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## F.B.I. Said to Punish 2 Agents in Charge Of the Oswald Case

DALLAS, Sept. 29 (AP)—The Dallas Times Herald said today in a copyright article that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had taken disciplinary action against two F.B.I. agents who had been in charge of the Lee Harvey Oswald case before the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Times Herald quoted what it called "unimpeachable sources" but did not name the agents.

In Washington, the F.B.I. declined to comment on the report.

The newspaper said that one agent had been demoted, at a loss of \$1,000 in annual pay, and that the other, stationed in New Orleans, had been ordered transferred but had refused the transfer and retired.

Oswald, who killed President Kennedy last Nov. 22 in Dallas, once lived in New Orleans, where he was active in a Fair Play for Cuba organization.

The New Orleans agent had been assigned the Oswald case while Oswald was in New Orleans. He now works as a private investigator there, the paper said.

The other agent was on the second level of command in the Dallas F.B.I. office, below the

special agent in charge and the assistant special agent.

The newspaper said he had supervised the section under whose jurisdiction Oswald, as a returned defector to Russia, fell. He now investigates routine matters.

The actions against the agents, both with more than 20 years of Government service, came in late spring, The Times Herald said. The F.B.I. made no announcement concerning them.

Both men were considered experts on subversives.

J. Gordon Shanklin, in charge of the Dallas F.B.I. office, was out of the city today, and his representative said the F.B.I. would have no comment.