements of Oswald's widow regarding Oswald's attempt to kill General Walker were a deliberate "leak" and that though the FBI is reported to have found a document in Oswald's handwriting that mentions his attack on Walker, such document has not been produced for examination or reproduced in the press.