

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *W*

DATE: December 20, 1963

FROM : A. ROSEN *A. Rosen*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

A group of reports was delivered to Mr. J. Lee Rankin today at 12:30 p. m. During the discussion which followed with Mr. Rankin it was pointed out that the reports that had been delivered to him were the work reports which backed up the material to a large extent that had been made available in the report and exhibits that had been delivered to the members of the Commission.

Mr. Rankin was advised that additional reports would be forthcoming as quickly as possible and that the individuals reviewing these reports should bear in mind that in any instance where it did not appear that the investigation had been completed, in all likelihood a supplemental report would be forthcoming running out this investigation to a logical finish.

The nature of the Bureau's investigative reports was explained in detail so that he would have a full understanding of Bureau procedures with regard to our reports. Rankin advised that he thoroughly understood and was appreciative of the fact that he had been reminded that each individual report could not carry every aspect through to a completely logical conclusion and would necessarily have to be followed up on in a subsequent report.

Mr. Rankin was also advised that the individuals reviewing the reports might run across the names of some persons who had requested their names be kept confidential and that in some instances an individual may have furnished his name but stated that he did not wish to testify. Mr. Rankin was advised that in such an instance, if the Commission had further use for the information, that such an individual had furnished, the Bureau would be glad to recontact the individual to determine his feelings relative to the disclosure of his name or to furnishing testimony if it was the Commission's desire.

Mr. Rankin commented that he thoroughly understood the Bureau's desire in connection with the foregoing and that he also was well aware of the fact that the reports delivered to him were investigative work reports, and that

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nothing would be done with the information contained in these reports without taking it up with the Bureau in order that a satisfactory arrangement could be made whenever such was necessary.

ACTION:

None. For information.

