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26. Belmont to Director 12/4/1963 Ditto to above #8. See attachment where Belmont quotes Katz's response to CD1 as "sensational."

27. Baumgardner to Sullivan 11/26/1963 62-109060-1696 (sect. 21)). Look at Hoover's marginalia. The doc. notes criticism of the FBI in "The Worker." Irony here: Hoover hoped to use the assassination (by Marxist Oswald) as part of his campaign to destroy the CPUSA. Now the CP was turning the tables. See his marginalia where he bemoans the fact that he wanted a "early" and "thorough" report. . . was not "meeting with any success within the Bureau." Pressure on the entire agency

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Outlines what CD 1 covered

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***** What is clever here is position of DeL and Belmont on appearing to oppose any statement that it too comprehensive---Oswald acted alone; no conspiracy w/ foreign govt., etc. When all the time the FBI had leaked this version to the press but without attribution.

30. Malley to the File 11/24/1963 89-43-440
**** Learns from Belmont that LBJ approved the "idea that we make a report showing the evidence conclusively tying Oswald in as the assailant of Pres. Kennedy." This was after Ruby killed OswaldThere would be no trial.

Last doc from Larry Keenan's ms. Notes Tolson's mini-stroke. Also that Hoover and Tolson went to the track on Saturday, where T suffered a stroke. Was this covered in the press? Check. Raises some other pts. Re: why LBJ may have lost confidence in FBI's ability to hold things together without outside aide.

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CP by Oswald
in assassin
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