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November 29, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. MOHR
MR. CONRAD
MR. DE LOACH
MR. EVANS
MR. ROSEN
MR. SULLIVAN

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Judge Milton Kronhelm called and stated he thought he should tell me of a conclusion he has reached. He noticed that Oswald lived in the house of some people who belong to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and they took him to a meeting; that when Oswald was on television he called for Abt, the ACLU attorney. Judge Kronhelm stated that for many years he has sat in these cases where the attorney for the defendant has been a civil liberties attorney and he has noticed consistently that they do not approach the problem with any pertinency; that they have represented Nazis, communists, peace people, the Madam Nhu pickets; and he thinks their basic gambit, basic philosophy, is one of just fighting all authority.

I told Judge Kronhelm that I share that view myself.

The Judge continued that he thought the whole situation becomes logical when you fit it into the ACLU viewpoint.

I told the Judge that I was glad to have his viewpoint; that Oswald was in communication with them for membership which had not been given; that he was a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee and was the secretary of that at New Orleans with the result that he had a very bad background; and that the first lawyer he wanted was John Abt who appears in all the communist cases we have.

Judge Kronhelm stated the point is that Castro, Khrushchev and all the rest, except the ACLU, have disowned Oswald; that the FBI has to make a report and he thinks the report can focus on those people.

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Conrad, DeLoach, Evans, Rosen, Sullivan

I told the Judge that I was glad to have his observations; that it was very helpful for me to have his views on it.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.
John Edgar Hoover
Director

