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WASHINGTON (AP) — The late CIA Director Allen Dulles told the Warren Commission 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 President John F. Kennedy's assassination entitled "Whitewash IV" by Harold Weisberg, a Frederick, Md., writer and investigator.

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

Dulles, a member of the Warren Commission who died in 1969, took part in a discussion Jan. 27, 1964, about whether directors of the FBI and John Edgar Hoover, CIA would answer anything, or on whether Lee Harvey Oswald had ever worked for either of them.

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

"I think under any circumstances I think Mr. Hoover would say we didn't have anything to do with this fellow," said Dulles, then CIA director at the time.

At one point in the discussion the book quotes the late Sen. Richard Russell as saying to Dulles: "If Oswald ever had assassinated anybody, he would at least been charged with assassinating the President and had been in the employ of the FBI and somebody would have gone to the FBI, they would have denied he was an agent."

Dulles responded: "Oh, yes."

Russell then said: "They would be the first to deny it. Your agents would have done exactly the same thing."

Dulles said: "Exactly."

Weisberg said in a telephone interview from his home he does not believe Oswald killed Kennedy but has no idea who did. He said he published the book with money borrowed by James H. Lesar, a Washington attorney with whom he has worked on private investigations of the assassinations of President Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.