

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: November 23, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Bowers
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas

My memorandum of November 22, 1966, to Mr. DeLoach advised that the Director's testimony when checked contained no statements similar to those made by Arlen Specter which he attributed to the Director (memo attached). Because of the importance of this matter, the search through other material in Bureau files was continued through other sources than the Warren Commission material.

Based on this search the following have been located which appear to relate to the statements Specter attributed to the Director:

A UPI* release dated May 14, 1964 (copy attached), contains the statement, "The FBI Director said he felt the Commission was very thorough in its questioning. He said the Commission had gone into many areas which a reasonable man might not even expect them to." "All reasonable people will be impressed by the thoroughness with which the Commission is conducting its investigation... Hoover said." While the UPI release makes no comment as to whether the remarks of the Director were given before the Warren Commission or elsewhere, it is noted the Director, after completing his testimony before the Warren Commission, was surrounded by representatives of the news services outside the building when he was leaving and a number of questions were asked.

Also attached is a copy of a newspaper article which appeared in the Washington Evening Star on November 19, 1964. This article by Associated Press was the result of an interview with the Director by a group of women reporters on November 18, 1964. In this article the following appears: "Hoover appeared before the Commission last May 14 and told newsmen after testifying the panel was doing a very thorough job. He said it had even gone beyond what a reasonable man would have expected in accumulating evidence."

*ENCLOSURE ATTACHED
It is noted the remarks of Arlen Specter are not the same as the remarks appearing in the above press items.

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Memo to Mr. DeLoach from Rosen
RE: ASSASSINATION

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the similar nature of the remarks made, it is believed it would not be desirable to write a letter to Mr. Arlen Specter because of the information we have now found in the Bureau's files. However, in the event the Director desires, there is attached a letter which can be sent to Mr. Specter.

Suggest no letter be sent.

Rosen
WSS
DeLoach
J.V.