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Hoover takes time to respond to friendly letters of defense

1. Hoover to a Arends
2. Hoover note to Les Whitten piece in NY Journal-American for 10/7/'64 "A real debunking of the FBI which we will never live down."

FBI honchos anxious for witness testimony to be released (Show Hoover off as the great man, I suppose.)

3. Rosen to Belmont 10/2/'64 re: Rankin is reported to have estimated at least a month. (Reason for DeLoach to wind up the FBI PR machine.)

FBI Responds to WH on Report

4. Hoover to Jenkins 9/30/'64 re: Hoover calls report inaccurate as far as criticism of FBI is concerned. This is a 3-page memo.
5. Jones to DeLoach 9/28/'64 re: comment on Fulton Lewis, Jr. remarks re; the Report. Hoover note: "This is another friend who cracks us!"

FBI cannot hold to policy of "no comment"

6. Belmont to Tolson 9/30/'64 re: see NY Journal-American for 9/29/'64 an excerpt from Hoover's testimony to the WC earlier in the year. Must have been placed by DeLoach.

Hoover again on press criticism

(See DeLoach file)

7. DeLoach to Drew Pearson 9/29/'64 re: Accuses Pearson of unfairness. See attached Pearson story with "FBI to Blame, too." See Hoover sidebar: "We are being clobbered by everybody" on margin of photocopy of Pearson story. He is down in the dumps and says that this all resulted from FBI being "too smug and . . . too restrictive in our responsibilities. . . ."

Hoover personal note to O'Leary for his defense of FBI

8. Hoover to O'Leary 10/2/'64 re: Story titled: "Hoover Saw Data Called Oswald Safe." (Key w/ Hosty letter. This never raised by story, of course since it was not known.)
9. Same as above. This time to John Chamberlain for his defense of FBI.
10. More of the same continues

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FBI will not cooperate w/ USIA film on JFK asasination

11. DeLoach to Mohr 9/23/64 re: before the WC Report was published. See the Hoover notes in this batch of docs. He wants nothing more to do with the WC.

FBI all of a sudden fixed on SS testimony before WC

12. Sullivan to Belmont 9/28/'64 re: Remarks about Bouck's and Rowley's testimony. Bouck's was never checked.

13. Branigan to Sullivan 9/29/'64 re: Raies questions about the accuracy of Bouck's testimony as it was presented in the final report. FBI at its best: On why Bouck's testimony never checked or asked about was because FBI did not want to give WC impression . . .by trying to gain information it did not want us to have at the time." What about using Ford as a fink and Dulles' reporting to Angleton and his reporting to FBI liaison Papich!!!!

Hoover paranoia again

14. a news story from Palm Beach Times (n.d.) editorial titled "'quash' Get Hoover Campaign." The last graph argues that LBJ should speak up and stop the bashing of the FBI. Hoover note: "This the President has never done."

15. Brennan to Sullivan 9/29/'64 re: Hoover nastiness on recommendations from WC about protecting the president. Hoover note: He says he has'nt the time to read 26 pages of SS report on the issue. (I have this doc. w/ Hal's comments in the Hoover notes file.)

16. See Hoover response to hysterical letter from a Mrs. Matthews.

FBI efforts to track down leaking/Ruby inter. w/ Warren

17. Rosen to Belmont 10/4/'64 re: Extent of investigation was considerable. Some 80 people interviewed w/ no suspect. Compare and contrast with the leaked JFK death certificate where nothing was done.

Sample of how bureau manpower was used to appease the irate Hoover ✓

18. All letters written in long hand were typed and sent to Hoover when they supporettd him in the face of the criticism of the bureau.

Katzenbach joins the defenders of Hoover

19. Katzenback to Walter Jenkins 10/1/'64 re:see above

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20. Copy of the Texas Inquiry into JFK assassination****
The copy has attached the FBI's analysis of the Report. Hoover
note: "There we get walloped again."

Hoover paranoia again

21. Jones to DeLoach 10/6/'64 re: Chalmers Roberts of Wash Post
and article attacking Hoover. The piece appeared in WP on 10/5/'64.
Hoover asks: "What do we do about Roberts?"

22. Wash. Evening Star story that quotes Gov. Connally saying that
better liaison needs to be in place w/ more FBI sharing of info,
etc. Hoover note: "I think we should write governor & ask basis for
his criticism." The thin-skinned Hoover has had more than enough.

23. FBI on Police Chief Curry and his remarks in D1 paper

DeLoach's counteroffensive against attacks on the FBI

23. Jones to DeLoach 10/7/'64 re: see especially the second
document w/ the sanction of disseminating favorable press coverage
of FBI to "responsible persons who are in a position to be of
assistance to the FBI."

Note: This Section 21 is full of Hoover's responses to letters of
loyal devotion to Director and belittlement of Warren and
Commission.