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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

DATE: 9/22/64

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Rogge
- 1 - Mr. Hines

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Reference is made to Rosen to Belmont memo of 9/21/64 relating to exhibits of the President's Commission, particularly as to the retention on a permanent basis of some and disposal of others and what arrangements could be made for the display of some of these exhibits to news media.

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The recommendations set forth in referenced memorandum were discussed today with Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the Commission who commented that he appreciated the Bureau's views but did not feel that the situation was satisfactorily resolved. Mr. Rankin pointed out that the Commission hoped to be completely out of existence within a very short period of time following the release of its report. He advised he felt that the President would want the various exhibits available to those among the news media or among the public who were sufficiently curious to desire to see the exhibits referred to in the President's report. Mr. Rankin stated that for the foregoing reasons, plus the fact there was a necessity for proper care being afforded the exhibits, he would hope that the FBI might be willing to maintain these exhibits.

It was explained to Mr. Rankin that the Bureau did not have the facilities or the manpower to display over an extended period of time these exhibits to anyone among the general public who might be interested in viewing them; that our responsibilities were extremely great at the present time and we could not take on added burdens which would entail maintenance of exhibits of this nature.

During the discussion it was mentioned to Mr. Rankin that he had previously indicated the Commission intended to make its material available to the National Archives for safekeeping and if this was still their plan it was possible that arrangements could be made with the National Archives for the maintenance of the various exhibits which the President's Commission desired to maintain on a permanent basis. Mr. Rankin stated that this idea had possibilities but he was still worried about the safe maintenance of these exhibits.

It was suggested to Mr. Rankin that regardless of where the exhibits were maintained, if they were to be reviewed by the public in general they would necessarily have to be maintained in such a manner that individuals could not be pawing over

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the exhibits inasmuch as they would soon deteriorate from improper handling if this were permitted. During this discussion Mr. Rankin agreed that it would probably be necessary to maintain these exhibits in glass cases in order to preserve them for any period of time.

Mr. Rankin indicated that he intended to discuss this matter with Mr. George E. Reedy, Press Secretary to the President, and would be in contact with the Bureau at a subsequent date. He requested that the Bureau, if it had any further suggestions in the meantime concerning this matter, call him and furnish him the benefit of these additional suggestions if any were available.

Submitted for information.

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We don't want to maintain custody of these exhibits.
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