

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Wick *Wick*

DATE: 3-13-67

FROM : M. A. Jones *M. A. Jones*

S/ SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
RAMSEY CLARK  
ON "FACE THE NATION," CBS, WTOP-TV  
SUNDAY, 12:30 P.M., MARCH 12, 1967

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Captioned program was moderated by CBS newscaster Martin Agronsky, who was also assisted in the interview by CBS correspondent George Herman and "Washington Post" correspondent James Clayton.

The principal topics of discussion during this interview of the Attorney General were: 1) The Warren Commission Report on the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy; 2) wiretapping; 3) The Supreme Court "Miranda" decision; 4) Congressman Adam Clayton Powell; and 5) the death penalty.

Several references were made to the Director and the FBI during this interview and all were favorable.

In response to questioning concerning allegations made by New Orleans' District Attorney James Garrison that the Kennedy assassination was the result of a plot, Clark replied that he was satisfied with the Warren Commission's conclusions based on FBI investigation that assassin Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. When asked to comment concerning the results of FBI investigation concerning a mysterious New Orleans figure known as "Bertrand," the Attorney General declined since Louisiana State proceedings were then in progress concerning the identity of this individual. However, Clark noted that the FBI investigation into the assassination had identified most - if not all - of the individuals mentioned in the current New Orleans investigation into a possible assassination conspiracy.

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**RE: INTERVIEW OF ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK**

The Attorney General commented, in response to questioning, that there were now 38 wire taps authorized by his office, and that all of these were in national security-type cases. He reiterated his position that all other electronic listening devices were unnecessary to effective investigation by police agencies and that they are incompatible with our national concepts for the privacy of our citizens. He emphasized that procedures for his approval for utilization of wiretapping devices had been improved, and he is satisfied that no use of these devices would be made without his approval.

Clark was questioned regarding the effects of the Supreme Court "Miranda" decision. He replied that it is too early to determine the net results, but that it has had no appreciable influence in the effectiveness of FBI investigations where all suspects have, as a matter of strict routine policy, been informed of their constitutional rights prior to any interrogation.

With regard to Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, (the) Attorney General replied to questioning that the Department of Justice had made no final determination as to any Federal laws violated by Powell, and that he preferred that their decision await the conclusion of any action against Powell by the United States Congress.

The Attorney General was asked for his views concerning the death penalty. [Clark did not reveal whether or not he favored complete abolishment of this penalty, but did say he would recommend that it be abolished in some Federal violations.]

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For information.

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