

I shouldn't have been surprised by Hoover's lack of personal remorse when Jack Kennedy was killed. He mistrusted and disliked all three Kennedy brothers. "Goddamn the Kennedys," I heard Clyde Tolson say to Hoover. "First there was Jack, now there's Bobby, and then Teddy. We'll have them on our necks until the year 2000." And the director nodded in agreement.

Hoover got along with Joe Kennedy, though. Joe Kennedy thought that Hoover was quite a guy, and never caught on that he was quite a con man too. Hoover was amazing. A socialist could talk to him and come out swearing Hoover was a socialist at heart, and an hour later a John Birchler could talk to him and come out convinced Hoover was about to join the John Birch Society. As smart as he was, Joe Kennedy got taken in, but Hoover couldn't fool his sons.

In 1942 the FBI was watching a beautiful young Scandinavian woman we suspected of spying for the Nazis in Washington. We had a microphone planted in her apartment and a tap on her telephone. Hoover could hardly contain his delight when he saw Lieutenant John F. Kennedy's voice reported on our tapes. Hoover immediately reported Lieutenant Kennedy's liaison to the White House, along with a suggestion that Kennedy be transferred "for security reasons." Kennedy never knew what hit him. One day he was dating glamorous women in Washington, the next day he was on his way to command a P.T. boat in the middle of the Pacific. But the transfer Hoover suggested backfired when Kennedy became a war hero. The P.T. boat helped make Kennedy president.

During the 1960 campaign, Hoover did his best to keep the press supplied with anti-Kennedy stories. At that time, the FBI had its offices in the same building as the Democratic National Committee. Hoover, a staunch Republican, was outraged. It was as if he and his agents were forced to share an elevator with the Communist party. He made it clear that we were not to fraternize with the Democrats. When Hoover discovered that one of the committee's campaign aides had once, years before, been mixed up with the Communist party, naturally he went right to the press with the story, never mentioning that the aide's Communist affiliation was far in the past. The poor guy, who had been blameless for years, found himself in the headlines and out of a job.

While Hoover was trying he was quietly helping Rich as he had been when he opposed Dewey because the complex 1940s, Catholics were kept out and Hispanics. But when F



Hoover didn't like the Kennedys, as months after JFK's election, suggest

work in the newly opened offices was lowered and his agents supported Kennedy Nixon. Even so, Kennedy

Jack Kennedy disliked him as director, but he had that he felt he couldn't afford servative following by getting was stuck with Hoover, he a point to contact Hoover