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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: Feb. 27, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach *CD*

SUBJECT: TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR FORMER U. S. ATTORNEY [REDACTED]

DC
 Warren Olney III, Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts, called late Saturday to advise that [REDACTED] from *DC* the Northern District of Illinois had been in Washington over the weekend. [REDACTED] advised Mr. Olney that friends of former USA [REDACTED] were planning to hold a testimonial dinner in his honor on March 25, 1961. [REDACTED] said he had hoped to stop by the Bureau but had gotten tied up and, therefore, he wanted Mr. Olney to tell Mr. Hoover that he very much hoped it would be possible for the Director to come to Chicago for this testimonial dinner. Mr. Olney was not aware as to who would be extending the invitation for Mr. Hoover to attend this dinner.

Mr. Olney was advised that [REDACTED] message would be passed along to the Director.

This afternoon, Feb. 27, we received a letter from [REDACTED] regarding this invitation, and in declining the invitation we will make mention of [REDACTED] interest in this matter.

- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
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WARREN OLNEY III
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Prior to his appointment as Assistant Attorney General, Olney was Chief Counsel of the California Commission on Organized Crime. We conducted a special inquiry type of investigation concerning Olney in January, 1953. This investigation was generally favorable but reflected that while he was Chief Counsel of the California Commission on Organized Crime he was sued for \$300,000 in a libel suit in 1950 by George W. Rochester. Rochester accused Olney of making false statement to the press that Rochester influenced the California Attorney General's Office on behalf of bookie-wire service after Rochester had been bribed by Jack Dragna, owner of the Universal Sports News. The jury acquitted Olney. Our investigation also reflected that the name of Olney's father was included in correspondence files of three cited organizations and on the 1937 membership list of the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations. (77-54994-2)

While the Director is well aware of our relations with Olney since he has been in the Department, the following outstanding incidents are pointed out. You will recall that in February, 1955, Olney addressed the National Association of County and Prosecuting Attorneys in Birmingham, Alabama. Prior to his talk, we ascertained that he had statements in his manuscript which were critical of our Uniform Crime Reports. We took this up with the Department and this part of his talk was deleted. In March, 1955, Olney appeared before the House Judiciary Subcommittee holding hearings on wire tapping. Olney defended the Department and the Bureau but as the Director commented, "but very feebly." You will also recall that on May 30, 1955, the Washington Daily News carried an article which purportedly attributed to a Department source the Attorney General's plans for policing the Government, including an over-all Inspector General for the Government. Olney was believed to be the source for this although he denied it. You will also recall that there is a standing and very bitter feud between Olney and [REDACTED]

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