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Mr. Rankin. To examine Mosty, the FBI Agent who was working in that area, and to examine the Special Agent in Charge of the area, and to examine Mr. Hoover, under oath, right up the line.

I felt, however, as I told the Chief Justice, that I thought this Commission was entitled to have the full cooperation of another Government Agency, and that we don't have what I would consider any substantial proof of this rumor.

We do have a dirty rumor that is very bad for the Commission, the problem and it is very damaging to the agencies that are involved in it and it must be wiped out insofar as it is possible to do so by this Commission.

So it seemed to me in light of that the way I would treat it if I were in their position would be to have someone approach me, tell me the problem and see what I frankly could do to clear my skirts if there was a way to do it and as long as the Commission didn't agree not to go further, if they felt that would not satisfy them, I don't see how the Commission would be prejudiced.

Rep. Boyce. Mr. Wade, what significance did Wade attach to this?

Mr. Rankin. I don't think he -- you could say he believed. I don't think you could say he disbelieved it. He had just thought there was too much there to disregard but he just thought, he seemed to indicate, in his statements, that he couldn't believe that it would be possible.

But he didn't indicate by any statement that he didn't

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Rep. Beggs. There was no problem in proving he was employed by the CIA.

Mr. Dulles. No. He had a signed contract.

Rep. Beggs. Let's say scovors did not have a signed contract but he was recruited by someone in CIA. The man who recruited him would know, wouldn't he?

Mr. Dulles. Yes, but he wouldn't tell.

The Chairman. Wouldn't tell it under oath?

Mr. Dulles. I wouldn't think he would tell it under oath,

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The Chairman. Why?

Mr. Dulles. He ought not tell it under oath. Maybe not tell it to his own government but wouldn't tell it any other way.

Mr. McCloy. Wouldn't he tell it to his own chief?

Mr. Dulles. He might or might not. If he was a bad one then he wouldn't.

Rep. Beggs. What you do is you make out a problem if this is true, make our problem utterly impossible because you say his rumor can't be dissipated under any circumstances.

Mr. Dulles. I don't think it can unless you believe Mr. Hoover, and so forth and so on, which probably most of the people will.

Mr. McCloy. Allen, suppose somebody when you were head of CIA came to you, another government agency and said specifically, "If you will tell us", suppose the President of the United

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states comes to you and says, "Will you tell me, Mr. Dulles?"

Mr. Dulles. I would tell the President of the United States anything, yes, I am under his control. He is my boss. I wouldn't necessarily tell anybody else, unless the President authorized me to do it. We had that come up at times.

Mr. McCloy. You wouldn't tell the Secretary of Defense?

Mr. Dulles. Well, it depends a little bit on the circumstances. If it was within the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense, but otherwise I would go to the President, and I do on some cases.

Mr. Rankin. If that is all that is necessary, I think we could get the President to direct anybody working for the government to answer this question. If we have to we would get that direction.

Mr. Dulles. What I was getting at, I think under any circumstances, I think Mr. Hoover would say certainly he didn't have anything to do with this fellow.

Mr. McCloy. Mr. Hoover didn't have anything to do with him but his agent. Did you directly or indirectly employ him.

Mr. Dulles. But if he says no, I didn't have anything to do with it. You can't prove what the facts are. There are no external evidences. I would believe Mr. Hoover. Some people might not. I don't think there is any external evidence other than the person's word that he did or did not employ a particular man as a secret agent. No matter what.

is when you are, I don't know whether too much of this will be on the record as far as the Soviet is concerned. If you want to incriminate someone and tie them to you, you would give them money and give them a receipt. But that doesn't by any means cover it up. But on occasion.

Sen. Russell. Is that when you would want to blackmail him? Mr. Dulles. That is correct. Klaus Fuchs, take Hiss with the rug, they wanted to have some evidence, he couldn't run away then, he was caught, he was trapped.

Sen. Cooper. I was reading some place that it has been shown in the Soviet papers that this man was in the employ of the FBI. Mr. Rankin. Yes, the Information Service has given us that.

Sen. Cooper. The fact that these officials have come here give us something official in the way that we did not have before, I would think.

Mr. Rankin. Allen, how would you feel about it, if you were head of the CIA now, and the same claim was made and this Commission was worried about the claim being believed by the public, and they would ask you, would you want the Commission to come to you directly?

Mr. Dulles. Oh, yes, certainly I would.

Mr. Rankin. Or would you want us to go out and examine witnesses first?

Mr. Dulles. I think I would want you to come so I could

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Mr. McCloy. We do get a statement from the Department that the Attorney General and perhaps from Mr. Hoover or from Mr. Hoover which said, "I am telling you that this man was not in any way employed by the FBI", or in the case of John McCloy or the CIA, I think that probably stops us, unless we run into something --

Mr. Dulles. That would be all right with me. Whether it needs with the others -- Mr. McCloy. Now there is put in our hand a document that shows he was paid a certain amount of money. Maybe we would have to go further than that but I think it would be almost incumbent upon us to ask the head of the agencies whether or not this man was an employee.

Rep. Boggs. Just to examine a little further your statement, I would believe that could establish whether or not this fellow got \$200 a month, almost certainly establish it.

Mr. Dulles. How could you? He is dead and you haven't got his bank account or anything of that kind.

Sen. Russell. The only trouble is these undercover agents they don't keep one line of writing, not one word anywhere.

Mr. Dulles. Sometimes you very often, in the Soviet, they did it all the time, they wanted to compromise a person and they would deliberately see that there was a record, they would keep it, and they would force money on people, and force money, people to give receipts, sometimes they would want to do that. But that

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5 matter of grave embarrassment to everybody.

Mr. Dulles. Hasn't it gone maybe a little further in the press. Here is the New York Times of Sunday, January 25, that is yesterday. Here are 12 questions, this is an article from Dallas by Jack Langguth of the Times. Here are 12 questions sometimes asked and the most authoritative answers now available.

The first question, "Did Oswald serve at some period as a paid informer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation?"

"A spokesman for that agency denied today that Oswald was at any time employed by the Bureau in any capacity.

"Newspapers and magazine articles have speculated that Oswald was in the service of the FBI infiltrating leftist organizations at its request.

"The Bureau's denial is categorical."

So we have --

Mr. McCloy. We don't know who the spokesman is.

Sen. Russell. If Oswald never had assassinated the President or at least been charged with assassinating the President and had been in the employ of the FBI and somebody had gone to the FBI they would have denied he was an agent.

Mr. Dulles. Oh, yes.

Sen. Russell. They would be the first to deny it. Your agents would have done exactly the same thing.

Mr. Dulles. Exactly.

Sen. Russell. Say I never heard about the man who may have

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what harm would there be in talking to Hoover without waiving any right to make any investigation in the public?

Mr. McCloy. This is going to build up. In New York I am already beginning to hear about it. I got a call from Time-Life about it. Maybe it is prompted by this letter with these 12 perplexing questions -- no, it wasn't because it came before that. "What is there to this story?"

Mr. Dulles. There is a terribly hard thing to disprove, you know. How do you disprove a fellow was not your agent. How do you disprove it.

Rep. Boggs. You could disprove it, couldn't you?

Mr. Dulles. No.

Rep. Boggs. I know, ask questions about something --

Mr. Dulles. I never knew how to disprove it.

Rep. Boggs. So I will ask you. Did you have agents about whom you had no record whatsoever?

Mr. Dulles. The record might not be on paper. But on paper would have hieroglyphics that only two people know what they meant, and nobody outside of the agency would know and you could say this meant the agent and somebody else could say it meant another agent.

Rep. Boggs. Let's take a specific case, that fellow Powers was one of your men.

Mr. Dulles. Oh, yes, he was not an agent. He was an employee.

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Francis Gary Powers was a CIA U-2 pilot shot down over the USSR and captured alive. The affair accomplished what the CIA could have expected. It ended the Eisenhower-Khrushchev effort at detente.

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I do believe, I am inclined to believe, if we just go and indicate to Mr. Hoover that we are now investigating his probity without having tried to determine whether it is fact or fiction, that he might have reason to believe that we were doing it.

Sen. Russell. Back to the way I felt about it.

Mr. Dulles. We ought to go to him.

The Chairman. That is the difference between my approach and his approach. We must go into this thing from both ends, from the end of the rumormongers and from the end of the FBI, and if we come into a cul de sac why we are there but we can report on it.

Now that is the way it would appeal to me. These are things where people can reasonably disagree. Whatever you want to do I am willing to approach it in that manner.

Mr. Dulles. I agree with that, Mr. Chairman. May I point out, I don't think there is necessarily a question of probity. It might look so to the country. It is Mr. Hoover's job to watch the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and to try to penetrate it in any way he could. The reason I don't believe it is this fellow was so incompetent that he was not the kind of fellow that Hoover would hire. If this fellow was hired, I wouldn't discredit this might be a normal thing to do but he was so stupid. Hoover didn't hire this kind of a stupid fellow but for him to want to penetrate the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and find out what it is doing in this country is just as much of his duty as it is to penetrate

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