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November 26, 1963

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

I called Deputy Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach and advised him that I had just talked with the President who was very much disturbed; that he heard somewhere that the Washington Post had been tipped off by somebody in the Department that a Presidential Commission would be appointed to look into the entire situation down in Dallas; that this is not correct; that he does not intend to have any Presidential Commission; that he wants to have two reports prepared by the Bureau - one on the assassination and one on Oswald. I also told Mr. Katzenbach that the President had advised that the State Attorney General is going to have a court of special inquiry immediately designated as provided under Texas law; that the Attorney General of Texas sometime today will announce that a special court of inquiry has been called; that the President said the Judge is a very fine, outstanding man and Wade a capable prosecutor and Wade spoke very highly of cooperation with the Bureau.

I also told Mr. Katzenbach that I had instructed Mr. Malley in Dallas to see Wade at once and tell him we want to cooperate in every way we can in whatever he may be doing, just as we expect him to cooperate with us; any evidence we get, any testimony necessary from our personnel will be made entirely available to him.

I advised Mr. Katzenbach that the President asked that we get word of this picture to Mr. Guthman. I further indicated there would be a lot of calls today.

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Mr. Katzenbach asked who steered the Post onto this and I replied that the President said the Post had the story and tomorrow morning

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Mohr, November 28, 1963
Conrad, DeLoach, Evans, Rosen, Sullivan

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I think we should hold that until we get the report on the Oswald situation; in that case it may be a situation where he has been made a martyr by being shot by Ruby. I stated that I am aiming for a deadline of Wednesday of this week for a report on both.

I also advised Mr. Jenkins that we are getting in touch with District Attorney Wade in Dallas and offering any assistance and all cooperation which we understand he will give us. I said there can be no doubt at all from a technical point of view that Oswald bought the gun from a mail-order house in Chicago; handwriting identified; came to a post office box in Dallas maintained by his mother; had the gun at his house; his wife admitted gun was there but couldn't identify gun; but on morning of the assassination, the men who picked Oswald up to bring him to work said Oswald carried a package wrapped in brown paper; he asked Oswald what was in the package and Oswald said they were curtain rods the lady had given him as he was going to decorate his own house with them; and the paper was found in the bulleting, together with the gun and three shells. I told Mr. Jenkins that Oswald had four shells and only fired three shells; that we have one complete bullet found on the stretcher on which the President was carried into the hospital, which apparently fell out of the President's head; that the other two bullets were pretty well broken up but sufficiently complete to allow us to identify them as being the three fired by this particular gun.

Mr. Jenkins stated this is very conclusive. He said he would advise President Johnson about it and that the President will be very pleased.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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BY J. H.