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DALLAS, OCT. 13 (AP)-THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD SAID TODAY THAT FBI AGENT JAMES P. HOSTY JR., WHO INVESTIGATED LEE HARVEY OSWALD PRIOR TO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR 30 DAYS WITHOUT PAY AND TRANSFERRED.

THE COPYRIGHTED STORY BY TIMES HERALD REPORTER JIM LENNER QUOTED "UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCES."

THE STORY SAID THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION WAS TAKEN ON ORDERS FROM THE OFFICE OF J. EDGAR HOOVER, FBI DIRECTOR.

THE WARREN COMMISSION CRITICISM OF THE FBI IN ITS REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION, THE SOURCE SAID, WAS A DIRECT CAUSE OF THE SUSPENSION.

THREE OTHER FBI AGENTS RECEIVED LETTERS OF CENSURE LAST WEEK.

THE 30-DAY SUSPENSION WAS EFFECTIVE LAST MONDAY. DURING THE SUSPENSION, HOSTY, FATHER OF EIGHT CHILDREN, WILL NOT BE PAID.

HE WILL THEN REPORT FOR DUTY IN KANSAS CITY.

J. GORDON SHANKLIN, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE DALLAS FBI OFFICE, DECLINED COMMENT ON THE STORY.

FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON ALSO REFUSED TO COMMENT.

PRIOR TO THE SUSPENSION, HOSTY HAD SERVED A 90-DAY PERIOD OF PROBATION AND HAD RECEIVED A LETTER OF CENSURE. THESE TOOK PLACE AFTER THE ASSASSINATION BUT BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORTED, THE TIMES HERALD SAID.

HOSTY WAS AN INTERNAL SECURITY EXPERT. HE ROUTINELY INVESTIGATED OSWALD EARLY IN NOVEMBER. THE WARREN COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT OSWALD KILLED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY NOV. 22 IN DALLAS.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMISSION SHOWED THAT HOSTY INTERVIEWED MRS. RUTH PAINE, WITH WHOM MRS. OSWALD LIVED, AND CONFIRMED THAT OSWALD WORKED AT THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY FROM WHERE THE SHOTS WERE FIRED. THE COMMISSION SAID NO FBI AGENT INTERVIEWED OSWALD AFTER AUG. 10, 1963.

THE WARREN COMMISSION SAID HOSTY SHOULD HAVE INTERVIEWED OSWALD IN VIEW OF THE APPROACHING VISIT OF KENNEDY TO DALLAS. THE COMMISSION ALSO SAID THE FBI TOOK AN UNDULY RESTRICTIVE VIEW ABOUT ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING OSWALD'S PRESENCE TO THE SECRET SERVICE, CHARGED WITH PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT.

HOSTY TOLD THE COMMISSION THAT NONE OF THE INFORMATION KNOWN ABOUT OSWALD AT THE TIME FITTED INTO THE MATERIAL WANTED BY THE SECRET

SERVICE. THE FBI HAS CONTENDED THAT NONE OF ITS AGENTS DID WRONG.

HOSTY AND THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT GOT INTO A DISPUTE AFTER THE PRESIDENT WAS SLAIN. POLICE LT. JACK REVILL REPORTED IN A MEMORANDUM THAT HOSTY TOLD HIM AFTER THE ASSASSINATION THAT THE FBI KNEW OSWALD HAD THE CAPABILITY OF SHOOTING THE PRESIDENT. HOSTY DENIED MAKING THE STATEMENT.

THE TIMES HERALD IN AN EARLIER COPYRIGHTED STORY SAID THAT HOSTY'S IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN DALLAS HAD BEEN DEMOTED AND THAT A NEW ORLEANS AGENT HAD BEEN GIVEN A DISCIPLINARY TRANSFER BUT REFUSED TO ACCEPT IT AND RESIGNED.

HOSTY, IN HIS LATE 30S, IS A NATIVE OF CHICAGO AND A GRADUATE OF NOTRE DAME. HIS YOUNGEST CHILD IS ONE YEAR OLD AND THE FAMILY IS EXPECTING ANOTHER CHILD.

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