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Dear Mr. Butler:

Thank you for your letter of March 9, 1964, raising questions relating to Professor Norman Redlich, who is serving as a consultant to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.

Security requirements for federal employees are governed by President Eisenhower's Executive Order No. 10450, which provides that "The appointment of each civilian officer or employee in any department or agency of the Government shall be made subject to investigation." Such an investigation is being made in the case of Professor Redlich by the Civil Service Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This investigation is not yet complete.

Pursuant to E. O. 10450, when the investigation is complete the facts which have been developed will be evaluated by the members of the Commission, who will then determine whether a security clearance should be granted to Professor Redlich. The members of the Commission are Earl Warren, Chairman, Richard B. Russell, John Sherman Cooper, Hale Boggs, Gerald R. Ford, John J. McCloy, and Allen W. Dulles. Earl Warren is Chief Justice of the United States. Messrs. Russell, Cooper, Boggs, and Ford are leading Democratic and Republican members of the United States Congress. Mr. McCloy is former High Commissioner of Germany. Mr. Dulles is former head of the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

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Under our democratic system of government, the Commission must judge only the loyalty of Professor Bedlich and not that of persons with whom he is associated. I can think of few groups of men who are better able to make such a decision than the members of the Commission, consisting of some of the foremost men in this country and representing various shades of political opinion.

Sincerely yours,