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Mr. DeLoach

FROM

A. Rosen

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DATE:June 11, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Conrad

- Mr. Callahan

Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division, called and stated he had been reviewing reports very carefully which had been submitted in this case. He referred specifically to the interview at the Bushnell Company on April 5, 1968, with reference to a shipment of binoculars to the York Arms Company in Memphis. It was specifically indicated that the serial numbers had not been recorded by the firm. He said the report concerning the binoculars is important because they would like to be able to tie in more specifically the binoculars to the York Company by serial number if possible. He recognized that in this instance the Bushnell Company apparently does not record the serial numbers of their shipments. He wondered if there was any other record which might be in existence to reflect that serial numbers were recorded by the firm. I advised him this had been completely run out; that I would recheck with our Memphis Office. He would like to back up the witnesses who say the binoculars in question were sold to the subject.

Pollak wanted to know whether we were running out all allegations relating to possible conspiracy. He said the reports do not reflect any information concerning a possible conspiracy. He was advised that so far we have not been able to establish that there was any conspiracy and we have been constantly alert to this possibility. Any allegations or possible leads that might be covered to establish a conspiracy existed are being given preferred attention.

He said there were some allegations in the New York Times about persons who might have known or been in contact with Ray when he was in Canada. I advised him that such allegations are also being run out. These allegations refer to a Chinese woman who says a fat man was in contact with the subject, to a Negro go-go girl, to waiters, etc. The Legat at Ottawa has been furnished this information for immediate attention.

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