

Hosty Warren Commission Testimony
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- 441 Background: name & address, Notre Dame, B.S., 1948. Joined FBI in 1952, after working for a bank and then as a salesman. FBI: first in Louisville division on general investigation, then to Dallas on general investigation, then switched to security investigations in Dallas.
- 441-2 Background of Oswald Cases: Fain closed the LHO case when he retired from FBI. Hosty took over Marina's file, which Fain left on "pending inactive" status, which meant nothing should be done for 6 mos. At the end of 6 mos., it became a "pending" case, so Hosty attempted to locate Marina for interview on 3/4/63. Marina's case had never been active -- it was established as a "pending inactive" case. "Pending inactive" is different from "Closed." In a "pending inactive" case, papers that come into the office are routed through the agent. In a "closed" case, papers that come into the office go directly into the file.
- 441 SOBIR: FBI standard practice to selectively interview immigrants from behind the Iron Curtain.
- 441-2 Marina Case: On 3/4/63, Hosty learned through INS records that Marina had moved from Fort Worth to Dallas (to Elsbeth Street in Oak Cliff section of Dallas.) He went to Elsbeth Street and learned from landlady that Oswalds had been evicted for drinking and fighting. Hosty learned from P.O. that they moved to Neely St.
- 442 Marina Case: On 3/14/63, Hosty verified Neely St. address. Decided not to interview them immediately b/c of domestic difficulties -- wanted to give them a "cooling off period."
- 442 LHO Case: checked LHO's file and learned from NY office that LHO was on the mailing list of the *Daily Worker*. (Even closed files will get new information & periodic review of these is part of the FBI's review process.) Then, on 3/31/63, Hosty requested in a letter to HQ that LHO's file be reopened and it was.
- 442 Oswald Cases: Decided to let the Oswalds cool off for 45 days, as the interviews were not urgent. When he checked again in mid-May, they had moved & left no forwarding address.
- 443 Marina Case: While Fain had the case, the only thing Hosty did was check the INS records for Fain.
- 443 LHO Case: Fain could have put Lee's case in a "pending inactive" status, rather than closing it, but only if Fain had thought that there was more work to be done on the case, like reinterview Lee in 6 mos.
- 443 Marina: Was aware that Marina did not speak English.

443 Oswalds in New Orleans: In 6/17/63, New Orleans requested info on LHO, having located him in N.O. Hosty asked N.O. to verify that they were there (about 2 weeks later.)

444 Chron:

3/4/63: got address in Dallas

3/11/63: determined they had moved from Elsbeth to Neely

3/14/63: verified Neely address

3/25/63: requested case be reopened

mid May: determined they had moved

6/17/63: heard from New Orleans that Oswalds were there

early July: asked New Orleans to verify above

early Aug.: New Orleans verified info, thereby b/coming office of origin

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