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WASHINGTON, MARCH 7 (AP)-FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID TODAY LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, AND JACK L. RUBY, ACCUSED MURDERER OF OSWALD, NEVER SERVED AS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS OF THE FBI.

HOOVER ISSUED THIS STATEMENT:

"TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT AND TO REFUTE THE MISINFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN MALICIOUSLY CIRCULATED, I WANT TO STATE UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND JACK L. RUBY WERE NEVER FBI INFORMANTS; THAT THEY WERE NEVER EMPLOYED BY THIS BUREAU IN ANY CAPACITY; NOR DID THEY EVER RENDER ANY SERVICES FOR OR RECEIVE ANY SUMS OF MONEY FROM THE FBI."

EXPLAINING RELEASE OF THE STATEMENT, AN FBI SPOKESMAN SAID THERE HAD BEEN RUMORS ABOUT OSWALD'S AND RUBY'S ROLES AND "WE THOUGHT IT TIME TO PUT A STOP TO THEM."

RUBY IS NOW ON TRIAL IN DALLAS ON CHARGES OF KILLING OSWALD.

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Hoover Denies Oswald Was FBI Informant

Washington

The FBI officially denied yesterday what it termed "maliciously circulated" rumors that accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald had been an FBI informant.

In a two paragraph statement, Director J. Edgar Hoover said that neither Oswald, nor his alleged murderer, Dallas night club operator, Jack Ruby, ever worked for the FBI.

Hoover said he made the official denial to "set the record straight and to refute the misinformation which has been maliciously circulated."

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