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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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DATE: July 5, 1955

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With reference to my memorandum of June 3, 1955, you will recall, as a result of the Washington Daily News article which appeared on May 30, 1955, which purportedly attributed to a Department source Brownell's plans for policing the Government including an over-all Inspector General for the Government, I checked with Mullen at the time.

Mullen asked Olney about it. Olney denied giving out any information on this. Mullen then inquired whether Olney gave out anything like this in his discussions at the Attorney General staff conference in May. I subsequently told Mullen that I had mentioned this to the Director and the Director stated that Olney did not go into such matters.

Mullen has felt all along that Olney did give out the information and on July 5, 1955, Mullen told me that he has now learned that there was some discussion at Quantico on improving the standards of the investigative operations of various Government agencies and tightening of controls to prevent fraud and corruption and that Olney did go into such matters in general details. This now causes Mullen to be convinced that Olney was the source of information appearing in the News. Mullen stated that the Attorney General does want to tighten up and make it more difficult for fraud and corruption to occur in the Government and the Attorney General does want to lift the standards and feels that a lesson can be borrowed from the FBI in the experience of running the FBI Academy.

I asked Mullen for more specific details which he did not have. Mullen might mention this to the Director, and, although above is somewhat nebulous, the Director will at least know what Mullen is talking about if he brings up his conversation with me today.

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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