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TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM: Mr. W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON
THE WARREN REPORT

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Memorandum 1/19/65 from Mr. Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan discussed draft agreement being negotiated between the Secret Service and the FBI. A question had been raised by Mr. Robert Carswell, Chairman of the President's Committee on the Warren Report, as to why there was nothing in the draft agreement to the effect that the FBI, in order not to jeopardize sensitive subversive investigations, did not disseminate to the Secret Service the names of a select group of highly sensitive cases. The Bureau did not want anything in the agreement relative to exceptions which were within the responsibilities of the FBI nor any secret agreement indicating there was exception to the agreement. Carswell's query related to a group of 16 individuals identified through our penetration of Soviet-bloc intelligence on whom we are working/looking toward doubling them, prosecuting them, or further penetrating bloc intelligence.

The memorandum pointed out that, while it was not thought desirable from a security standpoint for the names to go over to Secret Service, it was still less desirable to have any fuzziness in the agreement with Secret Service which could be utilized at some future date to indicate the Bureau did not meet its responsibilities. The proposed action was that, if the Director agreed, we would furnish the names to Secret Service under the appropriate classification.

Mr. Tolson noted, "I thought all names were sent to Secret Service weeks ago." The Director noted, "Yes. I did not know we had not done so."

BACKGROUND:

As of 11/64 the Bureau had furnished to the Secret Service some 18,500 names. Included in this dissemination were 16 names of highly sensitive cases which had been submitted solely because they were included in the Espionage Special Section of the Security Index.

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Two of these cases involve Yugoslav agents whose identities were supplied by our Yugoslav defector-in-place. Three were Czech agents who were identified by our Czech defector-in-place, GIMME (S) who is now being operated by Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Czechoslovakia. Six are agents of the Soviet Committee for State Security (KGB) identified through FEDORA, a Soviet defector-in-place. Four are agents of Soviet Military Intelligence (GRU) identified through TOPHAT, another Soviet defector-in-place. One is a Castro-Cuban intelligence agent who represents an important penetration of Cuban clandestine communications. (S)(u)

In no instances have the original sources indicated that any of these espionage agents have ever had an assignment or training in assassination or terrorist activity. These people are collectors and transmitters of information.

Memorandum Mr. W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan 11/12/64 (memorandum attached) recommended that these cases be removed from the Espionage Special Section of the Security Index, that the Liaison Section retrieve from Secret Service all documents concerning the Bureau regarding these cases, that the appropriate field offices be informed that this has been done with the caveat, that should any of these subjects become involved in a plot against the President or for other reasons disassociated with our live defectors-in-place, warrant reinstatement on the Security Index, the field should again recommend such subject for inclusion on Security Index and prepare appropriate material for dissemination to Secret Service.

The Director noted, "Just what would be my explanation if one of these 16 should attempt to kill the President and we had not furnished background to Secret Service?"

In response to the Director's inquiry, memorandum Mr. W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan dated 11/16/64 (memorandum attached) pointed out that, bearing in mind that these 16 individuals have not threatened the President and are not the type to engage in such activity, we would be in the same position as we are in with reference to thousands of other individuals on whom we have investigative coverage or information who are not on the Security Index and whose statements and activities do not bring them within the criteria for dissemination to Secret Service. The Director noted, "I concur most reluctantly."

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