

11:20 a. m.

November 25, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
 MR. BELMONT
 MR. MOHR
 MR. CONRAD
 MR. DE LOACH
 MR. EVANS
 MR. ROSEN
 MR. SULLIVAN

I called Deputy Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, and advised him we had killed the editorial in the Post. He was very pleased.

I advised Mr. Katzenbach that the Post's reaction had been that they were going to have an editorial along the lines of a Presidential Commission or Presidential Review; that we told the Post that a full investigation is being made by the FBI and a full report will be made; that they do not feel the report should be made public by the FBI or the Attorney General but by either the President or some distinguished jurist; that they still have in mind a review by impartial persons. I told Mr. Katzenbach that I still think the President should make the report.

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Mr. Katzenbach indicated that would be his feeling; that it would be in bad taste for the Attorney General to make it; that it needs the prestige of the White House.

I reminded Mr. Katzenbach that the President indicated it should be kept over here, and Mr. Katzenbach stated the President indicated that to him.

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I told Mr. Katzenbach that I had called Mr. Walter Jenkins in the President's office and told him the editorial would be killed and that Mr. Jenkins was communicating with the President by automobile phone to advise him because the President was very much disturbed. Mr. Katzenbach stated he was disturbed, too, because he had not talked to anyone at the Post. I told Mr. Katzenbach they did not indicate where they got the idea, and Katzenbach remarked that they may have got it on their own.

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Conrad, DeLoach, Evans, Rosen, Sullivan

I advised Mr. Katzenbach that it seems to be desirable that it should be properly reviewed and certainly released to the public through an individual or a group that is intensely objective. I stated the President is in that position, whereas with the Attorney General there is the matter of relationship; there are strong feelings against the Attorney General in regard to civil rights; there would be reaction as to whether he reached this conclusion because he wanted to reach it.

I told Mr. Katzenbach that I will get word to the President as to what the Post's views were on it; that I told Mr. Jenkins and he indicated the President would probably give me a ring on it.

Mr. Katzenbach said he was relieved; that he thought it was a bad thing for newspapers to speculate on.

I told Mr. Katzenbach that we did not mention the court of inquiry because the Attorney General of Texas had not announced that yet; that we stressed our intensive investigation and indicated a third element would muddy the waters; and the Post indicated they feel they should not at this point give instructions as to how the new President should run his office.

11:42 a. m.

I called Mr. Katzenbach again and advised him that we had just got word back from Mr. Friendly that he had talked to Mr. Wiggins, and Wiggins said they could make no such commitment that they would not publish such an editorial. I indicated that Mr. Friendly sounded very apologetic.

I further advised that we asked Mr. Friendly when we could get word as to whether they were or were not going to publish such an editorial and he indicated that again would be a matter Mr. Wiggins would determine.

I told Mr. Katzenbach, if he has any connection over there, he might be able to help on it, and he said he would try.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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