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The Director stated the Warren Commission had completely distorted the FBI's investigation of Oswald; that Oswald had not given any indication of being a violent type of individual, nor did we have any record of violence on his part until after the assassination. He was a "loner." He had gone to Russia, had defected, and had worked in a factory in Russia. Mr. Hoover said he personally thought it was wrong to grant Oswald a visa to return to this country and to allow him full citizenship rights when he did return.

The next question dealt with the approaching anniversary of President Kennedy's death and the Director was asked if he would comment on the Warren report. Mr. Hoover said the Warren report was not fair as far as the FBI is concerned; that they did not release the full testimony of witnesses; that they did not release his own testimony and that he felt there was no such thing as complete security of a President. He stated President Johnson is an extrovert and he is not going to allow himself to be "boxed in." He said we could not arrest every crack pot without creating a police state.

A reporter stated that the Warren Commission had criticized the FBI because the FBI had taken an unduly restrictive view of its authority in preventing intelligence. The reporter inquired as to whether the Director agreed with this criticism. The Director emphatically replied that the criticism by the Warren Commission was unwarranted, untrue, and a classic example of Monday morning quarterbacking. The Director again reiterated that the FBI had not known of any violence whatsoever in Oswald's background. As a result there had been no need or necessity to furnish Oswald's name to the Secret Service or to the Dallas police.

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