

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: January 24, 1964

FROM : G. K. Scatterday

SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NAME CHECK REQUESTS ON BEHALF OF
PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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By letter dated 1-15-64, received 1-20-64, General Services Administration (GSA) advised that the Administrator of GSA had been requested by the Chairman of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (PCAK) to initiate security investigations with respect to professional staff employees of the Commission and would pursuant thereto submit to the Bureau name checks on individuals employed or being considered for employment by the Commission. GSA requested permission to make available to the Commission copies of reports furnished by us to GSA. The reports will be made available only to officials whose duties require access to the information and upon completion of review would be returned by the Commission to GSA for filing and storage.

The arrangement proposed by GSA is similar to previous arrangements between GSA and various other small agencies established by Executive Order, with which arrangement the Bureau has concurred. It is believed the volume of the suggested procedure will be small and is believed we should grant permission to GSA in accordance with its request, provided such information is furnished to the General Counsel of the Commission. Information concerning Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, should be furnished to the Chairman of the Commission.

In connection with GSA's request, we have received through name check channels from GSA requests for name checks of four individuals associated with the Commission; James Lee Rankin, Julia T. Eide, Beverly Ann Heckman, and Norman Hedlich.

Bureau files reveal Rankin was the subject of an applicant-type investigation during January, 1953, and the subject of an Atomic Energy Act investigation in 1955, which developed no derogatory data. A summary of the applicant-type investigation is available for dissemination as well as copies of the investigative reports in the Atomic Energy Act investigation. Bureau files contain no derogatory data concerning Julia T. Eide, who was the subject of a Departmental Applicant

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Investigation in 1953, and an Atomic Energy investigation in 1955. Copies of the reports in these investigations are available for dissemination to GSA. Beverly Ann Heckman was the subject of an Atomic Energy Act investigation in 1949 and 1955, which developed no derogatory data. Copies of these reports are available for dissemination to GSA.

With regard to Norman Redlich, Bureau files reveal he was a subscriber to the "National Guardian," active in the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and active in efforts to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities and in 1961 acted as attorney for a suspected espionage agent. Under date of 12-31-63, a memorandum summarizing information concerning Redlich was prepared and furnished to Mr. Rankin of the President's Commission with the Director's approval. A copy of this summary is available for dissemination to GSA.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the attached letter be sent to GSA granting permission to GSA to furnish information received from the FBI to the General Counsel of President's Commission concerning employees and prospective employees of the Commission, except information concerning Rankin should be furnished to the Chairman of the Commission.

2. That information concerning Rankin, Eide, Heckman, and Redlich be furnished GSA through name check channels in response to its requests.

DONE
GSA
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