

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-28-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: FULTON LEWIS, JR.
NEWS REPORT, 7 P.M. (WOL)

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Fulton Lewis, Jr., spent most of his program on the Warren Commission report. He opened by saying the report said nothing new and that it could be considered "wasteful futility" except that it put to rest all questions regarding Lee Harvey Oswald once and for all. Lewis interpreted the Commission report as saying that a better exchange of information between the Secret Service and the FBI was necessary.

Lewis called for new Federal legislation covering Presidential assassination although he admitted that this would not deter unbalanced people who want to kill the President. The beneficial effect of such legislation, however, would be that the FBI and the Secret Service would have complete access to all such cases and there would be no overlap of authority between Federal and local agencies.

Lewis stated that it was known that there was an overlap between the FBI and the Dallas authorities. He criticized the Dallas authorities as cooperating in some matters and "somewhat less in others." Some statements made by local law enforcement officers can "mess up" the FBI's work. He said the same condition exists with respect to civil rights cases.

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Lewis advised that the President appointed a four-man commission to protect the President composed of C. Douglas Dillon, Nicholas Katzenbach ("who is over the FBI"), John A. McCone and George Bundy. Lewis pointed out, however, that the President must cooperate himself and went on to describe the recent convention in Atlantic City where in spite of elaborate precautions on the part of the Secret Service and the FBI "for that matter" the President arrived ahead of schedule and it was too early to put these precautions into operation. The President was surrounded by mobs, shook hands with everyone and created a nightmare for the Secret Service people.

Lewis commented that the President's recent New England swing was equally difficult to handle as far as the Secret Service was concerned.

RECOMMENDATION:

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