

After freezing the Secret Service out, for all practical purposes, the FBI then negotiated its pre-eminence in the JFK assassination investigation. On December 9, 1963, James J. Rowley, the Secret Service Director, wrote all his special agents in charge of field offices cutting off their investigations in deference to the FBI. An example of what this meant ~~is~~ relates to whether or not Lee Harvey Oswald had associates. The Secret Service was conducting an investigation of the literature Oswald ~~was~~ distributed. When the FBI New Orleans Field Office learned of this it reported to FBI Headquarters, which spoke to Secret Service Headquarter. Secret Service directed its New Orleans office to ^{official} suspend that investigation. As a result there was no real investigation and the FBI was able to report falsely and incompletely on this to the Warren Commission. In its turn the Commission reported the FBI falsehoods as fact in its report.