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MR. TOLSON:

Marvin Watson called at 3:50 p.m. today. He stated that George Christian, the President's Press Secretary, had shown the President a booklet entitled "Corporal Chatterley's War." Watson stated that the President told him to call me to see if the American Legion could not get this booklet delivered to every Member of Congress. He asked if I could do this discreetly.

I told Watson I would take a look at the booklet and then let him know. I stated that the FBI, of course, could not take such action. He stated he knew this, but that the President wanted me to handle this with the American Legion. I told him I would check the matter out and let him know. I stated that, frankly, I had never heard of the booklet.

Watson brought up another subject. He asked if the FBI knew a lawyer in Washington named Edward P. Morgan. I told him that Morgan was formerly an employee but left our service many years ago. Watson stated that the President had instructed that the FBI interview Morgan concerning any knowledge he might have regarding the assassination of President Kennedy. He stated this request stemmed from a communication which the FBI had sent to the White House some weeks ago.

I told Watson we were well aware of this communication; that, as a matter of fact, the information contained therein emanated from Secret Service. As a matter of background I told Watson that Drew Pearson had gone to see Chief Justice Warren and had told him that Edward P. Morgan had a rather bizarre story to tell about the assassination. Pearson asked the Chief Justice to see Morgan. The Chief Justice refused to do so. The Chief Justice asked Jim Rowley of Secret Service to see Morgan. Rowley made several attempts but Morgan refused to keep the appointments.

I told Watson that, under the circumstances, it appeared that Morgan did not want to be interviewed, and even if he was interviewed he would probably not divulge the identity of his sources who apparently were clients. Watson stated that the President knew all this, but that the President still desired that the FBI conduct the interview in question. I told Watson that, under the circumstances, we had no alternative

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but to make this attempt; however, I hoped he and the President realized that this might be putting the FBI into a situation with District Attorney Garrison, who was nothing more than a publicity seeker.

Watson asked that we conduct the interview and furnish him the results in blind memorandum form.

Watson then made reference to communications addressed to him by the Director. He stated that in the future he and the President would like these same communications to be addressed to

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

He stated that Mrs. Stegall would bring them into him immediately. I asked him the reason for this change. He stated that Mrs. Stegall did not have the direct connection with the President that he had and, consequently, people who saw such communications would not suspicion that Watson or the President had requested such information, nor were interested in such information. I told him this would be done.

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10/65 for W.H.
with [redacted]
min [redacted]
Watson
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[redacted]
cancel [redacted]
this report [redacted]*

Watson next made reference to one [redacted] 67c
38 years of age, who resides in Houston, Texas [redacted] works 67c
for one [redacted]
in Houston. Watson stated the President wanted a very discreet
check made on [redacted] and that [redacted] should not know that the 67c
check was being made. He reiterated that the check should be
made as discreetly as possible and should not be the usual
full-field type of investigation. He stated this should be
handled most expeditiously.

ACTION:

(1) I will take a look at the booklet, "Corporal Chatterley's War," to see if it is the type material that the American Legion would want to disseminate to the Congress.

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Neither the FBI nor my name will, of course, appear in the handling of any of this. The book is probably pro-Administration insofar as Vietnam is concerned.

(2) Under the circumstances, it appears we have no alternative but to interview Edward P. Morgan and then furnish the results to Watson in blind memorandum form. Morgan will probably refuse to furnish such information and most certainly will refuse to divulge the identity of his client. The agents interviewing Morgan should make it quite clear that the FBI is not interfering with any current investigation being conducted by local authorities in New Orleans.

(3) Future communications to the White House, which previously have been addressed to Watson, should now be addressed to

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Although she is the Confidential Secretary to the President, the President and Watson do not like the title to be used; therefore, she should simply be addressed as indicated above.

(4) The Special Investigative Division, Special Inquiry Section, will cause a discreet inquiry to be made by the Houston Office on [REDACTED] There should be a two-day deadline on this inquiry.

Respectfully,

C. D. DeLoach