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Dallas, April 24 (AP)- Dallas police Lt. Jack Revill confirmed today he reported to his superiors on Nov. 22 that an FBI agent had said of Lee Harvey Oswald: "We knew he was capable of assassinating the President."

Revill said he heard the comment from FBI special agent James (Joe) Hosty in the Dallas police department shortly after President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated and Oswald had been taken into custody.

Another police officer was present when the remark was made, Revill told the Associated Press in a telephone call from Sacramento, Calif., where he was attending a convention.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover said in Washington: "this is absolutely false. The agent made no such statement and the FBI did not have such knowledge." Hoover's statement was made in a telephone call to the Dallas Times Herald.

The first report of the FBI agent's alleged statement was published today in the Dallas Morning News. The paper quoted a source close to the Warren commission as saying the commission had such testimony from Dallas police.

Revill, who heads the criminal intelligence section of the police special service bureau, appeared before the commission in Dallas several weeks ago. Dallas police Chief Jesse Curry testified before the commission in Washington this week.

The Dallas Morning News reported that Curry "was said to have given the commission a photostatic copy of Lt. Revill's five-paragraph memo."

Revill said today he had submitted a memorandum to Curry after he heard the statement. Of agent Hosty, Revill said:

"He was excited, everyone was excited, and he probably said some things he shouldn't have.

"My statement will stand.....if it boils down to a swearing match,

I had one of my men with me who can confirm what Hosty³ said. "they can believe me if they want to, or not if they don't -- I'M on record."

Revill declined to go into details of the memorandum. He said anyt further comment would have to be made by Curry.

Curry could not be reached for comment, and other police officials declined to duscuss the matter.

The Times Herald said agent Hosty's name appeared in a notebook found in Oswald's possession, The paper said Hosty had called at the home of Mrs. Ruth Paine in suburgan Irving, where Oswald's wife was living, seeking information about Oswald.

Apparently Mrs. Paine informed Oswald of the visit and Hosty's³ name, the paper said.

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