

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

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SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 10163-10165. Senator Mundt, (R) South Dakota, spoke concerning a statement by Congressman Gurney, (R) Florida, in connection with the appointment of Norman Redlich to the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of President Kennedy. Mr. Mundt stated "I find, not only from what Mr. Gurney said, but also from a little independent research that I have done to verify it, that Norman Redlich, who is on the payroll of the Warren Commission at \$100 a day, is an admitted member or associate of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, which is one of the notorious Communist fronts of this country. I was distressed when I read that, so I went back to see whether there was any documentation, and I find that there is, in governmental reports about that organization." Mr. Mundt included with his remarks a series of broadcasts made by Fulton Lewis, Jr., over the Mutual Network in connection with this subject. Mr. Lewis quotes from the following citation which appeared in "

Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications: "The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is an organization with headquarters in New York, whose avowed purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities and discredit the FBI. . . ." Mr. Mundt went on to state "I submit that the American public is entitled to know why this type of individual, connected with un-American associations, has crept into the Warren Commission. . . . It would seem to this Senator that complete security clearances should be obtained on all personnel on the Commission staff before further evidence is taken and before even a start is made on writing the report on this awesome and tragic assassination of an American President."

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