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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont
FROM : A. Rosen
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON THE ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY

DATE: May 22, 1964

5/25/64
Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Press items 5/21/64 indicate that Abraham Bolden, a Secret Service Agent charged in Chicago with trying to sell a Government report indicated he was being framed because he intended to reveal details of heavy drinking and general laxity among agents assigned to President Kennedy. Bolden stated he was going to tell the Warren Commission regarding the alleged derelictions on the part of such Secret Service Agents. The attached teletype from Chicago contains information concerning this matter.

This morning Mr. Howard Willms of the President's Commission called referring to the publicity given Bolden's statement regarding laxity on the part of Secret Service Agents and Bolden's statement that he intended to furnish this information to the Commission. Mr. Willms stated that inasmuch as Bolden's statements indicated malfeasance in connection with the protection of the President, he desired that Bolden be interviewed by Bureau Agents and a complete detailed statement be obtained from him giving all specifics in his possession. He particularly desired Bolden to be questioned concerning any derelictions on the part of Secret Service Agents in connection with the President's visit to Dallas, but in addition wanted all other details concerning alleged derelictions which Bolden may have.

ENCLOSURE

Willms stated he had talked to United States Attorney Edward Hanrahan in Chicago who had no objection to the interview of Bolden but suggested that prior to conducting the interview the interviewing Agent clear it with Bolden's attorney, George Howard, 3255 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago; telephone number CR 7-6100.

ENCLOSURE

Willms requested the interview be conducted today in order that the Commission can make a determination whether Bolden has information which would warrant the Commission's calling him for testimony.

Enclosure

- Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- Mr. R. E. Lenihan
- Mr. W. J. Brennan

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It would appear that Willens' request pertains to the obligation of the President's Commission to make any necessary recommendations regarding procedures for improving the protection of the President and that this is a legitimate request.

RECOMMENDATION

That Chicago be instructed to immediately interview Bolden after clearing with his attorney to obtain complete specifics in Bolden's possession regarding any derelictions on the part of Secret Service Agents, and that the results be furnished to the President's Commission. in writing when received.

*5/10/64
Assoc White
instructed to
handle Bolden
JMM*

OK.

If approved, James Rowley, head of Secret Service, will be advised prior to our conducting the interview with Bolden.

Yes & promptly.

*1:45 pm Karl Peterson
Exec. aide to Rowley advised
by Rowley in Karlsruhe
abroad. JMM*

In view of Bolden's penchant for publicity he could very well publicize this interview. If interview approved, recommended that SAC Johnson be instructed to answer any press inquiries with the statement that Bolden was interviewed at the request of the President's Commission, and make no further comment.

*Assoc White
instructed
JMM*

OK.

*JMM
JMM*

AD

*OK, but we are
in effect
investigating
Secret Service*

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** handled by Brennan -
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J.A.