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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 2/4/64

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JACK L. RUBY, AKA.  
LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM  
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Dr. Walter Bromberg has been widely reported in the newspapers as a New York psychiatrist upon whose testimony Ruby's defense lawyers have relied heavily in connection with the hearings in the Ruby case at Dallas, Texas. Dr. Bromberg described Ruby as a mentally sick man who "did not realize what he was doing" when he shot Lee Harvey Oswald.

The San Francisco Office advised that Dr. Bromberg resided with his wife Esther in Sacramento, California, from September, 1948, until January, 1963, when he left for New York City to obtain further schooling.

Information in the San Francisco Office files reflects that Bromberg was born December 16, 1900, in New York City and received an MD degree from Long Island College. He was a commander in the U. S. Navy Medical Corps from May, 1942, to June, 1946. From June, 1946, to August, 1950, he conducted a private practice at Reno, Nevada. From August, 1950, to September, 1951, he was employed with the California State Department of Mental Hygiene at Mendocino State Hospital. It was reported in the San Francisco "Examiner" newspaper on 11/9/51 that Dr. Bromberg was ousted as Director of Clinical Surveys at Mendocino State Hospital as a result of charges of meddling in the affairs of the patients in Agnews State Hospital. Dr. Walter Rappaport, Director of Agnews State Hospital, reportedly stated that Bromberg twice consulted women patients at Agnews while he was employed at Mendocino. Rappaport said this was the first time in the history of California that one state hospital director meddled in the affairs of another.

In the New York "Daily News", September 26, 1951, there appeared an article showing a photograph of Belle Bromberg and her two children in connection with the arrest of Walter Bromberg

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on the grounds that her alimony payments were in jeopardy in that he had threatened to go to California if she did not agree to a Florida divorce. The article reflected that Belle Bromberg alleged that Walter Bromberg had been to California on a trip with a Welfare Department employee by the name of Esther Boyd and that Dr. Bromberg had been living with Boyd since 1939.

A second source advised on October 27, 1952, that she is a very close acquaintance of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] invited her to various social functions in Sacramento. [REDACTED] and some of her associates have, with some frequency, engaged in "sex parties" where base, immoral practices took place. The source attended one such function without prior knowledge of the practices to take place. Present at this "party" was Dr. Walter Bromberg who was then employed as a physician at the Sacramento City Hospital and who formerly was Clinical Director at the Mendocino State Hospital.

ACTION:

In view of Bromberg's connection with the Ruby case, the above background information relating to Bromberg will be disseminated to the President's Commission and the Department of Justice. No further dissemination will be made unless expressly directed to do so by the President's Commission or the Department.

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