

EXCERPT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION TRANSCRIPT OF 12/5/63

CHAIRMAN: Yes.

SEN. RUSSELL: May I ask something?

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SEN. RUSSELL: General, I see occasionally in the press articles that purport to have come from the F.B.I. as to bits of evidence and things of that kind. How much of their findings does the F.B.I. propose to release to the press before we present the findings of this Commission?

MR. KATZENBACH: Well Senator, I know the story to which you are referring - -

SEN. RUSSELL: It's been in the papers.

MR. KATZENBACH: Yes. And I know that the Director and Mr. Belmont, who is the man in charge of this particular investigation, are utterly furious at the information that got into the press. I talked with both of them on this subject. They say they are confident it could not have come from the F.B.I., and I say with candor to this committee I can't think of anybody else it could have come from, because I don't know of anybody else that knew that information and some agent somewhere along the line, it seems to me, may very well have done it; or a clever reporter, as you are familiar, can put together a, b, and c, so it did not have to come from one source.

MR. DULLES: What reporter was that?

REP. BOGGS. Sterling Green.

MR. KATZENBACH: Yes. He is an AP reporter. He is a good reporter, he has covered the bureau a long time. And all I can say is that as far as the Department of Justice is concerned and as far as the Director is concerned, that story generated enough heat within the Federal Bureau of Investigation that I doubt that another such story will appear because it is a real peril I think in even

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This is page 8 of the Commission's first Executive Session, held 12/5/63. Before Hoover relayed his "definitive" report he leaked it to the press to box the Commission in. Here, in deepest secrecy, Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach admits that only Hoover could have been the leaker.

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