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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 1-7-64

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: MR. M. M. "PAT" MURPHREE  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Ivan Sinclair, Assistant to the President, The White House, has requested that a suggested reply for the President's signature be prepared in answer to a letter dated December 17, 1963, from Mr. M. M. "Pat" Murphree, Murphree Photographers, 3103 South Marsalis, Dallas, Texas.

In his two-page letter, Mr. Murphree congratulates the President on the fine job he is doing, asks God's blessing on him and indicates Mr. Murphree is remembering the President in his prayers. In substance he desires the President to commend the Dallas police for their prompt apprehension of Oswald and to do something to stop the criticism of Dallas authorities which is bringing disrepute to Dallas and to Texas. He believes the FBI and the Secret Service should share or take the blame for overlooking Oswald and asks where the FBI and the Secret Service were when Oswald was shot by Ruby. Mr. Murphree indicates he plans to send the President a plan for the future advancement of the Democratic Party.

Bufiles reflect no information identifiable with Mr. M. M. "Pat" Murphree.

A suggested reply has been drafted and is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the suggested reply be approved and that upon approval it be returned to Mr. DeLoach for personal delivery to The White House.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. Belmont - Enclosures
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures

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This proposed letter for the President's signature is OK, if the President will buy it. However, the last two sentences on page one constitute a clean bill of health for the FBI, which the President may regard as a proper function for the Presidential Commission, following its study of the assassination and the subsequent murder of Oswald.

The President may feel that we are putting him on the spot by including these two sentences, even though we regard them as truthful and accurate.

A. H. Belmont

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