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Excerpts From Memo by Hoover

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 [AP]—Following are excerpts from a Dec. 12, 1963 memorandum from J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to his aides describing a telephone conversation that Mr. Hoover had had with J. Lee Rankin, the counsel for the Warren Commission:

I said I personally believe Oswald was the assassin; that the second aspect as to whether he was the only man gives me great concern; that we have several letters, not in the report because we were not able to prove it, written to him from Cuba referring to the job he was going to do, his good marksmanship, and stating when it was all over he would be brought back to Cuba and be presented to the chief; but we do not know if the chief was

Castro and cannot make an investigation because we have no intelligence operation in Cuba; that I did not put this in the report because we did not have proof of it and didn't want to put speculation in the report; that this was the reason I urged strongly that we not reach conclusion Oswald was the only man.

As to Rubenstein [Jack Ruby], I said I did not want a statement about Rubenstein and Oswald; that we have no proof they were ever together. I stated Rubenstein is a shady character from the hoodlum element of Chicago, has a poor background, runs a nightclub in Dallas and is what would be called a police buff; that the police officers in that precinct have been able to get food and liquor from him at any time they drop in; that while I think there was no connection between him and Oswald, I did not want the report to be 100 percent sure on that.