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ON THE
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY**
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Confirming my prior conversations with Mr. Malley of the Bureau, I request on behalf of the Commission that a full field investigation be initiated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to the following members of the Commission staff: Joseph A. Ball and Norman Redlich.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans

DATE: 4/1/64

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: NORMAN REDLICH
PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE
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J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy by letter dated 3/30/64 requested Bureau to furnish basic facts and supporting data for the House Committee on Un-American Activities' (HCUA) determination that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) is a communist front organization. The ECLC is cited in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, December 1, 1961, edition, prepared by HCUA, as a communist front with the avowed purpose of abolishing the HCUA and discrediting the FBI.

Bureau is currently conducting investigation concerning Redlich under Federal Employees Security Program at the request of the Commission based on Redlich's affiliation with certain alleged communist front organizations, one of which is the ECLC. Bureau in addition has a pending investigation on the ECLC as a communist front organization and copies of investigative reports are being furnished the Department on a continuing basis. Corliss Lamont is Chairman of ECLC and Clark Foreman is Director and both have been identified as Communist Party members by Budenz and both of their names are included in the Security Index.

Since the characterization of the ECLC as a communist front organization was determination of HCUA, it is not within the Bureau's prerogatives to question or comment upon the basis for HCUA's conclusion. In view of Redlich's position on this Commission and his admitted affiliations with the ECLC, which is dedicated to abolish HCUA, it is quite possible this may be a move on the part of Redlich to obtain information concerning the ECLC through his position on the Commission. Based on this request, there is an indication that the Commission is planning to question HCUA's citation of the ECLC and in view of this fact, the Bureau should not become involved in a possible "dogfight" between the Commission and HCUA.

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Memorandum Cleveland to Evans
RE: NORMAN REDLICH

ACTION:

There is attached for approval a letter to Mr. Rankin of the Commission suggesting ~~he contact HCUA directly for the desired information.~~

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed are copies of correspondence addressed to Congressman Gerald R. Ford from Francis J. McNamara, Director of the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities, of March 17, 1964, with enclosures. The Commission wished to have this information before you in connection with your full field investigation of Mr. Norman Redlich.

The Commission would also appreciate your furnishing to it the basic facts and supporting data for the Committee's determination that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is a Communist front organization.

The Commission deeply appreciates your continued and very helpful cooperation.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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April 6, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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Honorable J. Leo Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 30, 1964, which enclosed copies of correspondence addressed to Congressman Gerald B. Ford by Mr. Francis J. McManara of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It is noted that you desired this Bureau to have this information in connection with a full field investigation being conducted concerning Mr. Norman Redlich.

With regard to your request that you be furnished the basic facts and supporting data for the House Committee on Un-American Activities' determination that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee is a communist front organization, this action was taken by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and this Bureau did not participate in its findings.

However, I can state that, since its inception in October, 1951, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee has consistently rendered aid and support to the communist movement in the United States. Such aid and support has been in the form of mass rallies, literature, speeches by the organization's officials and legal aid regarding issues in which the Communist Party has been interested. The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee has filed amicus curiae briefs on behalf of the Party and its leaders who were convicted under

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

the Smith Act of 1940. In turn, the Communist Party has given aid and support to the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and its various functions and programs. The Party urges its members to attend and support meetings and affairs of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. The Party has rendered financial support to the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee by purchasing large amounts of tickets to Emergency Civil Liberties Committee functions. The communist press over the years has publicized the activities of the organization and its affairs. Also, Party members and officials have spoken at various meetings of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. Various officials of Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, past and present, have been identified in the past as Communist Party members.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE:

See cover memo Cleveland to Evans, same caption, dated 4/3/64, KVH:tjm.

This communication is classified "Confidential" as it contains information developed through our investigation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and the Communist Party, USA. The unauthorized disclosure of that information could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the country.

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April 16, 1964

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In accordance with your request a full field investigation has been completed on Mr. Norman Redlich under the Federal Employee Security Program. Attached for your information are single copies of sixteen reports and six memoranda prepared as a result of this investigation. This investigation supplements the investigation conducted by the Civil Service Commission in this matter.

For your further information no dissemination of the enclosed material will be made to the Civil Service Commission in the absence of instructions from you.

This is not intended as an approval or a disapproval of Mr. Redlich for Federal employment.

Upon removal of classified enclosures, this letter becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

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See NOTE page 2. Also see cover memo Cleveland to Evans dated 4/15/64, KVH:hc

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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