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THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE ASSASSINATION
OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Hines
1 - Mr. Rogge

PURPOSE:

To recommend the attached letter be sent to Assistant Attorney General Miller advising the data concerning the assassination and the Lee Harvey Oswald investigation developed subsequent to the termination of the President's Commission will be disseminated to the Department.

DETAILS:

By letter 9/23/64 we asked the Commission to whom we should send our investigative results in connection with the above matters.

By letter 10/15/64 J. Lee Rankin advised in part "I have been instructed to advise you that these matters should be handled, insofar as the Commission is concerned, the same as any other investigation involving law enforcement." Rankin's letter continued the Commission's responsibilities, "except as to closing out its operations and the publication of its hearings and exhibits, were terminated" on 9/24/64 when its report was delivered to the President.

In connection with the Lee Harvey Oswald investigation, the approved memorandum Branigan to Sullivan dated 12/19/63 captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, Internal Security - Russia" recommended that since we furnished the Department the summary which was sent to the Commission and since investigative reports are being furnished to the Commission, we would not send these reports to the Department or any other agency. Inasmuch as our reports on Oswald have been furnished to the Commission for its evaluation and use in the preparation of its report on the assassination, it is not deemed necessary to furnish these hundreds of reports to the Department.

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ENCLOSURE

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: THE PRESIDENTS COMMISSION

With reference to the investigation captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning," we received numerous complaints, remarks and threats made by individuals which included their feelings concerning President Kennedy, the former Attorney General, other officials and the policy of the administration. Included were allegations that persons other than Lee Harvey Oswald were involved in the assassination. Therefore, these miscellaneous type reports were furnished to the Department. The Jack L. Ruby investigation was conducted at the request of the President's Commission and the Department based on a possible violation of Oswald's civil rights. Reports have been disseminated to the Department as done in all civil rights cases.

In view of Rankin's letter it appears desirable that reports containing miscellaneous type information relating to our continuing investigation of the assassination as well as the results of our continuing investigation of Oswald be furnished to the Department.

It is proposed that in the future when miscellaneous type reports and reports entitled "Lee Harvey Oswald" are received they will be furnished to the Department following review. If deemed necessary, they will also be furnished to other appropriate agencies of the Government, such as Secret Service, Central Intelligence Agency, etc. where such agencies might have an interest in the data reported. Since the Commission did not designate any authority to whom our reports should be disseminated the following is recommended:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The attached letter be furnished to Assistant Attorney General Miller advising we will disseminate reports to the Department.

2. Pertinent reports will be disseminated to other appropriate agencies of the Government where such agencies might have an interest in the data reported.

3. You will be kept fully advised of any pertinent developments in these investigations.