

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 9-25-64

FROM : C. R. Davidson

SUBJECT: SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.
Dallas Office
Veteran

~~FOI 1-21-52~~; GS-13, \$12,495

Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Casper	✓
Callahan	✓
Conrad	✓
DeLoach	✓
Evans	✓
Gale	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holmes	✓
Gandy	✓

Attachment V
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The following is a brief summary of SA Hosty's record for the Director's use.

He entered on duty 1-21-52 as a Special Agent. He is presently in GS-13 at \$12,495 per annum. He has served in the Dallas Office since 12-2-53

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on 12-13-63, when he was CENSURED AND PLACED ON PROBATION for his handling of the security-type case involving Lee Harvey Oswald which was grossly inadequate. Specifically, he was responsible for conducting an inadequate investigation including failure to interview Lee Harvey Oswald's wife, delayed reporting, failure to put Oswald on Security Index, and for holding investigation in abeyance after being in receipt of information that Oswald had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy, Mexico City. In view of the information developed concerning Oswald, it should have been apparent to him that he required a status which would have insured further investigative attention. He was REMOVED FROM PROBATION by letter dated 3-25-64.

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Teletype dated 4-11-64 reflected George Carter, Police Reporter for the Dallas Times Herald, called the Dallas Office that date and state he had learned of the existence of a memorandum or deposition from Lieutenant Jack Revill of the Dallas Police Department to Chief J. E. Curry indicating that Revill was told by an FBI Agent, shortly after the

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assassination, that Lee Harvey Oswald was sympathetic to the Communist Party and that the FBI knew that he was in the area, but that there was no indication that he was capable of violence. He stated this same memorandum indicated that the FBI had not told the Police of Oswald's presence prior to the assassination. Carter asked for any comments SAC, Dallas wanted to make about it and if he would give him the name of the Agent. SAC, Dallas pointed out that he thought this had already been in the newspapers numerous times but that he could make no comment. The Director noted "We must ascertain identity of our Agent." It was subsequently determined that SA Hosty was responsible for comments to Revill that one Lee Harvey Oswald had already been arrested by the Dallas Police Department and was at that time in the office of Captain Fritz. SA Hosty told Revill Oswald had defected to Russia and had returned to this area (Dallas) in 1962, was employed by Texas State Book Depository, and was the main suspect in the assassination. It was stated this conversation lasted not more than 1½ minutes. SA Hosty advised the matter of Oswald's possible potential for violence did not arise, was not discussed, and nothing along this line was mentioned by SA Hosty. In regard to the above the Director noted, "Here again we have Hosty again & this time talking too much." H.

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It is noted in connection with a summary prepared for the Director's use on SA Hosty 4-6-64, the Director noted, "Hosty is to be transferred to a non preference office." H. No further action was taken in this regard.

The Director saw him on 5-6-64 when he was in Washington to appear before the Presidential Commission headed by Chief Justice Warren. The Director noted Mr. Hosty made a mature personal appearance. The Director discussed with him the situation which had developed in Dallas incident to the assassination of President Kennedy and of the embarrassment which had been caused in connection with his failure to more meticulously record certain developments in the investigation of this case.

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transferred to non-preference office

Kansas City, Mo. 9/12/64

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