

**TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT  
AND J. EDGAR HOOVER**

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I just wanted to let you know of a development which I think is very important in connection with this case. -- This man in Dallas. We, of course, charged him with the murder of the President. The evidence that they have at the present time is not very very strong. We have just discovered the place where the gun was purchased and the shipment of the gun from Chicago to Dallas, to a post office box in Dallas, to a man -- no, to a woman by the name of A. Heidal. It was purchased in March of this year. That gun is now in our possession here in Washington, we had it flown up last night, and our laboratory here is making an examination of it.

lbj

Yes, I told Secret Service to see that that got taken care of.

jeh

That's right. We have the gun and we have the bullet. There was only one full bullet that was found that was on the stretcher that the President was on. It apparently had fallen out when they massaged his heart, and we have that one. We have what we call slivers, which are not very valuable in the identification. As soon as we finish the testing of the gun for fingerprints, and there are some latent fingerprints on it, we will then be able to test the one bullet we have with the gun. But the important thing is that this gun was bought in Chicago on a money order -- cost \$21.00, and it seems almost impossible to think that for \$21.00 you could kill the President of the United States. Now, no one knows this.

LBJ

Now, who is A Heidal?

jeh

A. Heidal is an alias that this man has used on other occasions, and according to the information we have from the home in which he was living -- his mother -- he kept a rifle like this wrapped up in a blanket which he kept in the house. On the morning that this incident \* occurred down there -- \*yesterday -- the man who drove him to the building where they work, the building from where the shots came, said that he had a package wrapped up in paper -- not a blanket. The blanket we found in the garage at the home. But the paper in which the gun was wrapped that has also been sent up to us and

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accommodation will be made of that. He did carry some kind of a package down there, which could have been the gun yesterday morning in the car. None of us can swear to that. But the important thing at the time is that the location of the purchase of the gun by a money order apparently to the Klein Gun Company in Chicago, we were able to establish that last night.

lbj

Have you established any more about the visit to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico in September?

jeh

No, that's one angle that's very confusing for this reason. We have up here the tape and the photograph of the man who was at the Soviet Embassy, using Oswald's name. That picture and the tape do not correspond to this man's voice, nor to his appearance. In other words, it appears that there is a second person who was at the Soviet Embassy down there. We do have a copy of a letter which was written by Oswald to the Soviet Embassy here in Washington inquiring as well as complaining about the harassment of his wife and the questioning of his wife by the FBI. Now, of course, that letter information, we process all mail that goes to the Soviet Embassy -- it's a very secret operation. No mail is delivered to the Embassy without being examined and opened <sup>by</sup> us, so that we know what they receive. Such a letter was sent to the Embassy by this fellow Oswald, making a complaint <sup>about his wife</sup> being harassed and being questioned. The case as it stands now isn't strong enough to be able to get a conviction. Then there is ~~gun~~ angle... I think we have a very, very close plan. Now if we can identify this man who is at the Mexican Embassy at -- the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City, the Embassy in Mexico City, -- this man ~~Oswald~~ has still denied everything. He doesn't know anything about anything but the gun thing, of course, is a definite trend.

lbj

It definitely established that he -- the same gun killed the policeman?

jeh

That is an entirely different gun. We also have that gun. That was a revolver.

lbj                    You think he might have two?

jeh                    Yes, yes, he had two guns. And the one that killed the policeman was a                    arm revolver, the one that killed the President was found on the sixth floor in the building from which it had been fired. I think that the bullets were fired from the fifth floor and the three shells that were found were found on the fifth floor. But he apparently went upstairs to the sixth floor to have fired the gun and throw the gun away and then went out. He went down to this theatre -- there at the theatre was where he had the gun battle with the policeman officer.

lbj                    I wonder if you will get me a little synopsis and let me have what developments come your way during the day and try to get to me before we close up for the day.

jeh                    I certainly will do that.

lbj                    Thank you.

jeh                    Thank you