## FBI Chief Concealed Agent's Ties With Oswald

assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. between FBI agent James Hosty and mission from learning about the ties years ago to keep the Warren Comloved FBI, engineered a cover-up 12 Hoover, in his zeal to protect his be-Washington - The late J. Edgar

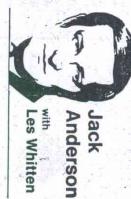
personally when the commission symbol of law and order, intervened dog visage had become a national began to zero in on Hosty. The formidable Hoover, whose bull-

mitted destroying a threatening note which Oswald delivered to the FBI of-Hosty didn't stop trying to interrogate fice and Dallas police headquarters if note threatened to blow up the FBI ofing President John F. Kennedy. The fice in Dallas a few days before shoot-Now, 12 years later, Hosty has ad-

Dallas area. The Secret Service rou-This might have saved President Kenabouts during the presidential visit. tinely would have checked his wherehad threatened violence, was in the cret Service that Oswald, a misfit who The FBI should have notified the Se-

and asked whether Hosty could participate in the interrogation. Shanklin telephoned the Dallas police been handling the Oswald case his boss, Gordon Shanklin, that he had had been picked up, Hosty reminded suspect named Lee Harvey Oswald WHEN THE FBI LEARNED that a

police headquarters. Oswald, who had Hosty later questioned Oswald at



came agitated. been outwardly calm, suddenly be

wife twice!" you! You're the one who accosted my "I know you" he shouted. "I know

superior, who ordered him to put it in out any mention of the threatening letthe Dallas police force, Lt. Jack Rev-Revill repeated the conversation to a ter. Hosty also confided to a friend on ill, that the FBI had a file on Oswald. The incident passed, however, with-

subject was capable of committing the assassination of President Kenaware of the subject (Oswald) "Special Agent Hosty related to this officer . . . " wrote Revill, "that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was that they had information that this and

words." But the old man, never-theless, sought to cover up the FBI's time, the grizzled FBI chief complained that Hosty had "diarrhea of ing to confidential notes taken at the learned of Hosty's loose talk. Accord HOOVER WAS FURIOUS when he

Hosty's name, telephone and license conveniently omitted the fact that Oswald's notebook. The summary Warren Commission a summery of embarrassment. tag number had been in the notebook. On Dec. 23, 1963, the FBI gave the

been in the notebook. knowledged that Hosty's name had tion. On Jan. 27, 1964, Hoover acomission and demanded an explana-The commission found out about the

Kennedy," Hoover added prior to the assassination of President Dallas, Texas, or in Irving, Texas, 1963. "We did not interview Oswald in contacts with Oswald. The last conported to be a full account of the FBI's tact, he reported, had been on Aug. 10,

"agents" after Aug. 10, 1963. wald had no contact with FB in a curious way. He swore that Osthe FBI. But on Feb. 6, in a sworn af-"our" to describe the last contact with fidavit, Hoover changed the wording

sassination. At that time, just as Hoowald appeared at the FBI office in Dallas only a few days before the asinreatening note to the agents.

hide his knowledge of Oswald's violent word "our" to "agents" in order to late FBI chief subtly switched the It is impossible to know whether the

The G-man also gave what pur-

Interestingly, he used the word

FBI "agents." But he spoke with an ver said, he did not speak with any FBI receptionist, who passed on his It is now known, of course, that Os-

would be a threat to President Kenthe FBI concerning Lee Harvey Osemphasize that the facts available to Commission, dated April 6, 1964, Hooindicate in any way that he was or wald prior to the assassination did not ver stated categorically: "I wish to But in a later letter to the Warren

tion that Oswald was violence-prone. less than a week before the assassina-FBI had received dramatic evidence THE TRUTH IS, of course, that the

that the FBI knew Oswald was "ca-Dallas police lieutenant, Jack Revill, pable" of assassinating the President. News reported Hosty had told the On April 24, the Dallas Morning

days later with a personal letter delivered by courier was "false" and followed up three the Warren Commission that the story Hoover immediately sent word to

declared the FBI director. ment as quoted in this article denies ever having made the state-"Special Agent Hosty unequivocally

Oswald." had any information indicating poten-John Fitzgerald Kennedy he never tial violence on the part of Lee Harvey prior to the assassination of President "Special Agent Hosty points out that

ture column. cover-up, which we'll report in a fu-There's more to Hoover's great