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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 9/3/64

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

An article captioned "California Crowd Hears Harangue by Bircher," written by Julius Duscha, staff reporter, under dateline of Santa Ana, California, August 29, appeared in "The Washington Post" on August 31, 1964. This article states that Professor Revilo P. Oliver, University of Illinois, spoke for more than an hour before 1300 men and women in the auditorium of the Santa Ana Valley High School. His speech included such phrases as "the Warren gang," "Bobby Socks Kennedy," "a hole called Harvard University," and "The supreme directorate of conspiracy, whoever they may be."

The article describes Oliver as a member of the council of the John Birch Society and states most of his speech was devoted to a rehashing of charges he made last winter in the Birch Society magazine "American Opinion," that President Kennedy's assassination was part of a Communist plot engineered with the help of CIA. The article states Oliver said, "I don't know whether Oswald was paid by the CIA or by the Soviet secret police -- and it's just a matter of book-keeping anyway." Oliver also said that under orders from Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara the Army "began to rehearse for the funeral more than a week before the funeral," and there were gasps from his audience.

Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission, on September 2, 1964, called and advised that members of the President's Commission were at that time holding a meeting and desired to be advised of any information the Bureau might have in its files concerning Oliver. He also requested that an effort be made to locate Professor Oliver for interview as soon as possible and the Commission be furnished the results of this interview, setting forth the basis for the remarks attributed to him.

A check of Bureau files by the Domestic Intelligence Division revealed considerable correspondence from Oliver to the Bureau but did not reflect any derogatory information concerning him. Mr. Rankin was advised that the Bureau had no derogatory information in our files concerning Oliver. SEP 16 1964

The Springfield Office was telephonically requested to ascertain Oliver's present whereabouts and make arrangements for an immediate interview. By teletype dated September 2, 1964, Springfield advised Oliver was in Denver, Colorado, and would be there until September 5, 1964. Denver will interview Oliver as soon as possible.

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 [Handwritten signatures and initials: Rankin, A., 7-4-64, 5/26/64]

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