

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 10/1/64

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: WARREN COMMISSION REPORT

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The suggestion has been made that we send to the Warren Commission a copy of our letter to the White House and the Acting AG, dated 9/30/64, in which we conclude that the Commission's report is seriously inaccurate in so far as its treatment of the FBI is concerned.

It is noted that this letter is an indictment of the Commission in that we charge that in the Commission's approach, instead of adopting a realistic and objective attitude, the Commission was more interested in avoiding possible criticism. Bearing this in mind, if we send a copy of this letter to the Commission now, the Commission will probably make the letter public, together with a defiant answer.

Today the Commission is riding high, receiving plaudits for its report and the objectivity of the report, so that in any public fight with the Commission we could well lose. Before this challenge to the Commission becomes publicized it may be better to wait until the Bureau testimony becomes public, so that the public will have the other side of the picture on which to base a judgment.

I suggest we may want to wait for a few days before we consider sending a copy of this letter to the Commission. Certainly we owe no courtesy to the Commission.

Attached is a letter to Mr. Rankin, in the event it is decided a letter should be sent at this time.

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Either we are right or wrong. If we are right, I think the letter is OK.

We might as well drop it & let it go. Only if every body has a say & we depend on retaliation.

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