

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 4, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

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

Mr. J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission, while discussing other matters on April 3, 1964, stated that the members of the President's Commission that had been present during the past few days listening to testimony given by Bureau personnel were extremely complimentary concerning the testimony of the various experts from the Bureau. Mr. Rankin stated that he would appreciate the Director being advised of the very favorable impression the Bureau experts made and that Chief Justice Earl Warren had made favorable comments and had asked Mr. Rankin to make known to the Director his feelings concerning the Bureau experts' testimony.

Mr. Rankin commented that as soon as all of the Bureau experts had completed their testimony before the Commission he intends to direct a letter to the Bureau commenting on each one of the individuals that testified. The individuals that have testified thus far are the following: SA Robert A. Frazier, SA Cortlandt Cunningham, SA Paul Stombaugh, SA James C. Cadigan, all assigned to the Laboratory, and Sebastian F. Latona assigned to the Identification Division. Mr. Rankin advised that the testimony of the Bureau personnel was far superior to testimony received from anyone else that has appeared before the Commission, each of the Bureau employees testified with complete confidence and their testimony was given in such a manner that any possible doubt that anyone had had been completely removed by the Bureau experts' testimony.

Mr. Rankin mentioned that in those instances where outside Laboratory examinations had been made these individuals had corroborated the testimony of the Bureau personnel and that for the Commission's record he felt that a good purpose had been achieved.

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Trotter

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In having the outside testimony. He reiterated his previous statements that there had never been any lack of confidence in examinations made by the Bureau but the outside testimony corroborating the Bureau's testimony would place the Commission in a more favorable position as far as the permanent record of the Commission is concerned.

ACTION:

For information.

W. J. ...
R. J. ...
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*I place no credence
in any complimentary
remarks made by Wagon
nor the Commission if they
were looking for FBI
"gaps" & trying to find
"holes" they try to get
"suspense"*