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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: December 7, 1963

FROM : A. H. Belmont *ahb*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT *John F. Kennedy*

On afternoon of December 6, Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach advised that CIA representatives had looked at our report on the assassination of President Kennedy and the report on the Ruby killing of Oswald and that CIA concurred fully with the report, said it was accurate according to any information they had and were complimentary of the report. State Department representatives had looked at the report and agreed with it. Secret Service representatives were coming over to look at the report.

Mr. Katzenbach said he had talked to Mr. Sorenson at the White House who had talked to the President, and the President wants the report transmitted direct to the Presidential Commission headed by Chief Justice Warren. Katzenbach wanted to know whether the Bureau wanted to transmit the report and I told him that we had given it to the Department and if the President wanted it to the Commission, the Department should handle. He said he would furnish it personally to Chief Justice Warren on December 7 with a very short cover note merely transmitting the report.

Mr. Katzenbach said that he was not in favor of making any statement regarding the report at this time but the President wants a statement, therefore, he has drawn one up which he would like to have approved by Chief Justice Warren and the White House and would like any views of the FBI. Mr. DeLoach and I looked over the proposed statement which set forth that a preliminary report had been rendered by the FBI and then went on to relate the findings of the report including the statement that Oswald was not involved with anyone else, there was no foreign country

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influence and that Ruby had operated by himself in the killing of Oswald.

Mr. DeLoach and I talked to Mr. Katzenbach regarding this and advised him that the Director felt that basically the first paragraph was all that was necessary merely relating that the report had been submitted. We recommended that the word preliminary be stricken as this was more than a preliminary report. We pointed out that it is basically dangerous to make statements beyond that contained in the first paragraph because continued allegations are being received and we are continuing to run them out and this is a situation where the fewer comments that are made the better.

Mr. Katzenbach called Mr. Sorenson at the White House and advised of the Director's feelings on this and stated that he agreed that any report should be limited to the first paragraph plus a sentence to the effect that the Bureau was continuing investigation. Mr. Sorenson felt that it was desirable to show that at least so far there was no indication of involvement of a foreign country in this matter. We reiterated to Mr. Katzenbach our feeling that the less said the better and we did not object to saying that the FBI was continuing investigation but otherwise we thought the statements should be limited to the first paragraph. I told Mr. Katzenbach we had expressed our views and the rest was up to the Department. Mr. Katzenbach said that any statement made would be made by the White House.

I furnished Mr. Katzenbach a new set of reports and exhibits inasmuch as we had added a preface and had included an index to the reports. We had numbered the reports and the set furnished the Department is number two. I brought back the reports we had previously given the Department and they have been returned to Mr. Rosen's Office.