

Memorandum

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Mr. Conrad	
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DATE April 15, 1964

TO Mr. Belmont
DIRECTOR

FROM A. Rosen
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SUBJECT PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

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On April 15, 1964, while Malley was discussing other matters with J. Lee Rankin, he casually mentioned the information furnished by Mr. Rankin to the effect that a representative of Secret Service had told the President's Commission Lee Harvey Oswald would have been under surveillance had information available been made known to Secret Service. Mr. Rankin was asked if he would care to reveal the identity of the Secret Service representative who had made this comment. Mr. Rankin became somewhat disturbed and stated that he was not at liberty to reveal this information at the present time. He was not pushed further for the identity of this individual.

Foregoing submitted for information.

ADDENDUM, 4/16/64 (AHB:csh)

In his liaison capacity, Inspector Malley has constantly been attempting to get close to Rankin, who has maintained a strictly official attitude. In advising Malley of the statement by a Secret Service representative, this is the first time that Rankin has unbent a bit, and he showed some concern to Malley that he had departed from his strict, official role in so advising Malley.

Malley says that when he talked to Rankin last night, Rankin expressed concern at the follow-up, and indicated that, before the Bureau took any action on this information, he would like to be further consulted. Nevertheless, if you agree, we will have Bartlett go to Jim Rowley and, without revealing the source, tell Rowley we have learned that a representative of Secret Service has stated to the Commission that, information on Oswald had been furnished to Secret Service, they would have had him under observation; that this definitely has the appearance of Secret Service

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ADDENDUM (continued):

going out of its way to place the blame in this matter on the FBI; that, on the other hand, we have gone out of our way to refrain from commenting on Secret Service; for example, if Secret Service had insisted on having two men on the back of the President's car, the shots would have hit the Secret Service men, rather than the President; that we would like to know who made this statement to the Commission, and whether Rowley subscribes to it, and if not what steps he might consider to set the record straight.

Inasmuch as any inquiry we make at Secret Service will probably get back to Rankin and cause him to distrust the FBI, it is recommended that we have Malley tell Rankin that we have previously received rumors that Secret Service has been attempting to dump this on the FBI and consequently we feel it imperative that we go to Rowley and talk to him; that we will in no way indicate to Rowley that our information arose from within the Commission or its staff.

A. H. Belmont

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As we have had this from several sources, go ahead with Rowley. Not necessary to discuss with Rankin, Pres Mr. Tolson.