

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: December 2, 1963

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

Reference is made to the attached copy of the Drew Pearson column in Washington Post 12-2-63. This column unfavorably criticizes the FBI, Secret Service and the Dallas police.

Many of our news media friends have called me and the men in this office today concerning Pearson's unjust and unfounded remarks. These men offered to literally "take Pearson apart" if we will just give them the go-ahead. They have volunteered to start an effective campaign against Pearson for his attack on the FBI.

While certainly a campaign against Pearson would be justified, the fact remains that to effectively refute Pearson, our friends would necessarily have to bring up and rehash the charges made by Pearson. This is believed undesirable. We are, therefore, informing our friends that we have no comment to make on it and would prefer that no action be taken.

### Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Morrell

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*Classic case of Hoover's recognition of FBI Blunder*

*unfortunately we are not in a position to completely contradict Pearson.*

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*Handwritten notes in the top center: 'Pearson Team', 'PBI SS + Dallas Police'.*

*Handwritten signature: 'John F. Kennedy'.*

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