Memoranaum,

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: PAUL L. HOCH-REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN 1 FBI REPORT LIE HIRVEY OF VALD

DATE: 2/18/70

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach 1 - Mr. A. Rosen 1 - Mr. K. M. Raupach 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan 1 - Mr. T. N. Goble

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This recommends advising Justice Department that Mr. Carlos Quiroga has no objection at this time to the disclosure to anyone of his identity or of the information he furnished on 11/27/63 concerning Lee Harvey Oswald. Results of 11/27/63 interview with Quiroga were furnished Warren Commission but withheld from public at Quiroga's request, since his parents were then in Cuba.

The matter of whether the Quiroga information could be released to the public has arisen because subject, in letter to Department, requested to see the material withheld, and Department referred matter to us. Subject is the individual from Berkeley, California, who has been making inquiries about the assassination of President Kennedy over the past five years.

With the Director's approval, we advised the Deputy Attorney General on 2/9/70 that we would contact Mr. Quiroga to determine if he still desired that his identity and the information furnished by him be kept in confidence. Mr. Quiroga advised on 2/12/70 that his parents are no longer in Cuba and he has no objection now to the release to anyone of the information he furnished concerning Lee Harvey Oswald. He further advised he has no objection to revealing his identity to the public.

Concerning public disclosure of Warren Commission records, it has been our position since 1965 that the final decision as to public disclosure rests with the Department of Justice. Thus the final decision as to whether or not to release to Mr. Hoch the Quiroga information rests with the Department.

ACTION: Attached for approval is letter in the Deputy Attorney General advising him of the results of the recontact of Mr. Quiroga and noting that the final delivion as to whether or not to release the information rests with the Department.

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