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TO : Mr. Gale *JW*

DATE: July 22, 1964

FROM : H. L. Edwards *HL*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION  
INQUIRIES AND VISITS AT DALLAS, TEXAS,  
BY WALTER E. CRAIG, PRESIDENT  
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Last week the Director approved alerting the SAC at Dallas to a visit by American Bar Association (ABA) President Walter E. Craig, and an associate, Charles Murray, who desired to look over the assassination scene and conduct certain other inquiries in connection with Craig's responsibility for collaborating with the Warren Commission in its inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy. Craig had requested permission to be in contact with our Dallas Office to facilitate the completion of his business in Dallas.

SAC Shanklin reported that Craig and Murray were met on their arrival at Dallas the evening of 7-15-64. They were extended courtesies and on the following two days assistance was provided them in locating and visiting the various points and individuals in connection with their inquiry. SAC Shanklin stated that no problem whatever arose; there was no involvement of the Bureau in Craig's inquiries. To the contrary, Craig was extremely profuse in his gratitude to the Director for the assistance extended during the Dallas visit, and he was quite complimentary concerning the FBI. Craig stated that he expected to be in Mexico City in connection with the International Bar Conference scheduled there 7/25 - 31/64, and, incidental to that, he hopes to check an item or two in connection with the Mexico angle of the Oswald case. Mexico City Legat Clark Anderson has been alerted.

Craig called me from his home in Phoenix this week and personally reiterated his gratitude for the help given him in Dallas and asked that I extend his appreciation to the Director. He said that the assistance of the Dallas Office enabled him to cover everything with efficiency and dispatch and he is not at all concerned with any apprehension as to what the Warren Report might say because he is convinced the Bureau has done its usual outstanding job. He did indicate that if the Warren Report makes any recommendations it will possibly be to make more suggestions as to improving the protection of the President and might want the FBI to assume more responsibilities in this regard. He said he has no specific knowledge that such will be their recommendation and he is only basing this on speculation as a result of some general comments he has heard at the Commission. He indicated that in his best judgment, the Report of the Commission might be anticipated around 8-7-64, but this date is only tentative.

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by Walter E. Craig, President, American Bar Association.

Craig stated that he would be in New York for the Annual Meeting of the ABA, 8-7-64, and will remain in New York until that meeting concludes on 8-13-64. I will be in touch with him during that meeting and will, of course, report any additional information he may have.

ACTION:

Information.

*GRD*

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