

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOISON

FROM : A. H. PALMONT

B.I.G. - ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

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Mr. Tolson, Department Attorney General Katzenbach called at 10:30 p.m.
and said in substance he had been in touch with General Miller and informed him
that former Solicitor General [redacted] had been interviewed
in his position as a member of the President's Commission. He
also know what thought of Rankin. I told him that the Secret Service
General Miller had called and asked that the Commissioner
be checking files and will furnish the results to him later.
Mr. Tolson said that C.I. and F.B.I. agents had
looked at our report and were satisfied with it. Secret Service
is coming over to look at it. Thereafter, he will call me so that
we can have the benefit of any observations he has. I told him
I am ready to meet over at any time.

Mr. Tolson said he has been in touch with Sorrells and
White House with the thought in mind that rather than have
Rankin go over to the President, the President could instruct
the Department to do it if it the President's Commission. This is
to keep it out of the White House until the Commission has done
its work. I made no comment as to this but did tell Katzenbach that
it was my understanding from the Department that they would do
nothing other than the fact that has transmitted the report to the President.

Rankin said that the other thing he had in
mind was to get information relative to the allegations made by [redacted]
at General Miller. If the Dallas Police knew about this
and the assassination and was told as a suspect in the [redacted]
Rankenbach thought recollection was that the Dallas Police had the
slug bullet identification of the sniper and did not have Oswald
as a suspect. He was checking this out to be sure.

Rankin asked if we would have additional copies of the
report for the Commission. I told him we would have additional
copies of the report but would wait until the Commission asked for
them.

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