

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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January 18, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
 General Counsel  
 The President's Commission  
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.  
 Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Assistant Attorney General Herbert J. Miller, Jr., has advised that the Department of Justice contemplates giving out no information concerning Lee Harvey Oswald but that after the reports concerning Jack Ruby have been reviewed by the Department for the purpose of removing any confidential information, they will be shown to Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade by United States Attorney Barefoot Sanders in order that Mr. Wade may indicate the material that would be useful to him and that Mr. Wade will probably be given the material he requests. It is also understood that the Department contemplates furnishing Ruby's attorneys only with a list of the names and addresses of persons who have furnished information having a bearing on Ruby's mental condition.

From your review of these reports, you are undoubtedly aware that in many instances they contain information which may be in the nature of gossip and rumor and which has not been substantiated. Nevertheless, such information represents the views of the persons interviewed and has been reported as it was received by us. This is being called to your attention in view of the fact that if this type of information should be misused or become a matter of public knowledge, it would reflect most unfavorably upon the Department of Justice and the President's Commission.

Although the reports are self-explanatory, I thought you should be alerted to the foregoing observations and I have also alerted Assistant Attorney General Miller.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

This was discussed with Assistant Attorney General Miller today who raised no objection to our advising the President's Commission of the Department's plan for dissemination and our views as expressed above.