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TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: May 14, 1957

FROM : W. A. BRANIGAN

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
REGISTRATION ACT
INTERNAL SECURITY - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Warren Olney

It will be noted that SA [REDACTED] of the
Washington Field Office, at the request of the Criminal Division of the
Department, yesterday gave testimony concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

testified from 10:30 a.m. until 4:15 p.m.

Mr. John Ossea, the attorney in the Criminal Division who handled
the questioning of Agent [REDACTED] called this afternoon. He referred to Agent
[REDACTED] testimony and noted that he had made an excellent impression. Mr. Ossea
stated that Mr. James W. Knapp, Section and Unit Chief, General Crimes Section
of the Criminal Division had made it a matter of record in the grand jury transcript
congratulating SA [REDACTED] for his able and efficient presentation of testimony and
according to Mr. Ossea, Mr. Knapp noted that undoubtedly it had required long
hours of preparation. Mr. Ossea advised also that at the conclusion of the
testimony of Agent [REDACTED] the Foreman of the grand jury, speaking for himself
and the other grand jurors, complimented Agent [REDACTED] for his excellent testimony

Mr. Ossea stated that he himself was highly pleased with the presenta-
tion of [REDACTED] and that he had mentioned it to David B. Irons, First Assistant of
the Criminal Division, who suggested that he bring it to the attention of the Bureau.
Mr. Ossea indicated that he was particularly appreciative of the fact that Agent
[REDACTED] had brought with him certain of the exhibits that had been accumulated

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during the investigation and he noted that these were particularly well received by the grand jurors. Mr. Ossea stated that he realized that the Bureau had gone through considerable work in assembling the material.

It was suggested to Mr. Ossea that his statements would be more effective if they could be sent over in a memorandum. He stated that he realized this but he did not know what the policy of the Department was in matters such as these and he did not know whether other Agents were commended by the Department for testimony when they did a particularly good job. He stated that he would mention to Mr. Irons tomorrow the desirability of sending a memo to the Bureau. At the same time Mr. Ossea stated that if a memorandum was to be sent to the Bureau it might be that they would have to wait until Mr. Olney got back in town. At any rate, Mr. Ossea stated that he wanted us to know that he personally felt that Agent [REDACTED] had done an outstanding job and he was appreciative.

ACTION:

It will be interesting to note if a memorandum such as indicated will be forthcoming from the Criminal Division. In view of the comments of Mr. Ossea and his statement that Mr. Knapp had made it a matter of record concerning the testimony of Agent [REDACTED] it is recommended that this be referred to the Administrative Division and an appropriate letter of commendation be sent to Agent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (17) JH ✓
1. I doubt if Olney would send any memo other than what should be critical.
2. Commend Agent [REDACTED]

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Let [REDACTED] know.
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