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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

At the request of Chief Justice Earl Warren, I called at his office at 11:15 am, January 31, 1967, to discuss an official matter. I was accompanied by Mr. Burrill A. Peterson of my staff.

The Chief Justice advised that one day last week, exact date not furnished, (week of January 23) Drew Pearson called at his office in response to Mr. Pearson's request to talk with him. At that time Mr. Pearson stated that a lawyer, [redacted] told him that a client of his who was on the fringe of the underworld reported to him the following: That Bobby Kennedy had organized a group who went to Cuba to kill Castro; that all were killed or imprisoned, except one person who escaped; that subsequently Castro decided to utilize the same procedure to kill President Kennedy and that he hired Oswald to do the job.

Before furnishing this information to the Chief Justice, Mr. Pearson had asked him to see [redacted] concerning information on the assassination of President Kennedy. The Chief Justice informed him there was no need since the Commission had finished its work and was discharged.

The Chief Justice further told Mr. Pearson that he could not withhold this information and would have to pass it on to someone who would have authority to look into it. Mr. Pearson inferred that [redacted] was not in good standing with the

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FBI and the Chief Justice stated he would notify the Secret Service. The Chief Justice further stated that he asked Mr. Pearson if [REDACTED] client was now willing to talk with the proper investigative body, and was told that the client was involved and since the Statute of Limitations had not run, he would not be willing to talk. Mr. Pearson told the Chief Justice that he would talk to [REDACTED] and see if his client would furnish this information. He had not called the Chief Justice since their conversation.

I informed the Chief Justice that this was a FBI matter and that we would not talk with [REDACTED] until it could be learned whether the client would be identified and would be willing to talk with an investigator.


The Chief Justice tried to reach Mr. Pearson and was informed he was in Minnesota. He agreed to talk to him later and inform me what Mr. Pearson reports on [REDACTED] willingness to identify his client and talk with an investigator.

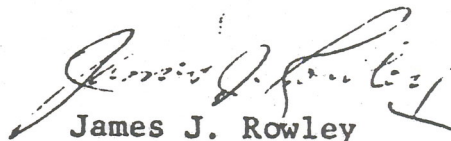
I informed the Chief Justice that we would take no action until we heard from him concerning the conversation with Mr. Pearson.

On February 2, 1967, the Chief Justice called me and advised he had spoken with Mr. Pearson who stated [REDACTED] wanted to come in to see him. The Chief Justice again informed Mr. Pearson that he was no longer involved with the Commission as it had been discharged and that [REDACTED] might properly communicate with the Secret Service. Mr. Pearson agreed to have [REDACTED] communicate with the Secret Service and indicated the tentative date would be February 8, 1967. [REDACTED] was in California and would get in touch with the Secret Service upon his return.

On February 10, 1967, I spoke with the Chief Justice by telephone and informed him that neither Mr. Pearson nor [REDACTED]

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 had called and that the information received from the Chief Justice would be reported to the FBI. The Chief Justice advised me to do whatever I had to do.


James J. Rowley