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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9/28/64

FROM : M. A. Jones *MAJ*

SUBJECT: MORGAN BEATTY
NEWS OF THE WORLD (WRC) 7:30 P.M.

The main topic of Morgan Beatty's headline news was the Warren Commission report. He advised that some interpretations of the report had ramifications of a police state.

Beatty advised that Congress "backs off" any immediate action on laws to intensify protection of the President. The reason is that the Secret Service and the FBI need to request laws similar to those existing in a dictatorship in order to adequately protect the President--they will not ask for such power. The President would not want such laws. The constitution protects people from arrest without provocation and does not allow Federal authorities to make people move on or be removed for any reason from the close proximity of the President, said Beatty. Laws permitting such action would be directly contrary to the constitution.

Beatty said that John Edgar Hoover points out that "revolutionary revisions" of the law would be necessary. Experience in law enforcement would lead one to believe that the Supreme Court would "throw out" such laws as the rights of the people under the constitution would not adequately be protected. Beatty also pointed out that it was the right of the President to walk among the people.

Beatty advised that the same constitutional rights protecting all people prevented the only derogatory report regarding Oswald in existence to be turned over to Federal authorities. This was a psychologists report concerning his possible violence which remained locked up in a school room due to a law that protects juveniles and prevented the record from reaching Federal authorities. This kept Oswald and others like him off the "Secret Service list." Beatty advised that the Warren report concluded that the task of protecting the President is "impossible" but can be improved upon. Congress faces an impossible task in revising the laws.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information:

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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DATE: 9-30-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MORGAN BEATTY BROADCAST
NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY
SEPTEMBER 28, 1964

Mr. Beatty has furnished a tape recording of his broadcast of the evening of 9-28-64, in which he comments on the Warren Commission Report. A transcript of that portion of his broadcast has been prepared and is attached. The recording is being retained in the Crime Research Section. Mr. Beatty's comments have been previously acknowledged by a letter over the Director's signature.

SUMMARY OF PERTINENT COMMENTS:

Mr. Beatty stated that all Federal law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the Secret Service, are convinced that maximum protection for the President would violate Constitutional safeguards and would require laws which exist only in police states. Mr. Beatty mentioned the Director's testimony before the Warren Commission, soon to be released, in which the Director commented on the revolutionary revisions of law that would be required. Mr. Beatty pointed out the Director's testimony contained a hint that law enforcement officers' experiences indicated that the Supreme Court would throw out such laws.

Mr. Beatty commented also on the problems involved in maintaining checks on thousands of suspicious individuals and on the fact that only one record regarding Lee Harvey Oswald would have revealed Oswald's dangerous tendencies and that record was not available to Federal agencies because it was kept under lock and key by juvenile authorities.

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That in view of the excellence of this broadcast, it is felt that the Director, if he can take time from his busy schedule, might desire to hear a recording of it. If so, it is respectfully requested that he indicate a time when this would be convenient.

Enclosure

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