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Hoover Said as Follows: RG 64, Box 10 NARA "Correspondence w/ Burke Marsh to Correspondence Regarding Declassification of Jenkins Memo." Hoover's words: 11/24/'63, time was 4:00 P.M. EST Hoover's length response to Oswald's murder. Hoover blames the Dallas authorities for failure to take the most basic protections for Oswald even after the threats of early morning 11/24. . He notes FBI at Parkland in event Oswald made a confession . . .Hoover goes on a rampage of FBI nailing down the case against Oswald. All of it a bunch of empty nonsense. . . He accused Fritz of giving information to the press (leaking).

Key para. Hoover concerned (as was Katz) of need for something to convince the public that Oswald was the real assassin." What tactics to take to get the word out. . . Katz and Hoover have different ploys. . . .Attached is White House telephone logs for 11/24 between Moyers, Hoover, and Katzenbach. . .

Also see the Katz to Moyers Memo attached, November 25, 1963 .

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Evans to Belmont 12/2/'63 109090-6 Not Recorded Relates that Katz spoke with Evans and advised that Warren opposed the publication of CD-1. . . .LBJ had not taken a position on this yet. . . But Katz feared that if Warren's concerns were not met that the Chief Justice might resign from the Commission (Warren may have been responding to the leaking of FBI Report. . . (Russell was adamant about that). . . . Hoover's (staged peek) where he notes that the FBI will send report to Katz and "make no statement & adhere to 'no comment.'" After leaking all over the place. . .

Belmont to Tolson 12/3/'63 62-109090-8 Not Recorded Big issue here is Warren's desire to have Warren Olney as his chief counsel . . . Hoover writes in "Horrible." Katz in agreement w/ Hoover on this. . .

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→ Attached
by Joe

Evans to Belmont 12/5/'63 62-109090-7 Not Recorded. . Addendum to memorandum to Mr. Belmont p. 3 12/6/'63 . . .But he noted that Katz called and having read CD-1 and he called it "sensational." (attached to 12/5 doc.)

DeLoach to Mohr, 12/6/'63 62-1-9090-6 Key here is Katz clearance w/ Salinger to go ahead and release to press that Oswald was the suspect in the Walker shooting. . .based on nothing other than making a case against Oswald. . . **Point here: Was Katz thinking of building motive here: Oswald went after a right-winger like Walker and a progressive president like Kennedy. Motive: Oswald was a deeply disturbed and psychotic individual. . . (Will be expressed in the Warren Report and will be shaped by Dulles). . .**

Hoover to Tolson, 12/12/'63 62-109090-1853 Not Recorded 3A . . .P. 3 Hoover cites the Dallas PD as the source of rumors and leaks. . .He mentions that the Police Dept. leaked on the Walker shooting . . . he notes that FBI had pixs of private citizens but none by a professional photographer (Altgens was not in his memo. Was he ignorant or just suppressing the Altgens film). . .He concludes that Oswald was a marksman with a rifle and nothing he couldn't accomplish with a weapon **** Then on to fingerprints and bullets that tied Oswald to the crime. . .In short, it was all Hoover hot air. . .

Katz memo to Rankin 12/20/'63 source; Harold Weisberg's Subject Index file under Katzenbach, Nicholas deB., Item 20, Hood College Weisberg Archive. Katz great concern is that "half of the American people believe that Oswald was part of a conspiracy in shooting President Kennedy. . . ." Other rumors he notes. . .He proposes that Dept. of Justice release a short press statement containing FBI findings in the evidence that Oswald was the shooter. . .and that he acted alone. . .

12/28 and 12/ 30 two memos from Willens about WC Staff roles and proposed out of the Commission's work. . . .Review carefully. . .

Key doc.

Rosen to DeLoach 11/12/1966 62-109060-NR Rosen notes that on November 29, 1963, our first report was submitted to the WC on December 9, 1963. Report was made available to President that same date. . . . Our basic investigation was substantially completed by November 26, 1963.*** (note). Thereafter, to further verify the information developed we conducted thousands of interviews and numerous Laboratory examinations we made. . . ."

Original copy found in Katz
Files - Folder 3

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DeLoach to Mohr, 12/9/’63 62-109090-16 Katz notes that CD-1 delivered today to the Commission. Katz attaches his own note which urged the WC to quickly issue “a statement . . .concerning its findings” to silence all speculation, rumors, and gossip can be eliminatedThis was consistent w/ Katz through this whole process. . .(

Hoover memo to Assistant Directors 12/12/’63 62-109090-14 (copy found)
Hoover goes on for several pages. . . On page 3 he notes that Katz (JD) held CD-1 for about 5 days before turning it over to the Commission and was leaking material from the Report to the press. He cites the Walker shooting as a prime example. . .Then he asserted that Oswald was “a marksman and it wasn’t anything he could not do. . . He notes that FBI tested the alleged murder rifle and got off shots even faster than Oswald. . . .FBI had Oswald’s fingerprints lifted from the murder weapon . . . all a lot of nonsense. . .