

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

DATE: December 11, 1963

With respect to the story in the "Washington Post and Times Herald" today on page A-3 captioned "Rankin Named Counsel for Assassin Probers," the Director has noted, "I just can't understand how some of these details never known before are leaked to the press."

In the above referred to story, there is what appears to be some speculation as well as hard fact. While we, of course, do not believe it advisable to ask Laurence Stern, the writer of the story, his source, it is known that he is close to various persons in the Department. Also, since copies of the report have been made available to members of the Commission, there is every indication leaks are coming from the Commission itself. It is a fact that within a matter of an hour or two after the report was made available to the Commission local radio stations were broadcasting details. We have and will maintain a "no comment" here.

ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Morrell

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