

May 28, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

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 Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to the telephone call from Mr. Howard P. Willens of your staff to Mr. George H. Scatterday of this Bureau on May 22, 1964. Mr. Willens requested that this Bureau interview Mr. Abraham Bolden of the United States Secret Service concerning statements attributed to Mr. Bolden alleging improprieties on the part of United States Secret Service Agents in the protection of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

(Assassination of)
 Enclosed for your assistance are two copies of a self-explanatory communication from our Chicago, Illinois, Office dated May 25, 1964, relating to this matter which confirms information telephonically furnished to Mr. Willens by Mr. Scatterday on May 25, 1964.

For your information copies of the enclosed communication have been made available to the United States Secret Service. No further action is contemplated in this matter; however, if any pertinent information is brought to our attention, you will be promptly notified.

Sincerely yours,

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 1- 62-109090 (President's Commission)

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 Enclosures (2)

- 1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. R.E. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. O.H. Bartlett
- 1 - Mr. C.D. DeLoach

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NOTE:

For full details see the following memos Rosen to Belmont dated 5-22-64, captioned, "President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy," GHS/pab; D. J. Brennan, Jr., to W. C. Sullivan, same caption, dated 5-22-64, GAD/mls; and Rosen to Belmont captioned, "President's Commission on Assassination of the President," dated 5-25-64, GHS/mpd.

Bolden is the Negro Secret Service Agent who was arrested by Secret Service on 5-19-64 for trying to sell information to a member of a counterfeit ring for \$50,000. After arrest, Bolden alleged improprieties on the part of other Secret Service Agents in protecting President Kennedy and threatened to tell the President's Commission about it. Willens of the Commission requested we interview Bolden. Bolden appeared at our Chicago Office on 5-25-64 and on the advice of his attorney, refused to make a statement. However, Chicago ascertained he had no specific information concerning the actual assassination. The Commission was advised of the results of this contact on 5-25-64. Secret Service was notified on 5-22-64 we were going to interview Bolden at the Commission's request as well as the fact Bolden refused to make a statement on 5-25-64.