

10:25 a.m.

November 25, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
 MR. BELMONT
 MR. MOHR
 MR. CONRAD
 MR. DE LOACH
 MR. EVANS
 MR. ROSEN
 MR. SULLIVAN

President Johnson called and stated apparently some lawyer in Justice is lobbying with the Post because that is where the suggestion came from to form a Presidential Commission which the President thinks would be very bad. I said that I, too, thought this would be bad. The President said they had gone to the Post to get an editorial and the Post is going to run an editorial favoring a Presidential Commission unless certain things are done.

The President stated there were two things he wanted to advise me of. First, they want to handle this matter as I suggested yesterday; that we put all available means into the investigation; that the FBI make a full report to the Attorney General; and that the Attorney General release the report.

Second, since it is a state matter and the State Attorney General is a young, able prosecutor and very cooperative, they are going to run a court of inquiry which is provided for by state law and with him there will be one of the most outstanding jurists in the country. The President said the State Attorney General will announce this today and asked that I notify our press man and that we offer full cooperation which we would also receive from the state authorities.

The President also asked that I use whatever influence I might have with the Post. I advised him that I did not have much influence with the Post but we would do what we could.

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to something. I replied that I thought it would be very good; that any contact he might have over there would be very helpful to dissuade them from carrying such an editorial.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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