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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 26, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: WALTER EARLY CRAIG
(PRESIDENT AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (ABA))
PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

This memorandum is to advise of the receipt of a name check request from General Services Administration (GSA) on behalf of the President's Commission concerning the captioned individual. GSA is being furnished copies of the Departmental applicant reports prepared in 1963, which developed no derogatory data.

As you were advised in my memorandum of 1-24-64, GSA, at the request of the President's Commission, is handling security investigations concerning staff employees of the Commission.

This morning Ralph Given of GSA telephonically advised (as has appeared in the press this date) that the President's Commission had appointed Craig to represent the interests of Lee Harvey Oswald in the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. Given stated that he had received a request from J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the Commission, indicating that in this capacity Craig will have access to classified data. Rankin requested GSA to initiate necessary action to obtain a security clearance for Craig.

Craig was the subject of a Departmental applicant investigation in 1963, when under consideration as a U.S. District Judge, which developed no derogatory data. Our relations with him have been very cordial and he is on the Special Correspondents' list. (77-93346)

As a matter of interest, Craig has been confirmed as U. S. District Judge for Arizona, but plans to complete his term as President of ABA before assuming the Judge's duties.

ACTION:

Copies of the investigative reports are being furnished GSA in response to its request.

GHS:bss

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