

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: December 6, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR NAME CHECK

William L. O'Connell

Assistant Attorney General Herbert J. Miller, Jr. of the Criminal Division advised that J. Lee Rankin, former Solicitor General, is being considered for the post of Chief Counsel for the Warren Committee which is inquiring into the circumstances surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy. In connection with this Miller requested that the Bureau make a file review concerning Rankin and that any derogatory information concerning Rankin be furnished him orally.

The requested name check is going forth. Any information furnished to Miller, of course, will be confirmed by memorandum.

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

December 6, 1963

Director, FBI

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J. LEE RANKIN

Reference is made to your request to be advised of any derogatory information available in this Bureau's files concerning J. Lee Rankin, former Solicitor General of the United States.

This Bureau conducted an applicant-type investigation in January, 1953, at which time Mr. Rankin was being considered for the position of Assistant Attorney General. Also, this investigation was brought up to date for the Atomic Energy Commission in 1955 as Mr. Rankin was then being considered as the Department's representative to the President's Committee on Disarmament Problems. Both investigations were entirely favorable and copies of the investigative reports thereof have previously been furnished the Department.

Our files contain no subsequent pertinent information concerning Mr. Rankin. (77-55004; 116-421465)

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Memorandum 12/6/63 A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont reflected a request by Miller for a name check concerning Rankin, who is being considered for the post of chief counsel for the Warren Committee which is inquiring into the circumstances surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy. Relations between Rankin and the Bureau have been excellent.

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