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Mr. DeLoach TO

A. Rosen

DATE October 25, 1966

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. Shroder

1 - Mr. Wick

FROM

SUBJECT: SYLVIA MEAGHER 302 WEST 12 STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10014

INQUIRY REGARDING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

Reference is made to memorandum from M. A. Jones to Mr. Wick dated 10/25/66 in the above-captioned matter, enclosing letter to Miss Meagher.

I believe it undesirable to give any more than a routine courteous acknowledgment to the letter of 10/22/66 from Sylvia Meagher, New York City.

It is obvious the Warren Commission report is a project with her; she has allegedly prepared an indices; she has engaged in correspondence with "Time" magazine; and, although a book by her has been published concerning this, it is not yet currently available.

The proposed letter over the Director's signature proposes to give an explanation as to why we prepare our reports in the manner we do and we are guilty also in the proposed letter of doing the same thing we have criticized various writers who have excerpted various comments from the Warren Commission report and then drawn their own conclusions. This is undesirable.

We do not have to explain to anyone our reporting procedures, nor that our reports were in the nature of summaries and so forth, as we do in this proposed letter, nor offer excuses as to why we reported the matter in the manner in which we did. The reports speak for themselves.

The Warren Commission is on trial in connection with the submission of the Warren report and all of the critics basically are attacking the Warren Commission and its findings, not the FBI. This also influences me in not giving the information to Meagher that we would not even consider giving to our close newspaper friend at the "Star."

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach Re: SYLVIA MEAGHER

The memorandum refers to the fact that Meagher was investigated on the Loyalty of United Nation Employees Program in the early 1950's and the Civil Service Commission advised that favorable loyalty determination had been found concerning her in 1954. It also appears she was a participant in a European tour sponsored by the "National Guardian" in 1964.

The "National Guardian," according to the Subversive Organizations and Publications issued by the Un-American Activities: Committee of the House, was "established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a progressive weekly * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual propaganda arm of Soviet Russia."

Taking all the factors above in consideration, I think a very formal routine courteous answer should be given to Meagher indicating that all the material developed by the FBI was turned over to the Warren Commission for its consideration and the results of all the Bureau's investigation have subsequently been made available to the National Archives.

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