

**HOSTY INTERVIEW  
NOVEMBER 18-19, 1996**

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I. PRE-ASSASSINATION

A. CASE LOAD

1. **35-50 CASES** (Hosty book says 35-40, p. 21)
  - a. 40-50 cases, of which the Oswalds were 2 (Edwards Dep. 461)
  - b. approx. 2/3 of cases were right-wing extremists (Edwards Dep. 470; Hosty book 4)
2. **GENERAL WALKER INVESTIGATION**
  - a. spent time "tracking . . . members of former U.S. Army Genl Edwin Walker's radical militia group, . . . the Minutemen." (Hosty book 4)
  - b. did not know that Oswald made an attempt on Major Genl Edwin A. Walker (HSCA Dep. 31) until Marina talked about it in the post-assassination interview (Hosty book 106-107)
    - i. Shooting occurred on 4/10/63 at 9:10 p.m. in Dallas at Walker's home
    - ii. police had no clue on a suspect in the Walker (shooting). During their investigation, the Dallas police knew Hosty was investigating Walker for inciting a riot in Oxford in protest over the desegregation of the Univ. of Mississippi. Hosty had an informant who was a Minuteman (Hosty book 106-107)
    - iii. Warren Commission concluded that Oswald was the gunman (Chap. IV, Chap. VII)
3. **ROBINSON -- PERSON WHO HOSTY BELIEVED MAY HAVE BEEN THE AUTHOR OF THE NOTE**
  - a. When Hosty first rec'd the note, he thought it might be from Jimmy George Robinson. Not until interview with Oswald did he realize note was from Oswald. (HSCA Dep. 50-53; Hosty book 21 -- but no identifying info.)
4. **THREATS REPORTED TO SECRET SERVICE**
  - a. Reported a Klansman to the SS on 11/21  
Hosty book: Picked up information from a source that a local Klan member had remarked that his group would have a "little reception" for Kennedy when he visited Dallas." Wrote up this information in a one-page report, including a physical description of the Klan member, and attached his photograph to the report. Then, he hand-delivered it to the SS. (Hosty book 6)
  - b. took a "Wanted for Treason" flyer over to SS office on morning of assassination and gave it to Agent Mike Howard (Hosty book 6-7)
5. **INDIGNANT WHITE CITIZENS' COUNCIL**
  - a. On 11/21 -- FBI office rec'd rpt that the White Citizens' Council would be demonstrating at

the Trade Mart (Hosty book at 12)

6. **MEETING WITH ELLSWORTH & COYLE ON 11/22**

a. **Meeting**

- i. met Ed Coyle of Army Intelligence and Jack Ellsworth of ATF on a weapons case involving an weapons case involving an Army ordinance officer at a nearby base who had been embezzling equipment, including guns and ammunition. This officer was then fencing the goods to an outside party, and we had discovered that a right-wing extremist group was trying to purchase the weaponry.” (Hosty book at 8-9, 201-202; Edwards Comm. at 469)
- ii. Meeting ended before noon. Coyle comments that he would like to see the Presidential motorcade. They all complain that the Secret Service will not allow their agencies to assist in protecting the President. Coyle and Hosty go to see the motorcade move down Main Street at about 12:20 p.m. Then Hosty goes to lunch. (Hosty book, pp. 8-9)
- iii. Coyle has essentially the same recollection. (Coyle Interview at 6)

b. **Prior Testimony About Meeting**

- i. Edwards Committee Testimony on 12/12/75
  - A. They probed him about whether he met with Powell, rather than Coyle. (Edwards Dep. 538)
  - B. First, Mark Lane approached Hosty before the testimony to ask him about the meeting & whether he met with Powell. Hosty did not have an opportunity to answer. Hosty book at 201-202
  - C. Then, in testimony, Dodd questioned Hosty about the meeting. Hosty answered that he had met with Coyle & not with Powell. (Edwards Dep. 538) (Powell was an Army Intell. Agent who was doing background checks at the Sheriff’s Office in Dallas when the assassination occurred. When the call came over about shots coming from the TSBD, Powell and ~ 20 sheriff’s deputies ran to TSBD to volunteer their services in searching. “Because Powell wasn’t in a police uniform, he at first made people suspicious and was briefly detained by the police while they confirmed his identity.” (Hosty at 201-202.)
- ii. HSCA Deposition on 8/25/78 (HSCA Dep. 12-13)

c. **Congressional Committees**

- i. HSCA  
10/20/77 -- HSCA Interviewed Frank Ellsworth  
11/8/77 -- OCR with Hosty in which he mentioned the meeting

d. **LaFontaine’s Allegations**

Coyle 282-284, 315, 358, Ellsworth 19, 22-23, 32-33, 35, 210, 214, 277, 281-283, Revill

- i. Was there a meeting on 11/21 with Coyle?

- A. LaFontaine's Account
  - 1. 283: Hosty told Mary LaFontaine that he and Coyle had met on Thursday, Nov. 21, because they had already started working on the Fort Hood arms thefts case. The LaFontaines write, "there was a third party present on this earlier occasion as well -- not Ellsworth, but a Dallas police intelligence officer, Jack Revill. What happened, said Hosty, was that Revill 'made a comment about not wanting to guard that sob Kennedy tomorrow.' The remark made Hosty see red, he claimed, and the two men had heated words. The FBI agent 'wanted to pop 'im one,' he told Mary."
  - 2. "Coyle, being present at the Thursday meeting, overheard the angry exchange; and 'it was because he overheard what said,' Hosty explained, 'that Coyle was sent back to Korea.'"
  - 3. "Revill today refuses to discuss the incident and Coyle can't be found."
- B. Coyle's Account
  - 1. Does not remember anything like Revill saying derogatory things about Kennedy the day before the assassination. Does not directly answer the compound question of whether he recalls a meeting the day before the assassination. (Coyle Interview Transcript at 11.)

ii. About Meeting on 11/22

**B. HISTORY/CHRONOLOGY OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND MARINA OSWALD FBI FILES**

- 1. **OPENING OF FILE**
  - a. see Phil's questions
- 2. **ASSIGNED TO FAIN**
  - a. see Phil's questions
  - b. Oswald first comes to Hosty's attn. in 6/62 when he reads newspaper article about Oswald coming home from USSR with a Russian wife. (Edwards Dep. 452) Does not believe the FBI had a case on Oswald before this time. (Edwards Dep. 453)
  - c. Security case on Lee Oswald concerned his possible recruitment by the USSR/KGB. (Edwards Dep. 454) Case on Marina Oswald (opened later) part of SOBIR program. (Edwards Dep. 454)
  - d. Hosty does INS check for Fain
    - i. when Fain had the Oswald files, Hosty assisted only once when he checked Lee and Marina Oswald's INS files for Fain in 8/62 (HSCA Dep. 8) following Fain's first interview with Lee Oswald. Write a memo on what he obtained. Recommended that a case be opened on Marina for future interview. (Edwards Dep. 456-457)

- ii. case on Marina is opened, but they decided not to interview for 6 months (until Feb. or March), until she familiarized herself with the English language and American habits & customs (Edwards Dep. 457)
- ii. Fain closed the Lee Oswald file in 8/62 (HSCA Dep. 8-9)

**3. ASSIGNED TO HOSTY**

**a. See Phil's Questions**

**b. Background**

- i. October 1962
  - A. rec'd Marina case from Fain (Marina file existed in connection with SOBIR program. (HSCA Dep. 5-6) Rec'd case in 10/62 when Fain retired (Edwards Dep. 454)
- ii. March 1963
  - A. In an attempt to interview Marina in 3/63, goes to Fort Worth to try to locate Oswalds. Determined they had moved to Dallas. Went to address in Dallas and learned from landlady that she had just evicted them for fighting, etc. . . . They are told not to interview immigrants under any but tranquil conditions, so notified FBI HQ that he located them and that he would be delaying the interview. (Edwards Dep. 457-458) (HSCA Dep. 6-7)
  - B. then, reviewed closed file on LHO & decided to reopen it on 3/31/63 when he saw the *Daily Worker* reference from New York (HSCA Dep. 8-9) and (Edwards Dep. 454)
- iii. May 1963
  - A. went out to recheck whether the domestic difficulties had subsided. Found out they had left Dallas. Later, learns they went to N.O. & Hosty transferred his files there. (Edwards Dep. 458)
- iv. October 1963
  - A. N.O. notifies DL that Oswalds are gone from N.O. Marina left with a Russian speaking woman in a station wagon w/TX plates. Did not know where LHO was. (Edwards Dep. 458-459)
- v. November 1963
  - A. 11/1 -- visit to Paine house. Drove to Fort Worth to work on cases. About 3:00 p.m., went to the Paine residence. Talked to Ruth Paine & learned where Oswald worked, etc... Marina came in room. Ruth Paine translated, but Hosty did not do an in-depth interview. (Hosty book 49-50) Attempting to locate the whereabouts of LHO. Had rec'd info. that Marina lived with Ruth Paine in Irving, TX, but that LHO was not there. Checked Ruth Paine to see if she was reliable. Then went to the Paine house and asked for the whereabouts of LHO. Talked to Marina briefly at that time. Ruth Paine interpreted. (Edwards Dep. 455-456)

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- A. objective: to conduct an in-depth interview with Marina to determine whether she posed a national security risk
- B. but waiting until rec'd info. from New Orleans on the Oswalds
- ii. 11/5 visit with SA Gary Wilson (WC Vol. 4, 453) (Edwards Dep. 455) Went by the Paine home briefly to find out if Ruth Paine had Lee Oswald's Oak Cliff address. Did not talk see or talk to Marina. (Hosty book 51)
- iii. Hosty says he did not harass Marina or Ruth Paine. Never witnessed any behavior on the part of Marina that could be considered promiscuous in any way. Doesn't seem to think Oswald would have been jealous that he visited. Thinks that Oswald thought Marina might give Hosty information (mainly about Genl Walker and Mexico City) & was angry about that. (HSCA Dep. 54-55)
- iv. In Marina's testimony to the HSCA, she said that Hosty asked (through Ruth) whether Marina had been approached by any foreign agent and asked her to call the FBI if she were approached. (HSCA Vol. XII 326-327, 381, Vol. II 263-264), 309-310
- v. *Redbook* article that said the FBI offered the Oswald family protection 3 weeks prior to the assassination
  - A. see 6/18/64 letterhead memorandum from Jones to DeLoach on the story
  - C. Pre-assassination, only talked to her once on 11/1 (Edwards Dep. 455)
    - A. Did not immediately interview Oswald b/c "could see no point in interviewing him" b/c of his "hostile attitude" in three previous interviews. (HSCA Dep. 8)
    - B. Did not interview Oswald pre-assassination (Edwards Dep. 455)
- iv. had rec'd Mexico City information before learned that Oswalds were back in Texas (HSCA Dep. 10-11)
- v. gets the transfer order on the Oswald case from N.O. on morning of 11/22 (Hosty book 8)
- vi. Was not directed to interview Lee or Marina Oswald at any time, though he had a lead to interview Marina. (Edwards Dep. 456)
- c. **Oswald's Trip to Mexico City and Receipt of Information on Same**
  - i. Rec'd info re: Oswald in Mexico City on 10/25. (HSCA Dep. 7-8)
    - A. in a letter to the HSCA, Paul Hoch suggests asking Hosty about this date (see Hoch letter from 10/5/75)
  - ii. Hosty says that, once he rec'd sensitive source information from Mexico City, Govt.

regulations prohibited him from interviewing Oswald w/o permission from FBIHQ. (HSCA Dep. 6-7)

- iii. Did not know of Oswald's contact with the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City (HSCA Dep. 29)
- iv. Hosty states that many things were withheld from him, including information about Kostikov, information that Oswald had talked to 3 Cuban intelligence agents & made a threat about JFK, the threat by Castro. (HSCA Dep. 77)
- v. Hosty book
  - A. Hosty not told about Mexico City -- 48
  - B. 2 Mexico City documents removed from file -- 139
  - C. Belmont's comments that Hosty should not have read Mexico City documents -- 140
  - D. early 6/67 -- Hosty first learns from SA Joe Holtzslag that Kostikov was a KGB agent from Div. 13, the KGB Dept. in charge of terrorism, sabotage, and assassinations -- 175
  - E. Oswald contact with Soviet "payoff" guy -- 211
  - F. why Kostikov info not passed to Hosty --217

**d. Letter to Soviet Embassy**

- i. Letter dated 11/9/63 -- appears in HSCA Vol. IV at 330. (Also HSCA numbered files.)
- ii. Not until 11/22/63, after Oswald's arrest, did Hosty learn of Oswald's letter to the Soviet Embassy (HSCA Dep. 11-12)
- iii. Never talked to Oswald about FPCC activities, despite the content of the letter (HSCA Dep. 36-37)

**f. Receipt of the Note**

- i. delivered in early afternoon between 11/4 and 11/8/63 (HSCA Dep. 12)
- ii. did not know who had delivered the note. Did not realize it was from Oswald until after the interview in Fritz's office. (HSCA Dep. 23)
- iii. came in an envelope. Hosty read it, put it back in envelope b/c "didn't amount to much," put envelope in pocket, put in cellophane envelope & left in workbox (HSCA Dep. 43)
- iv. Content: Hosty read note 2-3 times at most. It complained that Hosty had interviewed Marina and said that if Hosty did not stop talking to her, LHO would take some action against the FBI. Hosty thought it meant legal action or protest. The letter did not contain a serious threat or indicate that LHO was prone to violence. Had the letter threatened to blow up the building, Hosty would have acted on it. The FBI has a SOP for reporting bomb threats. Fenner is the only person who thinks the note threatened violence (and she first remembered that it contained a threat in 1975). Hosty does not remember where his name appeared on the note -- maybe the envelope. *Does not believe that the note contained Lee Harvey Oswald's name.* (HSCA Dep. 46-49)

**g. LHO as Potential Informant**

- i. Warren Commission
  - A. Testimony: Hoover, Belmont, Fain, Quigley, Hosty all declared that Oswald was not an informant or agent of the FBI, that he did not act in other capacity for the FBI, and that no attempt was made to recruit him in any capacity
  
- iii. HSCA Testimony
  - A. LHO was not ever an informant of the FBI. Hosty would have known if he was an informant, even if he were an informant somewhere other than Dallas. In the FBI, there is nothing to be gained from having an informant and not recording it, so it would have been recorded. (HSCA Dep. 61-63)
  - B. Worked with DeBrueys in Dallas. Did not discuss with DeBrueys the allegations that LHO was an informant. (HSCA Dep. 63) (Hosty & DeBrueys worked together on report -- Hosty book at 71)
  - C. Hosty says it is ridiculous that LHO was an informant. Does not think LHO would have had anything to inform about. Believes Marguerite started the rumor. Then, thinks that Hayden Griffin told someone in Dallas that LHO was an informant and that his file was sent to Washington. Thinks that Griffin might have meant to say Ruby, who was a PCI. Combination of Griffin's comments and Hosty's name in the notebook started the rumor. Thinks DPD & Bill Alexander started the rumor. (HSCA Dep. 64-65)
  - D. Signed two affidavits about it. One signed by Clark and a later one signed by a notary. (HSCA Dep. 65)
  - E. Considers it unlikely that LHO would be an informant for any Govt. agency. Has no way of knowing whether LHO worked for a foreign intelligence agency. (HSCA Dep. 65-66)
  - F. Does not know why DeBrueys or Kaack never signed affidavits on the informant allegation. (HSCA Dep. 66-67)
  
- iii. Carver Gayton
  - A. Hosty book
    - 1. Gayton story -- 207+
    - 2. allegation about S172 -- 124-125
  - B. Church Committee Affidavit by Carver Gayton
    - 1. "Hosty stated to me and other members of the squad that Oswald had been a PSI for an older agent who retired just before Hosty moved to Dallas office. Hosty told us that this older agent had had no contact with Oswald, and that one of the last acts the older agent did before he retired was to deactivate the Oswald file as a PSI. According to Hosty, when he came into his new job in Dallas, he decided to reopen the Oswald file as a PSI. Hosty commented that as part of his effort to reopen the Oswald matter,

he left notes at Oswald's apt., urging him to get in touch with the FBI. I recall Hosty commenting that although he had listed Oswald as a PSI, he had not had any contact with him." (Affidavit at 2.)

- C. 6/6/75 Church Committee Interviews Gochenaur
  - 1. Gochenaur rented from Gayton in Seattle. Gayton allegedly told Gochenaur that Hosty told him that Hosty was Oswald's "handler," i.e., Oswald was a paid informant who reported to Hosty. The FBI allegedly listed Oswald as a "PSI."
  - 2. Gayton allegedly told Gochenaur that Hosty interviewed Oswald in the fall of 1963, before the assassination, in a parking lot, and there offered him the status of paid informant. FBI supposedly thought that Oswald's FPCC connections might be useful. When Oswald resisted contacts with Hosty, Hosty started trying to interview Marina.
- D. HSCA Interviewed Gayton on 6/1/77 re: the Gochenaur story (Gilbert & Moriarity)
  - 1. Gochenaur rented an apt. from Gayton & they discussed JFK & Hosty. Gochenaur stated that Gayton said that Hosty told him that Oswald was a paid FBI informant and that he had failed to make a drop or get information and thereafter Hosty went looking for him. Gayton admitted talked to Gochenaur but says Gochenaur was an assassination buff when he met him. Gayton denied telling Gochenaur anything other than that he knew Hosty in K.C.
- E. HSCA Interviewed Gochenaur on same day -- 6/1/77 (Gilbert)
  - 1. see transcript of taped phone interview

**C. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES**

**1. SECRET SERVICE**

- a. reported a Klansman to the SS on 11/22 (see case load section above)
- b. Hosty's book talks about how the Secret Service did not really want assistance from the other agencies. Hosty mentions that this was a topic of conversation at the 11/22 meeting with Ellsworth & Coyle. Even when Hosty takes the flyer over to the Secret Service office, he says that they brush him off, saying that they already had copies.

**2. CIA**

- a. Dealt with Walton Moore of the Domestic Contacts Division. Moore knew Heitman from college. Did not talk to him about JFK before the assassination. (HSCA Dep. 72)
- b. Vaguely recalls supplies passing through Dallas shortly before Bay of Pigs and hearing that the FBI was told that it was a CIA operation and to stay away from it. Definitely does not recall the CIA telling the FBI not to investigate anti-Castro Cuban groups in the Dallas area. Infrequent contacts with CIA. Talked to CIA rep. only when there was a reason to do so.

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(HSCA Dep. 73)

- c. Had heard George deMohrenschildt's name but did not know him. Had not discussed de Mohrenschildt with Moore, the CIA rep. Not aware of deMohrenschildt having any relationships with any intelligence agencies. Did not know Linwood Davis or Maurice Bishop. Did not know who Maurice Bishop was. (HSCA Dep. 74)

## II. POST-ASSASSINATION

### A. FBI INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION

#### 1. **HOSTY ACTIVITIES BETWEEN THE ASSASSINATION AND HIS ARRIVAL AT THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT ON 11/22**

- a. hears news, gets a radio car, drives to Trade Mart, then to Parkland, then back to FBI. At FBI, he starts to gather up a list of possible suspects from the right-wing people he is investigating. Then, ordered to go to DPD (HSCA Dep. 13-16) (Hosty book 11-17)

#### 2. **AT DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT ON 11/22**

##### a. Discussion with Revill in DPD Garage

- i. Hosty Personnel File
  - A. many intra-Bureau documents about the Revill conversation -- see copies from personnel file
- ii. Warren Commission
  - A. Commission Exhibit 831
    1. 4/27/64 letter from Hoover to Rankin responding to *Dallas Morning News* article about whether the FBI knew Oswald was "capable" of the Act & newspaper article
    2. Hosty affidavit responding to the newspaper article
- iii. Hosty's HSCA Testimony:
  - A. Revill just finished TSBD search. Told Hosty that Oswald missing & was a prime suspect. Hosty knew Oswald had been in custody for an hour. Hosty told Revill that Oswald had a Communist background, killed a police officer, and was in custody. Revill surprised a Communist would do it because JFK was "soft on Communism." Hosty angered by this b/c he liked JFK and told Revill that Oswald "sure was capable of doing it." (HSCA Dep. 16-18)
  - B. Did not tell Revill (nor did he think that) Oswald was prone to violence or that the FBI could have known he was capable of committing the assassination. Revill may not have heard correctly -- news crews all around, etc... Or, Revill may have gotten this idea of "capability" from the TX Dept. of Public Safety, who had expressed the notion that Oswald was "capable" of assassination. (HSCA Dep. 29-30) Despite his previous battery of Marina, Hosty thought that Oswald was not violent because he refused to fight with Marina. (HSCA Dep. 30-31) H. did not know Oswald authored the note when he talked to Revill. (HSCA Dep. 31)
  - C. Did not know Oswald court martialled for brawling in the USMC until 12/63. Did not know about Oswald suicide attempt in USSR. Did not know about attempt on Genl Walker. (HSCA Dep. 31-32)
- iv. Revill's HSCA Testimony

- A. They met in parking garage & Hosty told Revill that Oswald was in the FBI's communist file, the FBI knew he was in Dallas, and they knew he was capable of killing the President. Revill upset because FBI and DPD supposed to be working together. (HSCA Vol. IV at 604-606)
- B. Never asked Hosty about the source of his information on Oswald. Revill wrote a report about the conversation, but hoped it would never come up because Revill believed that Hoover would crucify Hosty if the fact of the conversation ever got out. (HSCA Vol. IV at 604-606)
- v. Hosty book 119
  - A. ask about original Revill memo (pre-addition of last incendiary paragraph), including Murph. -- 122
- b. Interview with Oswald in Fritz's Office**
  - i. Entered Fritz's office at 3:15 p.m. and assisted Fritz, 2 detectives, and SA Bookout interview Oswald. Oswald said, "Oh, you're Hosty, the one who has been bothering my wife." Fritz conducted interview, but Hosty gave him some questions. Oswald denied being in Mexico City. Interview ended abruptly at 4:05 (HSCA Dep. 18-21, 24)
  - ii. Most of the interview was about Oswald's background, whereabouts, etc... (HSCA Dep. 25)
  - iii. Hosty took handwritten notes at this interview, which he has copied in the insert to his book (Hosty book, insert)
  - iv. Hosty book at 104-105
- c. Post-Interview**
  - i. **PHONE CALL WITH FBI**  
phone call from FBI to Hosty -- "do not tell the DPD anything about Mexico City" (HSCA Dep. 22-23) Hosty felt there was confusion with regard to what he was allowed to tell the DPD (HSCA Dep. 24)
  - ii. **REVIEW OF OSWALD POSSESSIONS**  
review of LHO possessions after interview (5-6 p.m. -- went through physical evidence -- HSCA Dep. 32-35)
    - A. ADDRESS BOOK**
      - 1. believes that Ruth Paine wrote down his name and phone number on 11/1, then Marina wrote down his license number on 11/5 (HSCA Dep. 32-36)
      - 2. does not know why the name "Gandy" was in book (HSCA Dep. 35)
      - 3. talked to other FBI agents about his name in the book. It was not a secret & no one ever told him not to discuss it (HSCA Dep. 41)

4. transcription of address book on back of pre-printed forms
5. Hosty book -- 73, 79
6. Warren Report  
Hosty and Mrs. Paine testified that on November 1, 1963, Hosty left his name and phone number with Mrs. Paine so that she could advise Hosty when she learned where Oswald was living in Dallas.<sup>772</sup> Mrs. Paine and Marina Oswald have testified that Mrs. Paine handed Oswald the slip of paper on which Hosty had written this information. <sup>773</sup> In accordance with prior instructions from Oswald, <sup>774</sup> Marina Oswald noted Hosty's license number which she gave to her husband. <sup>775</sup> The address of the Dallas office of the FBI could have been obtained from many public sources.

**B. MINOX CAMERA**

1. DL police detective Gus Rose says he found a Minox "spy camera" in Oswald's old Marine seabag & Bill Alexander says he saw it, too. It was listed with other confiscated possessions in Dallas police headquarters and kept there until the FBI took over the inquiry and carried off all evidence, including the camera, to Washington. FBI claims they only found a Minox light meter & not a camera. (Summers, *Conspiracy*, 202)
2. Photographs
  - a. Picture of Minox, Model-B Camera (H. Keith Melton, *CIA Special Weapons & Equipment: Spy Devices of the Cold War*, 25)
  - b. Dallas Police Crime Lab photo showing some of the belongings of Oswald. In the center of the photo is the small Minox camera that the FBI said they did not have. (Gary Save, *JFK First Day Evidence*, 208)
3. Rusty Livingston (former Dallas Police Crime Lab Detective) wrote a book. Has a picture in the book allegedly showing the camera.

iii. TALKS TO SECRET SERVICE AGENTS PATTERSON/SORRELS

A. HSCA

1. testimony of Inspector Kelley: heard from Agent Patterson that an FBI agent in Dallas (Hosty) had top secret information with regard to Oswald. Never found out what the top secret information was. (HSCA Vol. 3, 333)

- B. Hosty says he talked to Sorrels & that Patterson was trying to listen in "Mr. Sorrels, I can't tell you the full story, but have your headquarters call my headquarters. We have two items of secret information on some of Oswald's contacts that you should have." (Hosty book 28)

**3. TIPPIT SHOOTING**

- a. the "Oswald Squad" of FBI would be investigating Tippit's killing. SA Bob Barrett headed it

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- b. because he had been at the crime scene and the arrest of Oswald. (Hosty book 68)  
Oswald wallet at Tippit scene
  - i. Agent Bob Barrett went to the Tippit murder scene immediately upon hearing about it on the radio. Although Capn. Westbrook and the DPD were in charge, Barrett inspected the crime scene. "Near the puddle of blood where Tippit's body had lain, Westbrook had found a man's leather wallet. In it, he discovered identification for Lee Oswald . . . Westbrook called Barrett over and showed him the wallet . . . Westbrook took the wallet into his custody so that it could be placed into police property later. . . ." (Hosty book 62)  
  
"Although official police reports would later state that Oswald's wallet and identification were found on Oswald's person when he was arrested in the movie theater, Barrett insists that Westbrook found them near where Tippit was slain." (Hosty book 62)  
  
"Also at the scene, Barrett inspected spent shell casings and listened to one of the numerous eyewitnesses to the shooting." (Hosty book 62)
- c. Tippit Witness Identification of Oswald in Lineup

**4. AT FBI ON 11/22**

- a. **Discovery of the note**
  - i. Howe had note when Hosty returned from DPD. Howe said he went to Hosty's workbox to get Kostikov information & found note in cellophane envelope on top. Howe took note to Shanklin (HSCA Dep. 43) SA Bookout had already called from the DPD to the FBI to report that Oswald was mad at Hosty for interviewing his wife. (HSCA Dep. 49-50)
- b. **Discussion with Shanklin & Howe**
  - i. Shanklin & Howe asked Hosty about note. They were upset & ordered Hosty to dictate a memo about it & incorporate the text into the note. (HSCA Dep. 43-44) Not until meeting with Oswald did Hosty figure out that the note was from Oswald. (HSCA Dep. 49-50)
  - ii. Shanklin & Howe knew about note. Fenner knew that an envelope had been delivered (though she may not have seen the contents.) Martha Connally took dictation for Hosty's memo, but she may not have remembered it. Does not know whether anyone at FBI HQ knew about the note. (HSCA Dep. 51-52) Did not tell Odum about note (HSCA Dep. 60)
- c. **Memo re: note**
  - i. outlined Hosty's visit to Paine house; interview w/Marina; explaining that he had not harassed her; set out the contents of the note. Only other person who saw the note was Shanklin, and S. didn't tell Hosty that the note was unsatisfactory. Memo did not mention that his name appeared in the notebook. Did not mention the LHO letter to USSR Embassy (b/c Hosty didn't get that until 11/23.) Memo was 2-4 pages & was complete & turned into Shanklin on 11/22. No references to Mexico City. (HSCA Dep. 50-53)

**5. AFTER 11/22**

a. **Destruction of the Note & Memo on 11/24**

- i. 2-4 hours after Oswald shot, Howe told Hosty Shanklin wanted to see hijm. Shanklin gave Hosty the note & said, "Oswald is dead. Get rid of this." Hosty took it & flushed it down a toilet. Several days later, Shanklin asked what he had done with it & Hosty told him. Shanklin seemed satisfied. (HSCA Dep. 45)
- ii. Does not know why Shanklin wanted the note destroyed. Specifically recalls Shanklin saying something about Oswald being dead & destroying the note. H. believes the note had no evidentiary value. H. never considered NOT destroying the LHO note. Did it spontaneously after he was told to do it. Had no second thoughts. Did it because he was ordered to do it. (HSCA Dep. 55-57)
- iii. Did not consider it to be evidence of a crime. Did not consider it to be a document because it was "not entered into the record." The supervisor or SAC can decide whether to serialize documents & it was not serialized. Intended to try to find out who it was from & perhaps talk to the person about it. H. could have recommended to a supervisor that it be entered into the files. (HSCA Dep. 57-58)
- iv. Has not destroyed any documents other than in the course of normal file destruction. BUT! they "always have memoranda that aren't entered into the file" and things that are thrown away because it is not "serialized." (HSCA Dep. 58-59)
- v. Can't say whether Shanklin's order to destroy was a major decision or not. (HSCA Dep. 59)
- vi. **Shanklin's Instructions to Odum**: Odum told Hosty that Odum had a copy of a rough draft letter that he had just obtained from Ruth Paine and that Shanklin may have told Odum to destroy it. Odum did not destroy it. He put it in an exhibit envelope. At the same time, Shanklin told Hosty to destroy WC exhibit 103, but Hosty did not -- instead putting it in an exhibit envelope. (HSCA Dep. 59-60)
- vii. Hosty book -- 59+
  - A. "note" story hits the press -- 181
  - B. DeLoach said Hoover knew about the note -- 242
    1. knows from reviewing Belmont's files -- 242

b. **Inspector Gale's Questions**

- i. On 12/5, Inspector Gale sends questions for Hosty through Shanklin.
  - A. official copy of questions (Hosty's Personnel File at FBI)
- ii. Hosty answered the questions, but believes that the answers were changed. (Hosty book Answers were changed before the memo was sent to Washington. The answers in the 12/8 letter from Shanklin to Hoover are not the same as the answers he, in fact, gave on 12/6/63. 16 questions. At least two answers were changed. He thinks they were numbers 5 and 6. Does not know who made the changes. With a tone of disgust in his voice, Howe advised Hosty to keep a copy of his answers. (HSCA Dep. 69-70)
- iii. Hosty book -- 42, 100-101, 178 (answers changed), 184 (mtg w/Kelley)

c. **Interview of Marina (also INS, Secret Service)**

- i. FBI Records re: INS Interview
  - A. Marina “entirely uncooperative during attempts to interview her” on 11/27/63. She indicated that “she might be willing to cooperate if she had some concrete assurances she could remain in the U.S.” FBI then contacted INS and INS offered to send someone down to provide assurances to Marina that she would not be deported. Arrangements made for Anatole E. Boguslav, a Russian-speaking INS agent, to fly from New York to Dallas by the Air Force to assist. [In fact, Fred Harvey, Jr., Deputy Asst. Comm’r, INS, went instead.] Memo specifically states that, once the INS agent has completed his part, Bureau agents should be the only ones present for their interview of Marina. (11/28/63 Letterhead Memo from Moore to Sullivan)
  - B. Recommendation that FBI send a letter to Comm’r of INS thanking him for the assistance rendered to the Bureau on 11/28/63. (12/5/63 letterhead memo from Brennan to Sullivan)
  - C. From 12/9/63 cable summarizing interview with Marina: “As Mr. Fred Harvey of US INS Headquarters had told her on 11/28 last, in presence of interviewing agents, that her residence in the US was legal and that no steps would be taken to deport her if she cooperated with the Government. She was informed that she could remain in the US under these conditions.” (cable 12/9/63 (? date not clear) from SAC, Dallas, to Director (attn. Sullivan))
- ii. Hosty Account of Interview
  - A. Hosty book:

“[T]he INS man had arrived: he was seated over in the corner, sipping coffee, keeping to himself. No one knew exactly what he was going to tell Marina. We all figured the INS was probably going to deport her. At least I hoped that was a possibility, because I could use that threat as leverage in getting at the truth.” (Hosty book 87)

Sorrels said, “[T]he [INS] is sending down its number-one attorney, and they’ve insisted he talk with Marina before you do.” (Hosty book 83)

INS agent, with Gopadze, talks to Marina. When they came out, “Gopadze told [Hosty and SA Brown] that the INS man had just informed Marina that the INS was most definitely not going to deport her, but that they still wanted her to cooperate with the FBI.” Hosty is angry, “Damn it, why did he go and do that!” . . . “Now we have no leverage over her. She knows that she is not going to be deported and if she wants to she can lie as much as she wants.” (Hosty book 89)

Account of Interview (Hosty book 91)
  - B. HSCA Testimony:

11/26/63 -- interviewed Marina with SA Charles Brown (FBI), and Secret Service Agents Gopadze and Max Phillips. Did not threaten Marina with deportation. *Before* they went, an INS person told Marina that she would not be deported. Did not have authority to deport her. (HSCA Dep. 67-68) Says interview was not too friendly. Gopadze (SS) interpreted. (HSCA Dep. 68)

d. **Hosty picks up Wallet, Shell, Address Book from Fritz**

- i. DeBrueys and Hosty were working on cataloguing all of the evidence for transport back to HQ. On 11/27/63 -- early morning -- Vince Drain (liaison to DPD) came in to tell them that the police still had evidence they forgot to give the FBI.

“Capn. Fritz has in his desk Oswald’s wallet, one shell casing from the rifle on the sixth floor of the depository, and Oswald’s notebook. Fritz said to run over to his office and he’ll give this stuff to us. Hosty, Malley and Shaklin want you to go over there yourself and get it.” (Hosty book 78)

Hosty arrives at station at 1:00 a.m. -- Fritz already there. Fritz handed over evidence and Hosty fills out a receipt for the evidence. (Hosty book 78)

Later that day, Hosty says that SA Horton told him that he thought that Malley and Shaklin had sent Hosty alone to Fritz’s office to give him a chance to tear out the page in Oswald’s address book that referred to Hosty. (Hosty book 79)

e. **Ruby**

- i. Hosty book; DPD asked FBI for info on Ruby -- 56  
ii. Ruby -- PCI -- 57

f. **Mexico City -- Photo, Transcript, Tape**

- i. FBI agents in Dallas who “conversed” with Oswald saw photos of the person who contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City & listened to an audiotape
- A. “The [CIA] advised that on [10/1/63], an extremely sensitive source had reported that an individual identified himself as Lee Oswald, who contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City inquiring as to any messages. Special Agents of this Bureau, who have conversed with Oswald in Dallas, Texas, have observed photographs of the individual referred to above and have listened to a recording of his voice. These Special Agents are of the opinion that the above-referred-to individual was not Lee Harvey Oswald.” (11/23/63 letterhead memo from FBI to Secret Service) (also discussed in *quoted in*, Peter Dale Scott, *Deep Politics*, 42)
- ii. Hosty book explains that Hosty heard about SA Heitman going to the Navy air base outside Dallas on 11/23 to meet Eldon Rudd, assistant Legat in Mexico City, and to pick up a surveillance photo and a phone intercept transcript. SA Odum then had the Rudd photo and showed it to Hosty. Hosty knew immediately that it was not Oswald. (Hosty book 36-37)

g. **Interview of Sylvia Odio**

- i. SA Odum and Hosty interviewed Odio. Not a credible witness. Not good English skills. Story seemed confused and disjointed. (HSCA Dep. 68-69)
- ii. Gemberling sent Odum & Hosty to Irving, Texas, interview Odio in late Dec. 1963. His account of her story & the mistakes therein is in the Hosty book at 132-134.

B. **ALLEGATION ABOUT SECRET SERVICE AGENTS ON GRASSY KNOLL**

1. Ellsworth told Hosty (twice) that Ellsworth and Carl Booth (also ATF) helped to search the TSBD.

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Does not recall Ellsworth telling him that he had identified himself to a law enforcement officer. (HSCA Dep. at 23-24)

2. HSCA OCR 11/8/77 in which Hosty says Ellsworth told him that he (Ellsworth) was the man on the knoll who was asked to identify himself by Dallas law enforcement officials.

**III. WARREN COMMISSION**

**A. HOSTY TESTIMONY**

1. Hoover meets with Hosty after his testimony & talks to him about how his actions have embarrassed the FBI. (5/27/64)
2. Hosty book 135+

**B. GEMBERLING TRANSCRIPTION OF ADDRESS BOOK FOR WARREN COMMISSION**

1. does not know why Gemberling left his name out, esp. since DPD already knew about his name in the notebook so that the FBI could not have hidden it (HSCA Dep. 38)
2. HSCA talked to many WC staffers about the "address book" issue (Redlich, Specter, Slawson, Fautroy, Griffin)
  - a. HSCA reported that the WC members were concerned about being too dependent on the FBI when they learned about the omission of Hosty's name from the address book transcription. They talked about bringing in Hosty or Belmont to discuss with them the transcription of address book. The WC did not feel that they could fully investigate allegations that Oswald was an informant. (Vol. XI 40-41, 119)
  - b. Redlich discovered the omission -- told Rankin -- they held a staff meeting on 2/11/64 to discuss the allegation that Oswald was an informant & also the address book transcription. Decided to allow FBI to explain. Wrote FBI & FBI wrote back that day with the explanation that Hosty's name was not a lead. (HSCA Vol. XI 47-50)

**IV. DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**A. LETTER OF CENSURE**

1. Letter of censure in 12/63. (HSCA Dep. 70)

**B. UNPAID LEAVE + TRANSFER TO KANSAS CITY**

1. 10/64 disciplined again. Transferred to Dallas office on 9/28/64, day after WC report came out. Does not think transfer was related to WC testimony. Thinks it is because he could no longer be effective in Dallas (b/c of controversy w/DPD). (HSCA Dep. 70-72)
2. Through FOIA, has learned that the decision to transfer him was made in 4/64. Seems that FBI HQ believed that he knew more about the Kostikov situation than he did. Does not think HQ could have realized that he didn't know about it until his testimony in 1975. (HSCA Dep. 70-72)

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3. Hosty book 163

**C. CORRECTION**

1. Hosty book -- 244

**V. TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS**

**A. EDWARDS COMMITTEE**

1. Hosty book -- 194+
  - a. Fenner testimony -- 195+
  - b. Shanklin testimony -- 198+
  - c. Shanklin's sec'y (who remembers someone ordering destruction of the note) -- 200+
  - d. Hosty testimony -- 201+
  - e. 11/22 a.m. meeting 201-202
  - f. Howe testimony 203

**B. CHURCH COMMITTEE**

1. esp. Carver Gayton
2. Hosty book -- 204+
  - a. Carver Gayton story-- 207

**C. HSCA**

1. Hosty testimony
2. esp. issue of not being called back & Hosty's statements to the press (Hosty book 231+)
3. Hosty book -- 227+
  - a. statement to press against HSCA -- 238

**VI. RECORDS IN HOSTY'S POSSESSION**

- A. handwritten notes of the Oswald interrogation in Fritz's office
- B. case assignment cards for Oswald & Marina Oswald
- C. handwritten "transcription" of Oswald's address book (Hosty book pp. 26-27)
- D. records relating to disciplinary actions
  1. esp. Inspector Gale questions & answers
- E. records relating to testimony before Warren Commission or Congress
- F. Others?
  1. including copies of affidavits he may have furnished for the use of the FBI (HSCA Dep. at 4-5)