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S — Black special agent, and as I read this it came to my mind and I made a note of it because ^{first} Robert Kennedy requested that we hire black special agents and as I recollect he also requested that we give a report each month as to how many we hired that month. I made a notation there. ^{It} I made a check here because I ^{found} thought it to be thought provocative but I don't have any conclusions to offer, what I found thought provocative is this, "This then is how the FBI reacts to this allegation before the Commission began investigating it. Hoover covered himself by starting an "investigation" of the reports that Oswald had been an FBI informant, attempting to discredit the sources, and he made it clear to the Commission that he would prefer to be approached directly in the unlikely event that any question remained". I thought that that was rather interesting.

F Well, before we were speaking you indicated that Hoover would go to any length to circumvent the Warren Commission.

S I stated that he did not like to see the Warren Commission come into existence. That he did show marked interest in limiting the scope of it or circumventing the scope of it and taking any action that might result in neutralizing it.

F What were some of his actions?

S The main action, as I told you, was to leak to the press the FBI investigation believing that this would ^{find} ~~escape~~ to satisfy everybody and perhaps the authorities would conclude that an investigation of great depth and scope would not be necessary, this was my understanding at the time.

F How did he leak it?