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TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 2-15-65

FROM : C. R. Davidson *CRD*

SUBJECT: SA JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.
 Kansas City Office
 EOD 1-21-52; GS-13, \$12,495
 Veteran
 ON PROBATION since 10-5-64
 RE: REMOVAL FROM PROBATION

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 W. R. Ford
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SA Hosty is the Agent who had primary responsibility in the Dallas Division for investigation of the case involving Lee Harvey Oswald, which investigation was grossly mishandled. On 9-28-64 he was ordered under transfer from Dallas to Kansas City in accordance with the Director's instructions that he be transferred to a nonpreference office. He arrived under transfer to Kansas City on 11-12-64. On 10-5-64 he was CENSURED, PLACED ON PROBATION and SUSPENDED from 10-6-64 through 11-5-64 because of his derelictions in connection with the Oswald case. This action was taken for his inadequate investigation, including failure to interview Oswald's wife until after the assassination of President Kennedy, delayed reporting, failure to put Oswald on the Security Index and for holding investigation in abeyance after being in receipt of information that Oswald had been in contact with the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City. In addition, in his testimony before the Warren Commission regarding this case he made certain statements which were entirely inappropriate.

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In the letter of 10-5-64 setting forth the administrative action being taken against him, namely, censure, probation and 30-day suspension, he was advised that the Federal Salary Reform Act of 1962 provided that before a within-grade increase can be granted, a determination must be made that the performance of the employee is at an acceptable level of competence.

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