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**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND J. EDGAR HOOVER
(from Mr. Hoover)**

LBJ Are you familiar with this proposed group that they're trying to put together on this study of your report and other things..two from the House..two from the Senate.. somebody from the Court...a couple of outsiders?

JEH I haven't heard of that. I've seen the reports on the Senate Investigating Committee that they've been talking about..

LBJ Well, we think if we don't have...I want to get by just with your file and your report..

JEH I think it would be very very bad to have a rash of investigations.. on this thing

LBJ Well, the only way we can stop them is probably to appoint a high-level one to evaluate your report and put somebody that's pretty good on it ... that I can select, out of the Government...and tell the House and Senate not to go ahead with their investigations...because they'll get a lot of television going and I think it would be bad...

JEH That's right...it would be a three-ring circus.

LBJ What do you think about Allen Dulles?

JEH I think he would be a good man.

LBJ What do you think about John McCloy?

JEH I'm not as enthusiastic about McCloy...I knew him back in the Patterson.. when Patterson was down here..as Secretary...he's a good man...but I'm not so certain as to the matter of the publicity that he might seek on it..

LBJ What about General Norstadt?

JEH Good man

LBJ All right.. I guess Boggs has started it in the House.. I thought maybe I might try to get Boggs and Jerry Ford..in the House...maybe try to get Dick Russell and maybe Cooper in the Senate.

JEH Yes, I think so.

LBJ I don't know.. you know any reason .. me and you are just going to talk like

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Contd ..and he fired of course and killed the police officer. ... Then he walked...

LBJ

You can prove that?

JEH

Oh, yes, oh, yes, we can prove that. Then he walked about another two blocks and went to the theatre and the woman at the theatre window, selling the tickets... she was so suspicious..the way he was acting.. She said he was carrying a gun... he had a revolver at that time... with which he had killed the police officer... he went into the theatre and she notified the police and the police and our man ^{down there} went in there and located this particular man. They had quite a struggle with him... he fought like a regular lion.. and he had to be subdued, of course, and was then brought out and, of course, taken to police headquarters...but..he apparently had come down the five flights of steps --stairway -- from the fifth floor... so far as we've found out the elevator was not used... although he could have used it... but nobody remember whether it was or whether it wasn't.

LBJ

Well your conclusion is that. (a) he's the one that did it ... (b) the man he was after was the President (c) he would have hit him three times except the Governor turned..

JEH

I think that is correct.

LBJ

(d) that there is no connection between he and Rubey... that you can detect now and (e) whether he was connected with the Cuban operation... with money you're trying to...

JEH

That's what we're trying to nail down now... because he was strongly pro-Castro... he was strongly anti-American.. and he had been in correspondence, which we have... with the Soviet Embassy here in Washington... and with the American Civil Liberties Union and with this Committee for Fair Play to Cuba. We have copies of the correspondence, so we've got him nailed down in his contact with them. None of those letters, however, tells of any indication of violence... or contemplated assassination. They were dealing with the matter of a visa for his wife to go back to Russia.. there... now there is one angle to this thing... that I'm hopeful to get some word on today.. this woman, his wife, had been very hostile. She would not cooperate, speaks Russian and Russian only. She did say to us yesterday down there that if we could give her assurance that she would be allowed to remain in this country, she might cooperate. I told our Agents down there to give her that assurance ... that she could stay in this country, and I sent a Russianspeaking Agent into Dallas last night to interview her so that we've got her now and whether

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Recovering of Marina - to "Co-operate" with Govt.