

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans

DATE: 4/1/64

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: NORMAN REDLICH
PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

- Tolson _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Cooper _____
- Callahan _____
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J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy by letter dated 3/30/64 requested Bureau to furnish basic facts and supporting data for the House Committee on Un-American Activities' (HCUA) determination that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) is a communist front organization. The ECLC is cited in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, December 1, 1961, edition, prepared by HCUA, as a communist front with the avowed purpose of abolishing the HCUA and discrediting the FBI.

Bureau is currently conducting investigation concerning Redlich under Federal Employees Security Program at the request of the Commission based on Redlich's affiliation with certain alleged communist front organizations, one of which is the ECLC. Bureau in addition has a pending investigation on the ECLC as a communist front organization and copies of investigative reports are being furnished the Department on a continuing basis. Corliss Lamont is Chairman of ECLC and Clark Foreman is Director and both have been identified as Communist Party members by Budenz and both of their names are included in the Security Index.

Since the characterization of the ECLC as a communist front organization was determination of HCUA, it is not within the Bureau's prerogatives to question or comment upon the basis for HCUA's conclusion. In view of Redlich's position on this Commission and his admitted affiliations with the ECLC, which is dedicated to abolish HCUA, it is quite possible this may be a move on the part of Redlich to obtain information concerning the ECLC through his position on the Commission. Based on this request, there is an indication that the Commission is planning to question HCUA's citation of the ECLC and in view of this fact, the Bureau should not become involved in a possible "dogfight" between the Commission and HCUA.

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 - 1 - Mr. Mohr
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 - 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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RE: NORMAN REDLICH

ACTION:

There is attached for approval a letter to Mr. Rankin of the Commission suggesting he ~~contact ECUA directly for the desired information.~~

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C.V.

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