

LBJ: Well your conclusion is: (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.

HOOVER: I think that is correct.<sup>1</sup>

LBJ: (4) That there is no connection between he and Ruby that you can detect now. And (5) whether he was connected with the Cuban operation with money, you're trying to—

HOOVER: 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. . . . None of those letters, however, dealt with any indication of violence or contemplated assassination. They were dealing with the matter of a visa for his wife to go back to Russia. 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 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 . . . and I sent a Russian-speaking agent into Dallas last night to interview her. . . . Whether she knows anything or talks anything, I, of course, don't know and won't know till—

LBJ: Where did he work in the building?<sup>2</sup> On this same floor?

HOOVER: He had access on all floors.

LBJ: But where was his office?

HOOVER: He didn't have any particular office. . . . Orders came in for certain books and some books would be on the first floor, second floor, third floor, and so forth. . . . He was just a general packer of the requisitions that came in for school books for the Dallas schools there and therefore he had access . . . to the fifth floor and to the sixth floor. Usually most of the employees were down on a lower floor.

LBJ: Did anybody hear, did anybody see him on the fifth floor or—

HOOVER: Yes, he was seen on the fifth floor by one of the workmen there before the assassination took place. He was seen there so that—

LBJ: Did you get a picture of him shooting?

HOOVER: Oh, no. There was no picture taken of him shooting.

LBJ: Well what was this picture that that fellow sold for \$25,000?<sup>3</sup>

HOOVER: That was a picture taken of the parade and showing Mrs. Kennedy climbing out of the back seat. You see, there was no Secret Service man standing on the back of the car. Usually the presidential car in the past has had steps on the back, next to the bumpers, and there's usually been one on either side standing on those steps. . . . Whether the President asked that that not be done,

<sup>1</sup>Since he presumes that the shots came from behind and above the late President, Hoover is still getting it wrong.

<sup>2</sup>The Texas School Book Depository, from which Kennedy was presumed to have been shot.

<sup>3</sup>Johnson may have seen a report that Abraham Zapruder, Dallas garment manufacturer, had sold his home movie of the assassination to *Time-Life* for \$25,000. Orville Nix had sold his film of Mrs. Kennedy climbing onto the car's trunk to UPI for \$5,000.

*Chronology*

*WFFC  
Mormon  
→  
Date  
11/29/63  
Time  
1:40  
PM  
Check  
by  
FBI  
file  
to  
Time*

we don't know. And the l  
a damn anyway because  
the Secret Service do not  
LBJ: Do you have a bul  
HOOVER: Oh, yes I do  
LBJ: You think I ought  
HOOVER: I think you  
I use it here for myself a  
place where anybody is hi  
can bulletproof the entire  
to remain up. . . . But I do  
stand that the Secret Serv  
car to take care of a hand  
along the street. Of cours  
that is the way they assass  
de Gaulle, you know, wit  
assassinations have been w  
that this bubble-top thing  
—the top to it was down. I  
he could stand up and wav  
ought to always be in a bu  
this ever happening again.  
guard and still a sniper can  
like the President was. . . .  
LBJ: You mean, if I ride a  
HOOVER: I would certain  
down at your ranch there, I  
there, I think that ought to  
There is a concern, I think, o  
I think we've got four, one  
and I think it can be done q  
pictures being taken of it if  
it at the ranch there. It is pe  
LBJ: You think those entran  
HOOVER: Oh, I think by  
capacity of a so-called pris  
done. Now we've gotten a lo  
or five days. We got one abo  
try to kill you then and I ta  
much opposed to that march  
  
<sup>1</sup>The "bubble-top" was a clear  
Lincoln Continental. It was usua  
onlookers a view of the President.  
<sup>2</sup>Jacqueline and Robert Kenne  
Cathedral, where the funeral serv  
overruled the wishes of Secret Ser  
to give it" (William Manchester, 7