

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: May 26, 1967

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN, JR.

SUBJECT: JAMES POWEROY HENDRICK
SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR ENFORCEMENT
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR
MAY 26, 1967

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- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Holmes
- Miss Gandy

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At 10 a.m., on May 26, 1967, Mr. Hendrick, accompanied by the Liaison Agent, met with the Director. Mr. Hendrick stated that he had just recently taken over his present position as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury for Law Enforcement, and in that capacity, wished to stop by and pay his respects to the Director.

The Director emphasized the need for teamwork among law enforcement agencies, both Federal and local, and this was particularly true in the Treasury Department where there are a number of law enforcement agencies. The Director discussed the current situation regarding electronic surveillance and wire tapping. He stated this is a tool which should be available to law enforcement in major cases, such as kidnapping and organized crime, as well as the security field; however, it should be very tightly controlled by the head of the agency and with the concurrence of the Attorney General.

The Director commented upon the vicious attacks upon law enforcement by certain areas of the news media, such as Drew Pearson and persons of his character. He outlined the Bureau's policy of furnishing the news media only those facts which they are legitimately entitled to and not trying cases in the newspapers. He pointed out that the Bureau maintains a strict "No Comment" policy other than brief statements issued at the time of arrests. The Director pointed out that over the years there has been a trend for defense attorneys to lose sight of the fact

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Memorandum from D. J. Brennan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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that they are officers of the court and to resort to all
sorts of unethical tactics to thwart the true aims of justice.
Regarding the numerous books which have been written that
are critical of the Government's handling of the investigation
of the assassination of President Kennedy, he commented that
an excellent book had been written exposing the fallacies in
these attacks and requested the Liaison Agent to furnish
Mr. Hendrick the title of this book. The Liaison Agent
called Mr. Hendrick and advised that the book is
"The Truth About the Assassination" by Charles Roberts,
described as a noted White House Correspondent, and is
published by Grossett and Dunlap, New York.

At the conclusion of the conference, the Director
extended his offer of assistance to Mr. Hendrick as he
undertakes his new assignment.

It was very apparent that Mr. Hendrick was greatly
impressed by his meeting with the Director, and in fact as
he was leaving the building, he commented to the Liaison
Agent "What a thrill to sit at the feet of that great man."

ACTION:

For information.

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