

# Warren Commission probed FBI ties to JFK killer, records show

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WASHINGTON — The Warren Commission discussed a report that Lee Harvey Oswald was working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation when he allegedly assassinated President Kennedy, a recently declassified transcript reveals.

Members of the commission, including the late's Chief Justice Earl Warren and President Ford, when a Michigan congressman, discussed the allegation at a closed meeting on Jan. 22, 1964.

The transcript of the session was classified top secret for 11 years. It was released to Harold Weisberg, an author who filed suit to obtain the document. Weisberg's books and articles criticize the commission's investigation and its conclusion that Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy.

The transcript of the meeting revealed the following:

J. Lee Rankin, general counsel of the commission, said he had been told by Waggoner Carr, Texas attorney general, that "the word had come out . . . that Oswald was acting as an FBI undercover agent."

Rankin said he was told that Oswald's badge number was 173 and that Oswald was paid \$200 a month from September 1962 until the assassination.

Rankin also said he was told that a journalist originated the report.

"There is a denial of this in one of these FBI records, as you know," said the late Rep. Hale Boggs, D-La., another commission member.

"It is something that would be very difficult to prove out," said Rankin.

Rankin said he and Warren discussed the report and "we said if that was true and it ever came out and could be established, then you

would have people think that there was a conspiracy to accomplish this assassination . . ."

Allen Dulles, a commission member and former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, asked why the FBI would hire Oswald as an undercover agent.

"Was it (hiring Oswald) to penetrate the Fair Play for Cuba Committee?" Dulles asked.

"That is the only thing I can think of where they might have used man . . . You wouldn't pick up a fellow like this to do an agent's job."

"He (Oswald) was playing ball, writing letters to both the Communist Party and the Communist Party."

Ford said, "I mean, he was playing ball with the Trotskyites and with the others. This was a strange circumstance to me."

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spiracy," the speaker said.

"Why are they so eager to make both of those conclusions . . ."

The members also discussed their fear that the FBI was trying to maneuver them into endorsing the bureau's investigations.

An unidentified speaker said, "They (the FBI) would like to have us fold up and quit."

The discussion ended with several commission members suggesting that the record of the meeting be destroyed.

## WHAT A WONDERFUL SCENARIO FOR A BEST-SELLING "WHO DUN IT" HISTORICAL NOVEL:

1. the FBI "stuck" with an employed Agent who had proven to be a dangerous "double agent" and had to be disposed of;
2. the Cuban Exile colony in Florida with its many shady characters willing to engage in assassination plots against hated political leaders;
3. the CIA long engaged in training Cuban Exiles in the most up-to-date techniques and weaponry for political assassinations;
4. the CIA whose feathers had been ruffled by President John F. Kennedy's procrastination in authorizing naval support for the CIA-Cuban "Bay of Pigs" expedition;
5. the Cuban Exiles who bitterly condemned and blamed President Kennedy for the failure of the CIA-Cuban "Bay of Pigs" expedition;
6. the three-way coincidence of a Presidential visit to a known area of political unrest of which he had been cautioned, an unwanted FBI Agent ripe for assassination himself, and the CIA-Cuban team of well-trained assassins sponsored by the CIA;
7. the FBI "set up" of its unwanted "double" Agent, accompanied by a non-lethal low-powered robot into the President's back by the hidden FBI assassination team;
8. the separate CIA-Cuban assassination team with the latest high-powered weaponry, firing "son keeps" from a separate concealed location;
9. the initial head-on rivalry of the FBI and the CIA to "solve" the assassination, resolved by CIA's acceptance of the FBI's "set-up" assassin, i.e., Lee Harvey Oswald;
10. the "cover up" of the dual assassination plots by the Warren Commission with the CIA's Representative, Commissioner Allen Dulles, apparently fabricating false evidence to support the FBI's insistence upon Lee Harvey Oswald as the "lone assassin";
11. the sealing away of all documentation and artifacts by which the tentacles of this double assassination conspiracy and "cover up" by and between the CIA and the FBI might be unravelled.