

FBI and CIA directors might lie, Dulles says

The Montreal Star

22 Nov/74

WASHINGTON (AP) — The late CIA Director Allen Dulles told the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of president John F. Kennedy that the FBI and CIA directors might lie to anyone but the president to conceal identities of their undercover agents, according to recently declassified documents.

The documents are quoted in a book being published today about the investigation of Kennedy's assassination entitled *Whitewash IV* by Harold Weisberg, a Frederick, Md., writer and investigator.

The author lost a suit against the U.S. government seeking release of the documents. However, the National Archives declassified the information and sent him copies.

Dulles, who died in 1969, was a member of the Warren Commission and took part in a discussion Jan. 27, 1964, about whether then Directors J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI and John McCone of the CIA would answer truthfully questions on whether Lee Harvey Oswald had ever worked for either of their agencies.

The documents declassified included a verbatim transcript of that executive session of the commission.

"I think under any circumstances, I think Mr. Hoover would say certainly he didn't have anything to do with this fellow," said Dulles.

The book also quotes Dulles as saying: "I would tell the president of the United States anything, yes, I am under his control . . . I wouldn't necessarily tell anybody else, unless the

president authorized me to do it."

At one point in the discussion the book quotes the late Senator Richard Russell as saying to Dulles:

"If Oswald never had assassinated the president, or at least been charged with assassinating the president and had been in the employ of the FBI and somebody had gone to the FBI, they would have denied he was an agent."

Dulles responded: "Oh, yes."

Hoover, on May 14, 1964, told the Warren Commission:

"I can most emphatically

say that at no time was he, Oswald, ever an employee of the bureau in any capacity, either as an agent or as a special employee or as an informant."

McCone was asked whether Oswald "had any connection with the CIA, informer, or indirectly as an employee, or any other capacity?"

McCone replied: "I have determined to my satisfaction that he had no such connection . . ."

Weisberg said in a telephone interview from his home he does not believe Oswald killed Kennedy but has no idea who did.