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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: February 8, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Wick

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Rosen

Memorandum from Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson dated 2/7/67, set forth details concerning a conversation Mr. DeLoach had that day with Marvin Watson at the White House. Among other things, Mr. Watson indicated that the United Press International quotes the author William Manchester as stating that "A Cabinet officer made notes during the Dallas assassination." Watson wanted to know if the FBI could identify this Cabinet officer for the President.

From material available no reference could be located indicating a Cabinet officer accompanied the Presidential party to Dallas in November, 1963. The 2/7/67 edition of "Look" magazine contained the second installment of William Manchester's book "The Death of a President." On page 55, the following is set forth: "Mrs. Johnson, who always carried notebooks to record what she called her 'never-to-be-forgotten moments,' had produced one from her purse and was rapidly writing down her impressions."

Our Dallas Office was contacted concerning this inquiry and advised that it possessed no information that a Cabinet officer accompanied President Kennedy on his trip to Dallas. Page 45 of the Warren Commission Report on the Assassination sets forth the identities of all individuals who participated in the motorcade at the time of the President's death. None of President Kennedy's Cabinet officers were listed as being in this motorcade.

Manchester's article, as well as the Warren Commission Report indicate that Lawrence F. O'Brien was a member of the President's party visiting Dallas at the time of the assassination. At that time O'Brien was listed as a Special Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations. He is currently Postmaster General and may be the individual referred to by Manchester, in the United Press International release.

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Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY

O'Brien's testimony concerning the assassination is set forth beginning on page 457 of Volume VII in the "Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy." There is nothing in this testimony to indicate O'Brien made any notes while at Dallas.

ACTION:

In view of the limited information available, it is not possible to definitely determine the identity of the "Cabinet officer" other than set forth above.

Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Watson at the White House furnishing him the above information.

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