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Re: Hoover notes

1. Rankin to Hoover, 2/20/'64 The subject was Hosty and LHO's having his name, telephone number, and auto license in his address book. Refers to the Gemberling report that eliminates this information. Rankin wants to know why they were not in Oswald's address book. Hoover adds note: "And I want to know details of this at once."

2. UPI report ( 2/19/'64) about Margueite Oswald and a speaking engagement in NY City. She will be in tow by Mark Lane. Hoover notes "She certainly is a gabby old dame!"

3. Rosen to DeLoach 11/22/'66 Mentions article in Life calling for a new investigation based on Connally's insistence that he was hit by a separate bullet, etc. Notes C's statement before the WC in Vol. IV on p. 141. Memo goes on to say that at the time the FBI released its report on 12/9/'63 the sequence of shots was not known. . . .

Hoover note is "We don't agree w/ the Commission. . . . We contend all 3 shots hit." So Hoover stays with CD 1 to the bitter end. Despite the fact that it was absolutely essential to the WC Report's conclusion that Oswald was the lone gunman. Hoover is not troubled by the difference.

4. Hoover on the Mexico situation. Dated 2/14/'64 Re: LHO seen taking money from Cuban. Hoover notes he is not satisfied with the agency's work in Mexico at this point. It is important that this allegation be killed.

#5 Tolson to Hoover 11/27/'63 Hoover notes he is certain that a congressional hearing on assassination is in the immediate offing.

#6 Branigan to Sullivan 12/11/'63 LHO rumor of FBI association. Hoover asks if Oswald was ever approached to be an informer. The answer was no. Memo cites the three times the Oswald was interviewed by FBI.

#7 Rosen to DeLoach 10/7/'66 refers to newspaper stories in Washington Evening Star and NY World Journal Tribune (10/5/'66) raising questions about the JFK autopsy. Mentions two reports by FBI CD 1 and another to WC 1/13/'64 (Could this be from Siebert & O'Neill?) The issue is the variance between these reports and the WC Report. The FBI report does not say anything about the "exiting" hole in JFK's neck, etc. Hoover's note is important: Hoover's bemoans the fact that the Bureau never asked for the autopsy report when drawing up CD 1. He says that Kennedys never asked that autopsy or photos be suppressed. If they did the FBI would have disregarded this request. Sample of FBI still on defensive in 1966.

#8 Rosen to DeLoach 11/29/'66 Another ghost from the past. This is the flap about an FBI agent placing flowers on Oswald's grave. It is clear that Hoover is exasperated that the ghost of Dallas will

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not go away.

#9 Jones to deLoach 2/3/'64 More on flap about the decked FBI agent at Parkland. The FBI's public image was in jeopardy and the FBI lied like thunder. ✓

#10 Rosen to Belmont 2/26/'64 Rankin and the missing page from the Oswald address book. Rankin is satisfied w/ FBI explanations. Check with Ex. Sessions to see how this issue comes up. ✓

#11 DeLoach to Mohr 9/23/'64 How will FBI respond to criticism in the WC Report. (See Chapter 8, p. 425.) Hoover is aghast. Says that Chpt 8 ". . . tears us to pieces. . . ." ✓

#12 Jones to DeLoach /30/'64 Re: Comments about the WC's criticism of the FBI in final Report. Hoover notes ". . . [FBI public reputation will never recover] has gone down the drain." ✓  
A;so see hal's notes attached.

Note: Check on FBI serial 62-109090--385 for how FBI went ahead to check and see what WC staff did to look for work after the WC closed shop. The check was on the Washington Post federal employees column.

#13 Brennan to Sullivan 9/29/'64 Hoover's peek and exasperation over the WC criticism is relected in his marginalia when he says he has no time to read over a 26 page document of a SS draft of plans to improve protection of the president.

#14 Griffith to Conrad 1/28/'64 Request from WC for FBI to work w/ Z film and Nix film to try and determine the intervals between the shots, etc. Remember the FBI CD 1 was finished before the bureau had any idea of the sequence of the shooting. This is demonstrated in an earlier FBI memo. Hoover notes OK. But says "It sounds like a lot of poppycock to me."

#15 News story in NY Journal American (9/28/'64) re: WC "Rebuke" of the WC. Hoover notes "A real debnking of the FBI which we will never live down." ✓

#16 Belmont to Tolson 11/24/'64 Request for copies of the WC final Report. Hoover wants 2 sets but sees no reason why DlFO and NOFO need three copies. See note appended. ✓

#17 Branigan to Sullivan 4/15/'64 Rankin wants FBI to clear names of NY CP for interrogation if they knew anything about Oswald. Hoover notes "Let the Commission do as it pleases."

#18 Malley to Rosen 1/17/'64 Eisenberg asks that LHO rifle be sent to the Commission for examination. Hoover notes "Hereafter let

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them come to the Bureau. We have no time to play games." Hoover tone sets the mood for cooperation or noncooperation with the WC>

#19 Brennan to Sullivan, 9/20/'64 Question raised about where the WC files will be deposited. Hoover notes "I don't care what they do with them. The FBI will not be the repository."

#20 Rankin to Hoover March 1964 Re: request for Ruby files. Hoover notes "I don't understand why we give narrow interpretations to Commission's requests." Is Hoover really in charge? Or are Rosen/Belmont, etc acting on what they believe to be Hoover's demonstrated wishes in general to include all specifics.

#21 Gauthier to Callahan 1/2/'64 re: about the FBI mock up of Daley Plaza. Hoover sarcasm and impatience with the WC's "poppycock" meticulousness when he says "Better have some extra wood & nails. Warren may want to see the 'raw' materials." Priceless.

#22 A UPI story about McCloy interview where he remonstrances over the WC failure to ask for the x-rays and photos of autopsy. Which was a lie; they had them. See other notes for date of WC when Rankin makes them clear. Hoover notes "McCloy was always a garrulous individual."

#23 News story by O'Leary on the foreign view of JFK assassination. Hoover notes: Very well done by O'Leary." This was 10/25/'66. Use with FBI leaking and O'Leary as a bureau favorite. Note attached of Hal's comments on Hoover and "palace guard."

#24 FBI account of background briefing for Sarah McClendon 11/13/'64  
Hoover lies about Oswald and penchant for violence. FBI did not have any indication that he was capable of violence and therefore no need or necessity to notify the SS. Hoover also responded that yes the JFK case was still open as far as the bureau was concerned. Another fat lie (see the Allen tickler.)

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#26 Hoover again on his mad on w/ the WC saying they have showed no confidence in the FBI. This was in April '64.

#27 Sullivan to Belmont 4/14/'64 re; WC request that FBI contact all informants about possible LHO and association with CP. Hoover Oks the request but adds "but this is really an assinine request." Memo notes that FBI has 1089 security informants and 341 potential security informants in the field. Quite a job.

#28 Hoover conversation w/ Wm. Randolph Hearst 2/17/'64 re; the famous picture of LHO with the rifle and side arm. Hoover bloviates

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on and on. . .about Oswald and his dhooting General Walker and the president. And that he was a commie and he "openluy admitted it." Hoover meant that he was a self-profesed Marxist and therefore a commie as far as the Director was concerned.

# 29 DeLoach to Mohr 4/4/'64 This is a copy of a memo I have in my O'Leary file. Hoover so happy w/ o'Leary that he orders that he get first crack at FBI release that Ruby and LHO not being in league.

#30 FBUI DL to FBI WDC 3/14/'64 teletype re: breakig story about the Schrand case but mentions the secret FBI report (CD 1) and what the WC report will say. FBI teletype ends with identifying the source of this leak as coming from a WC member. Hoover notes "Sounds like Warren." Indicates how much Hoover despised Warren imaginging that he would leak to the Dallas Times Herald!!!!

#31 Jones to DeLoach 9/28/'64 re: Fulton Lewis, Jr. radio comments are summarized re: presidential protection. Lewis noted that Dallas authorities cooperated insome matters and "somewhat less in others." Hoover seems this as a slam at FBI. Hoover notes "Here is another friend who cracks us!"

#32 Evans to Belmont, Nov. 27, 1963 re: refers to Katzie's query of when the FBI's report can be expected. Hoover's notes his exasperation, understood, when he writes "If they will leave us alone we will meet our responsibilities."

#33 Rosen to DeLoach 11/29/'66 story about flowers placed on LHO's grave allegedly by an FBI agent. Hoover's ghost strikes again.

#34 Newsstory in International Herald Tribune for 10/20/'67 in which DeGaulle is quoted as charging that JFK assassination was result of a conspiracy. Hoover notes that "DeGaulle talks like another Garrison." Hoover's ghost.