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Body: N E W S R E L E A S EFOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 11, 1997CONTACT: THOM WILBORN(202) 724-0088, EXT. 251JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD ACQUIRES ORIGINAL RECORDS FROM FORMER FBI AGENT ASSIGNED TO LEE HARVEY OSWALD The Assassination Records Review Board, an independent federal agency overseeing the review and release of records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, announced today that it has acquired original records from James P. Hosty, Jr., a former FBI agent who was assigned to the investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald before the assassination. Among the records received are notes that, according to Hosty, he wrote on the afternoon of November 22, 1963, during an interrogation of Oswald within hours of his arrest by the Dallas Police. ï¾€These records donated by Mr. Hosty are a significant addition to the historical record of the assassination of President Kennedy,ï¾€ said Judge John R. Tunheim, Chair of the Board. ï¾€Notes from the Oswald interrogation are unique. No comparable papers have surfaced in the 33 years since the assassination. Each time we add a document, a film or a photograph to the record, we add another piece to the assassination puzzle.ï¾€ Hosty was the FBI counter-intelligence agent assigned to the Oswald case prior to the assassination. After Oswald was arrested and in custody following the assassination, Hosty joined other federal and local law enforcement officials at the Dallas Police Department to question the suspect. He first reported that he had retained his notes from the Oswald interview in Assignment Oswald, the 1996 book he wrote on the assassination:ï¾€My usual practice was to destroy handwritten notes once the report of any interview was finalized . . . At that time [during his testimony before the Warren Commission in 1964] I truly believed that I had destroyed them . . . but several months after the Warren Report was released, I discovered the notes among my papers in my desk. Realizing their significance, I chose to hang on to them . . .ï¾€ During a recent appearance before the Review Board, Hosty turned the notes and other records over to the Board for eventual inclusion in the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection at the National Archives. Other records that he donated include his original handwritten notes from a November 23, 1963 interview he conducted with Mrs. Ruth Paine, with whom Oswaldï¾€s wife, Marina, was living at the time of the assassination. Oswald had allegedly stored a rifle in the Paineï¾€s garage in Irving, Texas. Paine told Hosty that she thought Oswald had been in the garage the night before the assassination, but she was unaware that Oswald owned a rifle. Copies of Hostyï¾€s handwritten notes from the Oswald interrogation and his notes from the interview with Mrs. Paine are available from the Review Board. The Assassination Records Review Board was established by The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, which was signed into law by President George Bush. The five members of the Board were appointed by President

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