

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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

TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: December 17, 1963

FROM : C. A. EVANS

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
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McAndrews
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Henry Petersen of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Department contacted Section Chief Thomas J. McAndrews of the Special Investigative Division on the afternoon of December 17, 1963, in connection with the Presidential Commission inquiring into the circumstances surrounding the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

Petersen, at the outset, indicated he requested his contact to be held in most complete confidence, and then went on to advise that unnamed superiors in the Department had asked him if he was willing to serve on the Presidential Commission concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. Petersen stated that he was not provided any details, did not know in what capacity he would serve if he accepted the position, nor did he know to whom he would be responsible. Petersen presumed that, if he accepted this assignment, he would be on leave of absence from the Department but would obviously be on the Commission as a representative of the Department.

Petersen was formerly employed in the Identification Division of the Bureau and for the last several years has been assigned as Deputy Section Chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Department. In his latter capacity, Petersen has always been most cooperative with the Bureau and consistently has exhibited an attitude of helpfulness in mutual problems relating to organized crime matters.

Petersen did not appear to be too eager to accept the assignment on the Presidential Commission but stated that he had not definitely made up his mind as to whether or not he would accept the position. According to Petersen, prior to accepting such an assignment, he would require much more specific information concerning his duties and responsibilities than has as yet been explained to him. No comment was made in any way recommending a course of action that he should follow in this connection.

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley

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Section 1

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

ACTION:

In the event Petersen decides to take this assignment, it is recommended that he be advised that Mr. Malley of Division 6, whom Petersen knows, is our liaison with the Presidential Commission and should Petersen have any matters of mutual interest, he could take these questions up with Mr. Malley.

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