TO : Mr. Wick   DATE: 2-20-67

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: F. N. RICHMOND
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By letter dated 2-12-67 (attached), Richmond refers to an article in the 2-25-67 issue of "The Saturday Evening Post" which reports an interview with former Vice President Richard M. Nixon. In this interview Nixon discusses the assassination of President Kennedy and relates to a conversation he had with Mr. Hoover on 11-22-63. According to Nixon, he called Mr. Hoover and asked, "What happened? Was it one of the nuts?" Mr. Hoover is reported as saying "No, it was a Communist." Richmond asked if Mr. Hoover remembers the call from Mr. Nixon and whether the statement attributed to Mr. Hoover is correctly quoted.

A review of Bufiles does not disclose a record of Mr. Hoover's conversation with Mr. Nixon on 11-22-63; however, the Director's Office does have a record indicating Mr. Nixon telephonically contacted Mr. Hoover about 4 p.m., 11-22-63. During the conversation with the Attorney General at 4:01 p.m. on 11-22-63, the Attorney General asked Mr. Hoover if Oswald was a communist. Mr. Hoover said Oswald is not a communist but has communist leanings. Mr. Hoover told the Attorney General it is entirely possible Oswald may have some communist sympathies but, so far as we know, he is not a member of the Communist Party.

OBSERVATION:

Since a record of the 11-22-63 conversation between Mr. Nixon and Mr. Hoover is not available, it is believed we should not make a positive statement either affirming or denying the quote attributed to the Director in the 2-25-67 issue of "The Saturday Evening Post." The attached letter to Mr. Richmond leaves open the question as to exactly what was said during this conversation.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Wick - Enclosures (2)
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Memorandum to Mr. Wick
RE: F. N. Richmond

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be forwarded to Mr. Richmond in answer to his inquiry.