

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 10/1/64

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan

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SUBJECT: WARREN COMMISSION REPORT

The suggestion has been made that we send to the Warren Commission a copy of our letter to the White House and the Acting AG, dated 9/30/64, in which we conclude that the Commission's report is seriously inaccurate in so far as its treatment of the FBI is concerned.

It is noted that this letter is an indictment of the Commission in that we charge that in the Commission's approach, instead of adopting a realistic and objective attitude, the Commission was more interested in avoiding possible criticism. Bearing this in mind, if we send a copy of this letter to the Commission now, the Commission will probably make the letter public, together with a defiant answer.

Today the Commission is riding high, receiving plaudits for its report and the objectivity of the report, so that in any public fight with the Commission we could well lose. Before this challenge to the Commission becomes publicized it may be better to wait until the Bureau testimony becomes public, so that the public will have the other side of the picture on which to base a judgment.

I suggest we may want to wait for a few days before we consider sending a copy of this letter to the Commission. Certainly we owe no courtesy to the Commission.

Attached is a letter to Mr. Rankin, in the event it is decided a letter should be sent at this time.

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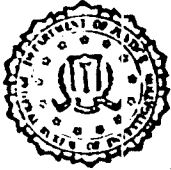
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Either we are right or wrong. If we are right, I think a letter is OK.

We might as well implement it let say only if every Sunday I'm in a mood to defend now retaliate.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 1, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Attached is a copy of a letter which I sent to the Honorable Walter W. Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President, and to the Acting Attorney General, on September 30, 1964.

I felt, in fairness to the Commission, a copy of this letter should be sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

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