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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DCI AND J. EDGAR HOOVER
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DCI: I just want to be sure that you are satisfied that this Agency is giving you all the help that we possibly can in connection with your investigation of the situation in Dallas. I know the importance the President places on this investigation you are making. He asked me personally whether CIA was giving you full support. I said that they were, but I just wanted to be sure from you that you felt so.

H: We have had the very best support that we could possibly expect from you.

DCI: Good. Well you can call on us for anything we have.

H: We will feel free to do that

DCI: I think it is an exceedingly important investigation and report and I am delighted that the President has called on you to make it.

H: We are trying to do it as fast as we can so we can dispel various wild rumors that have been circulating as to whether this man was the right man etc. that fired the gun. But there is no question that he is the right man. There are a lot of aspects that we have dug up, for instance, with regards to the matter in Mexico City. We have now found that the photograph that was taken was not that of Oswald. We do find from our informant down there that Oswald did call at the Embassy that day and the informant has given us the conversation that he had. He wanted to get a permit to go back to Russia and the Cuban Embassy couldn't give him the permit. The Soviet Embassy stated that it would take three weeks. He had, I think, a visitor's permit for about a week or ten days so that is why he came back to the United States.

DCI: Well, all of that ties in importantly into the story and we have those operational sources down there. We want to handle them very carefully. It involves some very high level people down there. Sam Papich and I have talked about that a couple of times.

H: ^{Mr. Katzenbach} Mr. Katzenbach who is handling it for the Department - it is our intention when the Bureau finishes the report, he will of course go over it very carefully because it will be a report that will be released to the public, probably through the White

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House, but it is the intention after it is in final form to be checked with each of the Government agencies that are mentioned in it. State Department is involved in regard to the issuing of the passport to the man to come back to this country and that has got to be explained why it was done, the law requires it, etc. all of which of course we are gathering. The aspects of the Mexico City thing. It will have to be mentioned. It is his intention to check with the agencies, Secret Service, etc. to be sure that whatever is said in the report is conferred in and it is agreed to by the various agencies mentioned. So you will have that opportunity to go over it and see exactly what is said and I know he will welcome any suggestion that you care to make.

DCI: Well that will be fine. Thank you

H: Good bye.

(tape) mcm

cc: DDCI
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