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Hoover to Belmont, et al 12/12/'63 11:35 A.M. 62 109090-1853 NR 3A

** Note: Hoover notes that Belmont and Rosen were working w/ him in preparation of CD 1 (note here for me is Rosen. . . who will characterize the FBI investigation as sitting around with pockets wide open waiting for clues to drop in . . .

P. 1 Malley was sent to Dallas FO. . . handle the business at that end. . .

P. 1 Hoover tags the Justice Dept for wanting to issue a statement before CD 1 appeared that Oswald was the assassin and he acted alone. . single lone nut thesis. . . Hoover goes on to claim that FBI opposed and LBJ agreed with Hoover on this point

P. 2 Hoover notes nevertheless that CD 1 does reach that conclusion: Oswald was the shooter and he acted alone. . .

P. 2 Hoover mentions the 2 letters from source (I have these in my Oswald as Red file) This was kept out of CD 1 for lack of proof. . .

p. 2 Shifts to Ruby. . nothing exceptional but what was not said: That was Hoover's realistic suspicions about Ruby's access to Oswald & assassination . . . Actually Hoover on p. 3 notes that he did speak to Rankin about Ruby's access to Oswald on 11/24. . .

P. 3 He notes that the Soviet Embassy, the US Communist Party, and John Abt made available to FBI what info they had on Oswald. . .

P. 3 ** He blames the Justice Dept (Katz) for holding CD 1 than after 5 days began leaking material re: Walker shooting for example. . . .

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P. 3 Hoover sees the division of labor: FBI gathers facts and the WC job is to evaluate these facts. . . in short, no "outside investigative body" was necessary. . .

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Hoover on films taken of the assassination . . .He notes there was no professional photographer at the scene (misses or suppresses the presence of Altgens) but notes that FBI has films taken by private citizens(Bronson was an example of how to suppress film that destroyed the official account). . .

P. /3/4 Hoover pontificates about Oswald's skill with a rifle. He was a marksman and capable of doing the job alone. . .

Attached to Hoover memo is a article on Hoover/LBJ 11/29 discussion by C. Sterling