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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, J. EDGAR HOOVER MOVED TO ESTABLISH FBI CONTROL OF THE INVESTIGATION AND DALLAS AGENTS WERE WARNED, "NOT TO ASSUME THE POLICE ARE GOING TO HANDLE THIS PROPERLY." DOCUMENTS SHOWED WEDNESDAY.

HOOVER, IN A MEMO TO OTHER FBI OFFICIALS, SAID HE TELEPHONED ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF THE SHOOTING AND INFORMED HIM OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKED THAT THE FBI "DO WHATEVER WE COULD" IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOOTING. HOOVER SAID. IT WAS THE FIRST WORD ROBERT KENNEDY RECEIVED ON HIS BROTHER'S DEATH.

THAT SAME DAY, MEMOS SHOW, HOOVER TALKED, BY TELEPHONE, WITH SECRET SERVICE CHIEF JAMES ROWLEY AND SAID HIS AGENCY WAS WILLING TO WORK WITH ROWLEY'S. SEVERAL DAYS LATER, HOWEVER, ROWLEY MADE CLEAR HE UNDERSTOOD THE FBI WAS "COMPLETELY HANDLING" THE INVESTIGATION.

HOOVER ALSO MADE SURE THE JOB WAS NOT LEFT TO DALLAS LAW OFFICIALS.

JUST HOURS AFTER THE SHOOTING, ONE OF HOOVER'S TOP AIDES TOLD THE FBI CHIEF IN DALLAS HE MUST "BE SURE AND NOT ASSUME THAT THE POLICE ARE GOING TO HANDLE THIS PROPERLY, THAT WE MUST CONDUCT A VIGOROUS

AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION TO COME UP WITH THE ANSWER."

FOUR DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION, HOOVER SPOKE TO CIA CHIEF JOHN MCCONE, AND HE SAID MCCONE SOUGHT REASSURANCE HIS AGENTS WERE DOING ALL THEY TO HELP THE FBI.

"I ASSURED MR. MCCONE WE HAD THE VERY BEST SUPPORT WE COULD POSSIBLY EXPECT FROM CIA," HOOVER SAID.

BESIDES MARSHALING ALL THE SUPPORT HE COULD FOR THE FBI INVESTIGATION, HOOVER PUT TOGETHER PORTRAITS OF THE CHIEF FIGURES IN THE PROBE.

DOCUMENTS SHOWED HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S RECORD AND WITHIN HOURS OF OSWALD'S ARREST, HOOVER HAD PUT HIM "IN THE CATEGORY OF A NUT AND THE EXTREMIST PRO-CASTRO CROWD."

AND AFTER JACK RUBY WAS ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING OSWALD, HOOVER DESCRIBED RUBY AS "A SHADY CHARACTER FROM THE HODDLUM ELEMENT OF CHICAGO." RUBY, HE SAID, "HAS A POOR BACKGROUND, RUNS A NIGHTCLUB IN DALLAS, AND IS WHAT WOULD BE CALLED A POLICE BUFF."

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