

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-25-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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On February 24, 1964, SA Hanning contacted Frank McNamara, Director, House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). While talking with him, McNamara furnished Hanning a copy of the first page of the February 12, 1964, issue of "Tocsin" (attached). This is an anticommunist newspaper published weekly in Oakland, California. The feature story on the front page of this paper is headlined "Red-Fronter in Death Probe." The story then relates that Norman Redlich, a Professor at New York University Law School, is acting as Assistant Counsel on the Warren Commission staff and then goes on to list Redlich's left-wing affiliations. McNamara advised that they have quite a bit of information on Redlich in the files of HCUA, and that Chairman Willis was quite concerned and went to the Warren Commission concerning Redlich's appointment as an Assistant Counsel on the Commission. McNamara did not know the individual that Chairman Willis contacted, however, he stated that Chairman Willis was assured that all members of the Commission were "cleared" by the FBI. Hanning advised McNamara that he undoubtedly knew the FBI did not issue clearances or clear anyone.

A review of Bureau files reflects that in brief Redlich was a subscriber to the "National Guardian" in 1953 (cited by HCUA). He has since 1955 been active as a sponsor and/or speaker of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and the National Committee to Abolish the HCUA. Both of these groups have been cited by HCUA as communist front groups. He has been associated with Harry Magdoff of the Silvermaster case and represented the latter when he was subpoenaed to appear before the HCUA. Magdoff was uncooperative with the Committee.

Actually, on December 22, 1963, a confidential informant of the New York Office advised us that Redlich was working with the President's Commission. It was recommended and approved that a letterhead memorandum concerning Redlich be furnished to J. Lee Rankin by Inspector James R. Malley. Such a memorandum dated December 21, 1963, was furnished to Rankin by Inspector Malley on 1-3-64 (copy attached).

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In late January, 1964, we received a Standard Form 86 (Security Investigation Data for Sensitive Position) from the Civil Service Commission on Redlich for processing under Executive Order 10450 (Federal Employee Security Program). While the form

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lists General Services Administration (GSA) as the employing agency we know Redlich was with the President's Commission and that GSA was acting solely as a "house-keeping unit" for the Commission. It was recommended and approved that since a summary on Redlich had previously been made available to Rankin and GSA, the Standard Form 86 be returned to the Civil Service Commission advising them that the President's Commission and GSA were already in possession of pertinent information from our files and that we contemplated no investigation in the absence of a request.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you (Mr. DeLoach) personally take this matter up with Chairman Willis of HCUA on a confidential basis and brief him on the details set forth above.

Handwritten signatures and initials:
- A large signature on the left, possibly "DeLoach".
- A signature in the middle, possibly "Rankin".
- A signature on the right, possibly "Willis".
- A date stamp: "11: 1964 2/2/64".
- A large handwritten "D" below the date stamp.