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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-30-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: WARREN COMMISSION REPORT
CRITICISM OF FBI

Last evening SAs John W. O'Beirne and James R. Healy of this Division attended a testimonial dinner at the Mayflower Hotel for Reverend James A. Martin, S. J., who built and directed for the past six years Loyola Retreat House at Faulkner, Maryland. This is the retreat house attended annually by many FBI employees. Father Martin has been reassigned to the Jesuit Retreat House at Manresa on the Severn.

When greeting the Agents and knowing of their FBI affiliation, Father Martin stated he has been "burning mad for two days" over the unfair criticism of the FBI in the Warren Report and was going to write the Director a letter of support. Father Martin, who is acquainted with many FBI employees, has been a strong booster of the Bureau and has frequently during the retreats praised the Director's leadership.

During a later conversation, Monsignor John K. Cartwright of St. Matthew's Cathedral, who represented Washington Archbishop O'Boyle at the dinner, commented to O'Beirne and Healy that Mr. Warren had given a clean bill of health to Khrushchev and had taken several knocks at the FBI.

It was obvious that these knowledgeable churchmen, both in responsible positions of influence, felt strongly about the underhanded attack on the Bureau and are not reluctant to speak out in our defense.

While hostile elements, ill-informed quarters and fair-weather friends will undoubtedly continue to hurl criticism at the Bureau's good name, it is encouraging to see this clear indication that the Bureau's real friends are not going to be fooled by the faulty conclusions set out in the report.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the Director's information.

I wish I could believe that the FBI can no longer be the public's patron saint. It is time to take a hard look at the drain.

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