

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: December 18, 1963

FROM : C. A. EVANS

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
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In memorandum Evans to Belmont, December 17, 1963, information was set forth that Henry Petersen, Deputy Chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Department, had been approached by unnamed superiors in the Department to work on the Presidential Commission inquiring into the assassination of President Kennedy.

Petersen confidentially advised Section Chief T. J. McAndrews on the afternoon of December 18, 1963, that he had obtained additional information concerning this proposed assignment and had decided that, unless ordered to work for the Commission, he intended to decline the offer. Petersen stated that he had learned that Howard Willens of the Criminal Division of the Department was to be designated as the Department's representative to the Commission and that he, Petersen, would merely be in the role of assisting Willens. Petersen indicated that he did not care to work with Willens and consequently, would not voluntarily accept this assignment.

ACTION:

In accordance with the Director's instructions, Petersen was advised that in the event he does take the position with the Commission, that James R. Malley is the Bureau's liaison with the Commission and he should feel free to take up with Mr. Malley any questions of mutual interest.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley

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