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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

SUBJECT: Warren Commission Transcript

Judge Robinson of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia has ordered GSA to submit for inspection in camera a copy of the transcript of a May 19, 1964, meeting of the Warren Commission. The meeting concerned the review of the FBI background investigation on Professor Norman Redlich and the decision not to terminate his employment as a result of his association with the Emergency Civil Liberties Council. Your position was to approve his security clearance, but to terminate his employment rather than risk attacks on the Commission's work because members of its staff were controversial. However, after a lengthy discussion, the other Commission members decided that he should remain on the staff.

The transcript, one of only three that has not yet been released to the public, is being sought under the Freedom of Information Act. You are not a party to this litigation. Although GSA has asserted several bases for its withholding, it is possible that the Court will order its release in full or in part.