

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Civil Action No. 75-1448

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JAMES F. DAVY
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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

pursuant to Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff requests that within 30 days the defendant produce and permit Plaintiff to make copies of the following documents:

1. A signed copy of the November 7, 1964, letter from Mr. J. Lee Rankin to Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, as well as any draft or other version of that letter which differs in any respect from the unsigned copy attached to Dr. Rhoads' answers to Plaintiff's second set of interrogatories.

2. The August 17, 1966, letter of Assistant Attorney General Wozencraft referred to in the March 27, 1974, letter from Dr. Rhoads to CIA Director William Colby.

3. Any correspondence or other form of communication between the Department of Justice, the National Archives, or the Central Intelligence Agency with regard to the review of Warren Commission documents which the National Archives made in 1967 at the request of the Department of Justice.

HAROLD WEISBERG,
Plaintiff,
v.
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINIS-
TRATION,
Defendant

4. The Attorney General's letter of July 12, 1965, which is referred to in Central Intelligence Agency's December 4, 1971, memorandum for Dr. James B. Rhoads re: "Release of Documents Furnished to the President's Commission by the Central Intelligence Agency".
 5. Any correspondence, routing slip, or other form of communication pertaining to the transmittal of Warren Commission documents to the CIA by Marlon Johnson on March 21, 1975.
 6. The cover sheets for all copies of the January 21 and June 23, 1964, executive session transcripts except the file copies.
 7. The cover sheet for the file copy and all other copies of the May 19, 1964, Warren Commission executive session transcript.
- plaintiff requests that copies of the above documents be mailed to his attorney within 30 days.

JAMES H. LESAR
 1231 Fourth Street, S. W.
 Washington, D. C. 20024

Attorney for Plaintiff

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 4th day of May, 1976, mailed a copy of the foregoing Request for Production of Documents to Assistant Attorney Michael J. Ryan, Room 3421, United States Courthouse, Washington, D. C. 20001.

JAMES H. LESAR

James H. Lesar

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1. The cover or face sheets of the January 21 and June 23, 1964, Warren Commission executive session transcripts.

Enclosed are copies of the cover sheets of the file copies of these documents.

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OFFICIAL REPORTERS
917 G STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20031

per CIA Ltr May 1975
by M... 4/25/75
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Tuesday, June 23, 1964

Washington, D. C.

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Report of Proceedings

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by M... 4/25/75

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

ON THE

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

per CIA Ltr May 1975
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REPORT OF PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Report of Proceedings

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Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, January 21, 1964

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Name: Chas. A. Brygg, CIA
Agency: CIA
Date: May 1975
Authority: CIA Sec. 1 May 1975
By: M. G. [unclear], date 3/25/76

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2. The November 5, 1975, affidavit of Mr. Charles A. Briggs, Chief of Services Staff, Directorate of Operations, Central Intelligence Agency, referred to in the answer to plaintiff's Interrogatory No. 25.

The Briggs' affidavit has been filed in the present action in defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment.

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3. All correspondence exchanged between the National Archives and Records Service or the General Services Administration and the New Republic or Mr. Tad Szulc with respect to the January 21, May 19, and June 23, 1964, Warren Commission executive session transcripts. September 3, 1975, Eliot Marshall, Associate Editor, The New Republic, to Mr. Miriam (sic) Johnson, National Archives. Mr. Marshall requested access to the executive session transcripts of September 18 and June 23, 1964 (Vol. 55) of the Warren Commission. September 5, 1975, Jane F. Smith, Director, Civil Archives Division, to Mr. Eliot Marshall, Associate Editor, The New Republic. Mr. Marshall was informed that no transcript for the executive session of September 18, 1964 has been found among the records of the Commission. The transcript of the executive session of June 23, 1964, is withheld from research because it is security classified.

Associate Editor
Elliott Marshall

Sincerely,
Best Wishes
W.C. Sullivan

Possibly you could also give some help with the transcript of an executive session held on January 22, 1964. Frankly, this document is puzzling to me. I have read a typed transcription of this session and seen it verified as an authentic Archives document, but it isn't listed in the official inventory of Archives documents published by the US Government. Indeed, this session of the proceedings seems to have dropped entirely out of view. This raises a couple of questions I hope you can help answer. I would like to know why the January 22 session wasn't listed in the index to proceedings, and I'd like to know what is the source, and who typed the record that now appears in the files. Secondly, it occurs to me that if one executive session could fall between the cracks, it's possible that others have. Could you give me a list, by date, of all executive or emergency sessions that have not yet been published, aside from those I've already learned about. At present, I know of transcripts for sessions held on December 5, 6, and 16, 1963; January 21, 22 and 27, 1964; February 21; March 16; April 30; May 19; June 4 and 23; and September 18. If there are no other unpublished transcripts of commission meetings, I would appreciate having a statement from you to that effect. Thanks for taking time to help me with these questions.

I wish to make a formal request to see the Ward and Paul typescript record of the executive session of the Warren Commission held on September 18, 1964. I understand that summarized minutes of this session are available to the public, but I would like to see the original record. If you cannot satisfy this request, I would appreciate getting an explanation in writing for your decision to withhold the document?

I also request to see a copy of volume 55 of the Commission transcript.

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JAMES
General

Mr. Miriam Johnson
The National Archives
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. Johnson,

September 3, 1975

THE NEW REPUBLIC

W.C. Sullivan

September 5, 1975

Mr. Elton Marshall

Associate Editor

The New Republic

1274 Nineteenth Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Marshall:

This is in response to your inquiries about certain transcripts of executive sessions of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.

No transcript for the executive session of September 13, 1964, has been found among the records of the Commission. The transcript of the executive session of June 23, 1964, is withheld from research under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (1) as amended, "matters that are... specifically authorized under criteria established by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such executive order." In response to a previous request for access, the transcript was reviewed by the Central Intelligence Agency because it relates to Yuri Nosenko, the Soviet defector. In response to our request for a review of the transcript the CIA asked that the request for access be denied "in order to protect sources and methods and other information related to our operational equities." The CIA further stated that the transcript warranted classification at the "Confidential" level under the criteria of Executive Order 11652 and exemption from the General Declassification Schedule pursuant to Sec. 5 (B) (2) and (3) of the Order. A copy of the relevant page of the Order is enclosed for your convenience.

The transcript of the executive session of May 19, 1964 (vol. 45), about which you also inquired, is withheld from research under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (6), "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

The transcript is limited to a discussion of the background of Commission personnel.

Sincerely,

(MISS) JANE F. SMITH

Director

Civil Archives Division

CC: Official file - NNFL

Reading file - NNF

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4. All communications exchanged between the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Archives and Records Service or the General Services Administration with regard to the classification, declassification, or review of classification of the January 21, January 22, January 27, and June 23, 1964, Warren Commission executive session transcripts.

This review was conducted in 1955 in accordance with "Guidelines for Review of Materials Submitted to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy," which were prepared by the Department of Justice in consultation with the agencies which furnished records to the Commission (copy enclosed). Under these guidelines (page 2) it is the responsibility of the Archivist of the United States to arrange for suggestive reviews of the records of the Commission that are withheld from research. As it is now five years since the review of the numbered Document File of the Commission in 1955, it is time for the documents that were withheld from research at that time to be reviewed again as indicated in the last paragraph of the guidelines. The National Archives will be pleased to show the documents withheld from research at the request of your agency to any numbers of your staff who may be selected to review them.

The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy transferred its records to the National Archives in November 1964 to be "permanently preserved under the rules and regulations of the National Archives and applicable Federal Law" (Report of the Commission, p. XV). The records included some documents which were withheld from disclosure by specific statute, security classified records, investigatory files compiled for law enforcement purposes, and medical and personnel records. It was apparent that the records of the Commission would have to be reviewed on a document-by-document basis in order to identify the relatively few documents of this nature that could not immediately be made available for research.

Dear Mr. Helms:

Honorable Richard Helms
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, Virginia 20505

August 13, 1970

The following staff members of the National Archives may be called upon for additional information that may be needed: Mr. Mark G. [unclear], Director, Legislative, Judicial and Diplomatic Records Division, or Mr. Vernon H. Johnson, on Code 13, Extension 23171.

Sincerely,

IRVING S. ARNOLD

Acting Archivist

of the United States

Enclosure

cc: Official file - NND

Reading file - NND

Day file - N

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CRITERIA FOR REVIEW OF MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

1. Statutory requirements prohibiting disclosure should be observed.

2. Security classifications should be respected, but the agency responsible for the classification should carefully re-

evaluate the contents of each classified document and

determine whether the classification can, consistently

with the national security, be eliminated or downgraded.

3. Unclassified material which has not already been disclosed in another form should be made available to the public on a regular basis unless disclosure--

(A) Would be detrimental to the administration and enforcement of the laws and regulations of the United States and its agencies;

(B) Might reveal the identity of confidential sources of information and impede or jeopardize future investigations by precluding or limiting the use of the same or similar sources hereafter;

(C) Would be a source of embarrassment to innocent persons, who are the subject, source, or apparent source of the material in question, because it contains gossip and rumor or details of a personal nature having no significant connection with the assassination of the President;

classified material which cannot be declassified at this time. Vision should be made for the automatic declassification of for such review at the appropriate time. Whenever possible pro- search purposes. The Archivist of the United States will arrange year intervals until all materials are opened for legitimate re- further disclosure. Similar reviews should be undertaken at ten- be applied to determine whether changed circumstances will permit criteria applied in the initial examination, outlined above, should ten years after the initial examination has been completed. The as a minimum, be reviewed by the agency concerned five years and fied material which is not now made available to the public shall, Unless sooner released to the public, classified and unclassi- closure.

policy of the Executive Branch favoring the fullest possible dis- authorize disclosure, weigh that reason against the overriding apply, your department should, in determining whether or not to Whenever one of the above reasons for nondisclosure may

~~termination of that case.
 Harvey Oswald, prior to the final judicial de-
 prosecution of Jack Ruby for the murder of Lee
 (b) Would reveal material pertinent to the criminal~~

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

4 December 1971



MEMORANDUM FOR : Dr. James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States

SUBJECT : Release of Documents Furnished
to the President's Commission by
the Central Intelligence Agency

We appreciated the opportunity to re-examine the classified documents listed in the Attorney General's letter of 12 July 1965. I approve the removal of security controls on Commission documents numbered 300, 528, 726, 931, 1041, 1089, 1096, 1273, 1356, 1358, and 1443. I also agree to release of Commission Document 322 F, which you found among the USIA material in your possession.

The following documents can be released with certain modifications: 100, 294B-C, 426, 448, 674, 943, 1054, 1114, and 1552. Please refer to the attached copies, which have been sanitized appropriately for your guidance. This has been done to protect CIA sources and methods or because they contain gossip, rumor, and details of a personal nature not related to the assassination. The original documents should be preserved intact for future reference.

The above releases apply only to the exact document (s) mentioned and not to related items in the Commission's files. The remaining classified documents should not be released in any form at this time. We will be glad to examine them again when the next prescribed review period arrives.



Richard Helms
Director

cc Attorney General

Attachment

JUL 28 1972

Honorable Richard Helms
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

Enclosed are copies of our letter of August 18, 1970, to you concerning the review of the Numbered Document File of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy and of your reply of January 4, 1971. In addition to the Numbered Document File involved in these letters, the records of the Commission include correspondence and internal records of the Commission, some of which relate to the functions of other government agencies and their part in the investigation of the assassination. These records were reviewed by the National Archives in 1967 at the request of the Department of Justice. Some of them were withheld from research, and it is now time for the five year review of these documents provided for in the guidelines that apply to the records. I would like to ask the Central Intelligence Agency to review those documents which relate to its functions. They consist chiefly of correspondence between the CIA and the Commission and related memoranda (about one inch).

Both the material that we are now asking the CIA to review and the documents withheld from research in the Numbered Document File of the Commission include security classified documents. The CIA may wish to consider these documents under the provisions of Executive Order 11652 of March 10, 1972 (37 F.R. 5209), to determine whether they should be declassified or downgraded, and if they are declassified, whether they should be made available for research or withheld under a different exemption to the "Freedom of Information Act" (5 U.S.C. 552) and a different guideline from Guideline 2.

The following staff members of the National Archives will be pleased to furnish any further information that may be needed:

Johnson:vk x23171 7-28-72

cc: Official file - NMF
Reading file - MNFC
Day file - N

Enclosures

JAMES E. O'NEILL
Acting Archivist
of the United States

Sincerely,
James E. O'Neill

Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff, Chief, Legislative, Judicial, and Fiscal Branch,
or Mr. Marlon M. Johnson, on Code 13, Extension 23171.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

2 August 1972

The Honorable James E. O'Neill
Acting Archivist of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

The Director has asked me to respond to your letter

of July 28th concerning the five-year review of the Warren

Commission documents. We will be very glad to join you

in this review, and our representative will be in touch with

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Eckhoff within the next week or two.

Sincerely,



Lawrence R. Houston

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

22 December 1972

Dr. James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

Subject: Release of Documents Furnished to the
Warren Commission by the Central
Intelligence Agency

Reference is made to Mr. Houston's letter dated 2 August
1972. Since that time we have been in close contact with Mr.
Marion Johnson of your staff who recently provided us with addi-
tional documents for review. We have completed this task and,
unless stated otherwise, we have no objections to the release of
the following items:

Last No. 1

2, 3, 7, 14, 15, 18, 29, 31, 32, 33.

Last No. 1A

1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12.

Last No. 2

3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12 (including CIA letter 8 Feb. 64),
16, 20, 22, 23, 25, 28, 37, 38 (including our reply
3 June 64), 40 (including our reply 1 July 64),
44 (including our reply 22 July 64), 48 (including
our reply 11 Sept. 64), 51, 53 (including our memo
19 May 64 - CD-944), 54, 55, 58, 59, 64(A)
(including our reply 13 Oct. 64).

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28 DEC 1972

List No. 2A

3, 5, 9, 11, 15, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.

The following documents can be released providing they are modified as follows:

List No. 1

No. 19 Delete P. 1, Para. 1, L. 6; P. 8, Para. 1, L. 3. Delete P. 1, Para. 2 (relating to Noscrko). Delete P. 6, Para. 1

List No. 1A

No. 1A Next to date acq, strike field report number. Release only source description and Para. 3 down to "peace" (L. 8). Strike reference to "exams and Dallas bank. Delete words I. 1-2. Para. 3, Delete words I. 1-2. Memo. Delete reference to P. 2, last Para., L. 1 and 3. Delete no. 1 on list (communist control techniques) and withhold the attached publication, same name dated 2 April 56.

List No. 2

No. 29 Delete last Para. No. 30 Delete first sentence, Para. 2 thru

List No. 2 (cont)

No. 31 Delete first sentence, P. 2, Para. 6.

32 Delete Para. 1, 1, 5, reference to

List No. 2A

No. 6 Delete Para. 2, L. 1-2.

8 Delete P. 3 top lines 5 thru 9 ("the way. . . exist").

10 Delete Para. 5 ("we would. . . discussed").

14 Delete P. 5 and 6 last Para. ("at 3:30. . . spot"), P. 8, Para. 2, strike P. 38 (delete entire page), delete P. 46, Para. 2 ("we them. . . Andersons"); withhold P. 52 top "Anderson . . . job."

16 Delete Para. 2.

Miscellaneous

We have no objections to the release of Commission exhibits 631 and 1054. The following documents also can be released with certain modifications:

CD 692 Withhold Attachment G. Please remove CIA file numbers on the five internal CIA notes.

Comm. No. 1216 Delete from Para. 21 Para. 3, delete

We will be glad to examine the remaining classified documents again when the next prescribed review period arrives.

Sincerely,



Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

We cannot agree to the release of the remaining documents at this time because of the continuing need in their case to protect sources and methods. Accordingly, we request that Guideline No. 2 be observed in each case. Approvals apply only to the exact document(s) listed and not to related items in the Commission's files. Since some of the items listed originated with other U. S. agencies, we suggest that they be consulted, as appropriate, before the documents are released. Any CIA file markings thereon should be removed.

List No. 1
Internal Memoranda and Other Records of the Warren Commission

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Security Classification</u>	<u>Release or Withhold</u>
1. 1/8/64	Willens	Rankin	(Routing slip) Initiating liaison with CIA		
2. 1/15/64	Willens	Rankin	Meeting with Representatives of CIA		
3. 1/16/64	Willens	Rankin	(Routing slip) Discussion of "CIA problem" by Rankin and Chief Justice		
4. ca. Jan. 1964	Rankin	"Files"	Rumors that Oswald was an undercover agent		
5. Feb. 1964	Slawson	Willens	Letter to the Russian Government		
6. 2/4/64	Slawson	Willens	Letter to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Posing Certain Questions on their Letter to Us dated 31 January 1964		S
7. 2/5/64	Slawson and Coleman	Willens	Supplement to memorandum dated 4 February 1964 from W. David Slawson to Mr. Howard P. Willens		S
8. 2/5/64	Hoover, Director, FBI	Rankin	Copies of FBI communications to be furnished to the CIA		
9. 2/10/64	Hoover, Director, FBI	Rankin	Interview with District Attorney Henry M. Wade concerning allegations that Oswald was an informant of a Federal agency		
10. 2/11/64	Hoover, Director, FBI	Rankin	Interview with Alonzo F. Hudkins concerning allegations that Oswald was an informant of a Federal agency		
11. 2/12/64	Shaffer	Willens	Mexico Allegation First Furnished by White House		S

Security Classification Release or Withdrawal

Subject

To

From

Date

- 12. Rankin Conference of February 26, 1964, with Messrs. Coleman and Slawson
- 13. Slawson Appointment of G. Marvin Gentile in State Department
- 14. Rankin Telephone Call from Mr. Richard Helms
- 15. Helms Requests copies of certain records (this letter apparently not sent)
- 16. Jenner-Liebler Ball-Belin Testimony of Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko, recent Soviet Defector
- 17. Rankin File received from CIA (CD692) S
- 18. CIA Commission Certain Questions Posed by the State Department Files (this memorandum apparently not sent) S
- 19. Slawson "Records" Conference with the CIA on March 12, 1964 TS
- 20. Coleman and Slawson Stern Nosenko
- 21. Slawson Specter Taking Testimony of Doctors S
- 22. Rankin Helms Requests information on Jack Ruby (this letter apparently not sent)
- 23. Stern Rankin CIA File on Oswald S
- 24. Coleman and Slawson Rankin Progress in Area 3 (Oswald's Foreign Travels)... TS



Date	From	To	Subject	Security Classification	Release or Withhold
25.	6/4/64	Slawson	Rankin, Willens, Redlich	S	
26.	6/23/64	Hoover, Director, FBI	Rankin	S	
27.	6/24/64	Coleman and Slawson	The Commission	TS	
28.	7/17/64	Slawson	Coleman		
29.	7/22/64	Slawson	Coleman		
30.	8/22/64	Slawson	Rankin	TS	
31.	9/6/64	Slawson	Rankin	S	
32.	9/28/64	Willens	Pollak		
33.	9/30/64	Goldberg	Rankin		
34.					

Telephone Conference with Mr. Rocca of CIA

Allegation that Oswald was in Tangier, Morocco

Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko

Willens' re-draft of Foreign Conspiracy draft

Publication of CIA Information on Oswald in Mexico Sent to the Department of State and Other Agencies in Early October, 1963

Language in the Possible Foreign Conspiracy section of the Report relating to "N"

Footnotes supplied by the CIA

Citation of authority to discussion regarding secret agent "D"

Matters for discussion

Warren Com. ledger containing some highly classified entries rel. to CIA

List No. 1A

Correspondence With the CIA and Other Records of the Warren Commission

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Security Classification</u>	<u>Release or Withdrawal</u>
1. 11/22/63			Three pages from Office of Naval Intelligence file on Lee Harvey Oswald, consisting of the following: (1) "Memo for Record" dated 11/22/63 by T. A. Nutt concerning assassination of the President (2) CIA Message 102012Z Oct. 63 (3) Rough notes relating to procedures at time of the assassination, including "Photo to AMEMB Mexico City" at top of page	Secret	
1a. 11/15/64			CIA Information Report 3/569958-Comments by Aleksey Adzhubey		
2. 12/17/63			CIA Information Report No. 00 - B - 3,284,733-"Soviet Scientists Deeply Moved by Death U.S. President/..."	S	
3. 12/30/63			CIA Information Report No. 00 - B - 3,286,005-"Tour of U.S. Educators/Public Reaction to Kennedy Assassination/..." (page 1 only)	C	
4. 12/20/63-1/23/64			Cartoons and articles from Russian publications (13 p.)		
5. 1/29/64			CIA memorandum - "Presence of Salvador Diaz Verson in Mexico Around 22 November 1963"	S	
6. 2/12/64	Rankin	Karamessines	Photograph shown to Mrs. Marguerite Oswald		
7. 2/25/64			GSA Routing Slip dated 2/25/64 attached to undated CIA memorandum concerning Mohammed Reggab		

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	<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Subject</u>	
8.	3/23/64	Hoover, Director, FBI	Rankin	George and Jeanne De Mohrenschildt	
9.	3/23/64			CIA report on "Rumors About Lee Harvey Oswald"	S
10.	3/25/64 and 3/26/64 (two letters)	Slawson	Helms	Recent investigation by the West German Federal Intelligence Service concerning	
11.	6/26/64	Rocca	Rankin	"Soviet Brainwashing Techniques," with attached materials, all of which were published and have been made available for research except items 1 ("Communist Control Techniques") and 3 ("Hypnosis in Interrogation")	S
12.	8/20/64	Rankin	Helms	Enclosed letter from the Department of State concerning allegations of Konstantin P. Sergievsky	

List No. 2
Correspondence With the CIA and Other Records of the Warren Commission

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Security Classification</u>	<u>Release or Withhold</u>
1. 1/21/64	Helms R	Rankin	Draft Questions for Submission to the Government of the Soviet Union	C	
2. 1/22/64	Helms	Rankin	Suggested Questions for Marina Oswald	C	
3. 1/27/64	Rankin	Helms	Acknowledges receipt of two memoranda dated 1/21/64 and mentions possible meeting with CIA representatives		
4. 1/31/64	Rankin	Helms	Encloses copies of letters sent to the FBI and the Secret Service		
5. 1/31/64	Rankin	Helms	Acknowledges receipt of chronology of Oswald's stay in the Soviet Union and list of names of Oswald associates there (CD 321)		
6. 2/4/64	Rankin	Helms	Requests information concerning Russian .16 cal. single-barrel weapon		
7. 2/5/64	(Memorandum)		Recent Soviet Statements on Lee Harvey Oswald	S	
8. 2/8/64	Helms	Hoover, Director, FBI	Assassination of President John F. Kennedy (requests copies of 47 photographs from effects of Oswald)		
9. 2/10/64	Rankin	Helms	Acknowledges receipt of memorandum on Lee Harvey Oswald activity in Mexico City and asks certain questions		TS
10. 2/10/64	Rankin	Karamessines	Acknowledges receipt of letter of 2/5/64 enclosing three copies of Appendix B		

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Security Classification Release or
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Subject

To

Date

From

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|-----|---------|-----------------------|--|---|---|
| 11. | 2/12/64 | Rankin | McCone | Requests copies of reports furnished to Secret Service and a report on information concerning Oswald in possession of CIA prior to 11-22-63 | S |
| 12. | 2/18/64 | Rankin | Karamessines | Acknowledges receipt of letter of 2/8/64 concerning Soviet weapon mentioned in one of Oswald's documents | S |
| 13. | 2/18/64 | Helms | Chief, U.S. Secret Service and Director, FBI (different letters but on same subject) | Requests information concerning whether Oswald's wrist had scar from attempted suicide | S |
| 14. | 2/18/64 | Helms | Hughes, Director of Intelligence and Research, Dept. of State | Identification of elderly American in hospital with Oswald | S |
| 15. | 2/19/64 | Karamessines | Rankin | Cuban Consulate and Embassy in Mexico City | S |
| 16. | 2/21/64 | Rankin | Helms | Acknowledges receipt of memorandum on information developed by CIA on activity of Oswald in Mexico City | S |
| 17. | 2/24/64 | Hubert and Griffin | Helms | Jack Ruby - Background, Friends, and Other Pertinent Information | S |
| 18. | 2/26/64 | Hoover, Director, FBI | Rankin | Request of CIA concerning possible scar on Oswald's wrist | S |
| 19. | 3/3/64 | Hoover, Director, FBI | Director, CIA | Encloses requested copies of 47 photographs from effects of Oswald | S |

Security Classification Release or Withhold

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To

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Date

20. Helms Rankin 3/6/64 Acknowledges receipt of memorandum of 3/5/64 with summary of findings concerning Mohammed Reggab S

21. Helms Rankin 3/6/64 Requests conference with CIA in regard to Nosenko and work of CIA in the investigation S

22. Director, CIA Hoover, Director, FBI 3/10/64 Identification of elderly American in hospital with Oswald; refers to letter to Director, CIA, dated 3/6/64 concerning Nosenko S

23. Helms Rankin 3/16/64 Arrangements agreed upon at conference on 3/12/64 respecting the furnishing of certain materials to the Commission S

24. Rankin Helms 3/16/64 (Form No. 101) Encloses five copies of a "round-up" entitled "Rumors About Lee Harvey Oswald" S

25. Helms Rankin 3/16/64 Requests information concerning (1) criteria employed by CIA in furnishing information to the Secret Service concerning Presidential protection and (2) recommendations by CIA for improvements in Presidential protection S

26. Helms Rankin 3/17/64 Forwards certain documents as agreed at conference on 3/12/64 S

27. Helms Rankin 3/27/64 Hughes, Director of Intelligence and Research, Dept. of State Assassination of President John F. Kennedy - Verification of Entry in Historic Diary" S

28. Helms Rankin 3/30/64 Requests any information concerning George and Jeanne De Mohrenschildt in CIA files S

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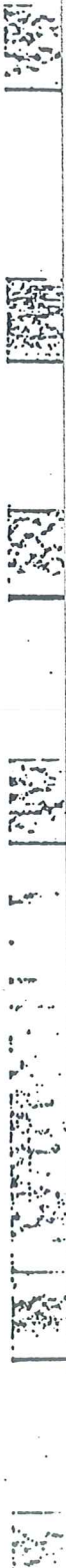
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- 29. Stern
Sends copy of "A National Name Index Network" on loan
S
- 30. Rankin
Mohammed Reggab
S
- 31. Stern
Attaches copy of memorandum on "Plans of British and French Publishing Firms to Publish the Thomas Buchanan Articles on Assassination of President Kennedy" at request of Mr. Karamessines
S
- 32. Helms
Cooperation of CIA with Commission representatives in Mexico City; investigation of allegations of Gilberto Alvarado Ugarte
S
- 33. Helms
Requests assurance that Commission possesses full extent of CIA information and knowledge of Oswald
- 34. Helms
Requests information on Cuban and Soviet embassies in Mexico City
- 35. McCone
Requests affidavit that Oswald was never an informant or agent of CIA
- 36. Helms
Requests information concerning Jack Ruby
- 37. Helms
Requests that information concerning latest Soviet techniques in "mind conditioning" and "brainwashing" be furnished to Wesley J. Liebeler
- 38. Helms
Requests comments on enclosed copies of documents received from the Soviet Government



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- 39. Rankin Translation of a Book [A Conspiracao, Newton Carlos]
- 40. Helms Requests information concerning time in which Oswald obtained his Soviet tourist visa in Helsinki, Finland, in 1959
- 41. Helms Encloses translation of attachments to diplomatic note of 5/5/64 from Ambassador Dobrynin to the Secretary of State concerning hospitalization of Oswald in Russia
- 42. Helms Encloses material from State Dept. concerning Oswald's attempt to enter Cuba in 1963
- 43. Helms Requests translation of and comments on enclosures in Spanish received with letter of 6/23/64 from Leonard C. Meeker, Acting Legal Adviser, Dept. of State
- 44. Helms Requests comments on inconsistency between information contained in document received from State Dept. and information in CIA memorandum of 4/6/64
- 45. Rocca Encloses passport file and other records concerning Waldemar Boris Kara-patnitzky
- 46. Helms Waldemar Boris Kara-patnitzky
- 47. Rocca and Helms Waldemar Boris Kara-patnitzky
- 48. Helms Encloses list of CIA documents and requests approval of publication of these documents

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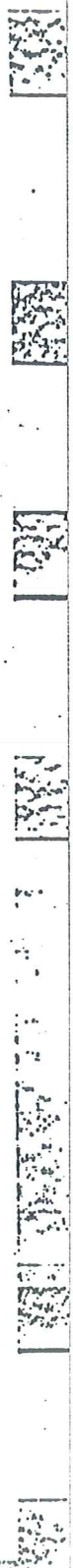
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- 49. Helms Rankin 9/1/64 Requests analysis of photographs of Oswald's application for Cuban visa and reply from Havana to Cuban Embassy in Mexico City conditionally rejecting the application C
- 50. Rankin Karamessines 9/3/64 Encloses six copies of two documents from the Cuban Government and states that handwriting analysis has been undertaken C
- 51. Helms Rankin 9/11/64 Requests approval of CIA to publish memoranda from CIA concerning statements made by an official in the Soviet Consulate in Mexico City (CD 1216) S
- 52. Helms Rankin 9/11/64 Requests letter acknowledging that CIA received listed communications from the State Dept., which are included in CD 692
- 53. Helms Rankin 9/12/64 Requests permission to publish all or part of memorandum of 5/19/64 concerning Cuban and Soviet Consulates (CD 944) S
- 54. Helms Rankin 9/12/64 Requests memoranda that can be published and cited as authority for certain listed propositions S
- 55. Rankin Helms 9/17/64 Lee Harvey Oswald (reply to request for permission to publish memo. of 7/2/64) S
- 56. Rankin Helms 9/17/64 State Department Files S
- 57. Rankin Helms 9/18/64 Identification of Parsons Appearing in FBI Photograph No. D 33-46 (Commission Exhibit No. 2625) S



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58.	9/21/64 (sic)	Rankin	Helms	Requests identification of persons in FBI Photograph No. D 33-46	
59.	9/22/64	Helms	Rankin	Silvia Tirado Bazan de Duran	
60.	9/22/64	Rankin	Helms	Requests a memorandum relating to hotels at which Oswald stayed in Helsinki, Finland, which will be published	
61.	9/22/64	Rankin	Helms	Requests approval of CIA to publish memorandum dated 5/4/64, Subject: Additional information on Lee Harvey Oswald	
62.	9/22/64	Rankin	Helms	Clearances to publish paragraph relating to Cuban Consul Usebio Azcue	
63.	9/23/64	Rankin	Helms	Clearance to publish letter of 5/4/64 (CE 869)	
64.	10/13/64	Rankin	McCone	Requests (1) permission to publish <u>Secret</u> document dated 1/31/64 with certain deletions or (2) a synopsis that may be published	
64a.	9/30/64	Rankin	McCone	Requests permission to publish attached list of documents	
65.	10/29/64	Helms	Rankin	Transmittal of OCR Publication: "Foreign Press Reaction to the Warren Report," and Follow-up Report dated 22 October 1964	
66.	11/16/64	Rankin	McCone	Thanks CIA for its assistance in the investigation	

List No. 2A
Internal Memoranda and Other Records of the Warren Commission

<u>Date</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Security Classification</u>	<u>Release or Withhold</u>
1. 1/21/64			Transcript of executive session of the Commission, p. 63-73	TS	
2. 1/27/64			Transcript of executive session of the Commission	TS	
3. 2/14/64	Coleman and Slawson		Memo. on "Mexican Trip," p. 8, 9, 10, 13, 14		
4. 3/9/64	Slawson	Jenner, Liebler, Ball, Belin	Testimony of Nosenko, recent Soviet defector		
5. 3/17/64	Rankin	Dulles	Rumors that Oswald was a paid informant		
6. 3/26/64	Coleman		Mexico - CIA Dissemination of Information on Lee Harvey Oswald on March 24, 1964		
7. 3/27/64	Slawson	"Record"	Tentative Conclusions on Lee Harvey Oswald's Stay in Mexico City: Visits to Soviet and Cuban Embassies		S
8. 4/1/64	Coleman and Slawson		Statement of Pedro Gutierrez Valencia		
9. 4/2/64	Coleman and Slawson		Statement of Gilberto Alvarado Ugarte		

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- 10. 4/2/64 Coleman and Slawson Mexico: Questions Raised by the Ambassador Mann File TS
- 11. 4/3/64 Coleman and Slawson Additional Lines of Investigation in Mexico Which May Prove Worthwhile TS
- 12. 4/21/64 Slawson [REDACTED] the Soviet and Cuban Embassies in Mexico City TS
- 13. 4/22/64 Slawson "Record" Trip to Mexico City (classified version) TS
- 14. 4/22/64 Slawson "Record" Trip to Mexico City (unclassified version) TS
- 15. 5/5/64 Mosk Slawson Examination of documents by National Security Agency TS
- 16. 6/4/64 Slawson Coleman Appendix on Lee Harvey Oswald in Mexico: Comments on First Draft TS
- 17. 6/5/64 Slawson "Record" Documents Received from the Russian Government: Legibility of Signatures TS
- 18. 6/23/64 Transcript of executive session relating to "Mesenko" (Nosenko) TS
- 19. 7/15/64 Slawson Rankin Proposed references to the "Confidential Soviet Union source..." TS
- 20. 7/22/64 Dulles Willens Draft of "Foreign Conspiracy" section of report TS
- 21. 7/23/64 Matters to be Considered in the "N" Problem TS
- 22. 8/12/64 Ford Rankin Comments on "Presidential Protection" section of the report



Enclosed are copies of the guidelines prepared by the Department of Justice in 1965, for the review of the Commission's records and a letter of August 17, 1966, from Assistant Attorney General Wozniak authorizing the National Archives to conduct reviews of the records created by the Commission. Although the transcript of the executive session of the Commission of January 27, 1964, was reviewed as recently as 1972, subsequent to the issuance of Executive Order 11652 (37 F.R. 5209), we are treating the suit as the equivalent of a request for a mandatory review of the transcript as a security classified document that is now ten years old under the terms of Executive Order 11652, Section 5(D) and Section 11. We have reviewed the transcript and have decided that it probably could be declassified. I shall appreciate it if you will review the transcript in accordance with the terms of Executive Order 11652 and inform me of any objection you may have to the declassification of the transcript or of any part of it. If you think the transcript or any part of it should retain a security classification, please inform me of the level of classification you feel it should have and the relevant basis for classification listed in Section 5(B) of Executive Order 11652. If you think the transcript should be declassified but withheld from research, as a whole or in part, under an exemption from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) other than subsection (b)(1), please inform me of that exemption and of any relevant guideline. We

There is now in progress a suit against the General Services Administration for access to a transcript of an executive session of January 27, 1964, of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (the Warren Commission) which is in our custody. The Central Intelligence Agency requested us to withhold this transcript from research in a letter of December 22, 1972. A copy of the transcript was furnished to Mr. Arthur Dooley, formerly of your staff, and should be in the files he maintained relating to the review of records of the Commission.

Dear Mr. Colby

Honorable William Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

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are also requesting the Department of Justice to review the transcript.

Because of the ongoing litigation, we would appreciate your comments as soon as possible. The following members of our staff will be pleased to furnish any further information you require: Mr. Mark G. Eckhoff and Mr. Marion M. Johnson of the National Archives (962-3171) and Mr. Steven Garfinkel of the Office of General Counsel of GSA (343-4947).

Sincerely,

James B. Hoalds

JAMES B. HOALDS
Archivist of the United States

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Honorable William B. Saxbe
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

There is now in progress a suit against the General Services Administration for access to a security classified transcript of an executive session of January 27, 1964, of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (the Warren Commission) which is in our custody. The discussions of the members of the Commission reported in the transcript include matters which involve the Department of Justice.

We are treating the suit as the equivalent of a request for a mandatory review of the transcript as a security classified document that is now ten years old under the terms of Executive Order 11652, Section 5(D) and Section 11. We have reviewed the transcript and have decided that it probably can be declassified. Enclosed are copies of the guidelines prepared by the Department of Justice in 1965, for the review of the Commission's records and a letter of August 17, 1966, from Assistant Attorney General Wozencraft of the Office of Legal Counsel authorizing the National Archives to conduct reviews of the records created by the Commission. I shall appreciate it if you will review the transcript, which we will make available to you upon the request of your action officer, in accordance with the terms of Executive Order 11652 and inform me of any objection you may have to the declassification of the transcript or of any part of it. If you feel that the transcript or any part of it should retain a security classification, please inform me of the level of classification required and the relevant basis for the classification listed in Section 5(B) of Executive Order 11652. If you think the transcript should be declassified but withheld from research as a whole or in part under an exemption from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) other than subsection (b)(1), please inform me of that exemption and of any relevant guideline. We are also requesting the Central Intelligence Agency to review the transcript.

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Archivist of the United States

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James R. Brady

Sincerely,

Because of the ongoing litigation, we would appreciate your comments as soon as possible. The following members of our staff will be pleased to furnish any further information you request. Mr. Mark C. Eckhoff and Mr. Martin M. Johnson of the National Archives (962-2171) and Mr. Steven Carlisle of the Office of General Counsel of GSA (343-4947).

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The Honorable James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

Re: Release for Public Disclosure of a
Warren Commission Document

I have your letter of 27 March 1974 to Mr. Colby
requesting an evaluation of the contents of a Warren Com-
mission document. The document, often identified as
item 2 on your list Number 2a, is an 86-page transcript
of the executive session of the Commission of 27 January
1964.

We have reviewed the document and have no objection
to its release for public disclosure. We presume that you
will also be contacting the Federal Bureau of Investigation
for its views.

Sincerely,

John S. Warner
John S. Warner
General Counsel

EX-111 ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Department of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20530

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JUN 6 1974

Dr. James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

This responds to your letter of March 27, 1974 addressed to the Attorney General requesting the views of the Department of Justice as to whether a transcript of a January 27, 1964 executive session of the Warren Commission, presently classified "Top Secret," may now be declassified. Because the only matters contained in the transcript relating to the Department of Justice concern the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Director of the Bureau was asked to review the subject document. The Director has completed his review and advises that the Bureau interposes no objection to declassification.

You also ask whether the Department of Justice would object to public disclosure of the document, if declassified. The question of public disclosure would appear to be reserved to the judgment of the National Archives and Records Service, as successor to the Commission's records. The 1965 guidelines provided by the Office of Legal Counsel to which you refer in your letter and the Freedom of Information Act should govern this decision.

Sincerely,

Leon Ulman
Leon Ulman
Chairman, Departmental
Review Committee

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<p>REMARKS: We have a request for modification of your contract # 11452, sec. 5(1), 7/2. Consideration of it if you wish. I would appreciate your opinion on this. It is our intention to have the modification completed by the end of the month. If you have any questions, please contact the office of the Contracting Agency.</p>											
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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

1 October 1974

Mr. Marion Johnson
National Archives and Records Service
Pennsylvania Avenue at 8th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
20408

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to your request we have reviewed the enclosed four documents in order to determine whether the classifications ascribed to them need to be retained. Our conclusions are detailed below:

(a) Top Secret Document, Subject: Conference with the CIA on March 12, 1964, (List No. 1, Item 19).

There are only two segments of this document which have continued to be classified at our request, specifically the name of one person in paragraph one and the entire second paragraph. We should now like to remove all restrictions concerning paragraph two, but we want to continue to withhold the person's name in paragraph one. However, the document may be downgraded to Confidential.

(b) Top Secret Document, dated June 24, 1964, Subject: Yuri Ivanovich Nosenko (List No. 1, Item 27).

We have no objection to the declassification of this document in its entirety.

Mr. Marion Johnson
National Archives and Records Service
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(c) Top Secret Document, pages 63-73 from transcript

of the Executive Session of the President's Commission of the Assassination of President Kennedy, January 21, 1964, (List No. 2A, Item 1).

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We wish to continue the classification of this segment of the transcript.

Top Secret Document entitled "Report of Proceedings Held at Washington, D.C., June 23, 1964" (List 2A, Item 18).

We wish to continue the classification of this document.

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JOHN D. MORRISON, JR.
Acting General Counsel

[Handwritten signature]
Sincerely,

Enclosure (4) Under Separate Cover

TO		CO	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
NAME/TITLE		Mr. Mark Starnes										
CORRESPONDENCE SYMBOL		Office of Inspection, Department of Justice, Room 4314										
REMARKS												
<p>Join in the transcript that I discussed with you. I shall appreciate it if you will call the FBI to advise if and determine whether it can be identified under Section 11652. If the transcript is on part of it cannot be identified, what would be the best of identification regarding the relevant term of identification given in Section 5(13) of E.O. 11652?</p>												
<p>FROM</p> <p>NAME/TITLE: <i>Mona M. Jones</i></p> <p>COOR. SYMBOL: <i>NNFL</i></p> <p>TELEPHONE: <i>613, X23171</i></p> <p>DATE: <i>11/12/74</i></p>												

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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

FEB 26 1975

Dr. James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D. C. 20408

Attention: Marion Johnson

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

This responds to your request for the views of the Department of Justice as to whether the transcript of a January 22, 1964 executive session of the Warren Commission, presently classified "Top Secret," may now be declassified. Because the subject matter of this transcript relates primarily to the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the transcript was referred to the Director of that Bureau for review. The Director has completed his review and advises that there is no objection to the declassification of this document.

Sincerely,

Leon Ulman

Leon Ulman
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel
Chairman, Departmental Review Committee



With regard to the documents cited in the first paragraph, it is our judgment that both transcripts must be denied under subsection (b)(1) of the Freedom of Information Act in order to protect sources and methods and other information related to our operational equities. The documents, under the criteria of Executive Order 11652, warrant classification at the Confidential level and exemption from the General Declassification Schedule pursuant to Sec. 5(B)(2) and (3) of the Order. It is impossible at this time to determine

Mr. Johnson also asked the Agency to review p. 3 of the transcript of the executive session of 6 December 1963. He was informed by telephone that the CIA had no objection to the release of this page to Mr. Lesar. This letter confirms that position.

On 21 March 1975, Marion M. Johnson of the Civil Archives Division transmitted to this Agency for review certain Warren Commission documents requested under the Freedom of Information Act by James H. Lesar, on behalf of his clients, Harold Weisberg and Paul Hoch. The documents were the transcript of the executive session of 23 June 1964 and pp. 63-73 of the transcript of the executive session of 21 January 1964. I regret the delay in responding, which was due in part to missing pages. It is my understanding that these documents are currently the subject of an appeal from Mr. Lesar.

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

Dr. James B. Rhoads
 Archivist of the United States
 National Archives and Records Service
 Room 111, Archives Building
 Seventh Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Washington, D.C. 20408

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a date or event for automatic declassification. If there is any question concerning the authority of the Warren Commission to classify national security information, the Archivist should mark the documents appropriately, citing this letter as authority.

We have investigated the possibility of releasing segregable portions of the transcripts, but have concluded that the extensive deletions required would result in an incoherent text.

The official who made the decision to deny the two transcripts is Charles A. Briggs, Chief of the Services Staff.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Young
Robert S. Young
Freedom of Information Coordinator

The National Archives does not have any letters in our custody sent to members of the Warren Commission as a result of the January 18, 1965, White House directive to the Attorney General that he find out how the Warren Commission viewed the problem of the public availability of its records. Also, the National Archives does not have custody of any response from Warren Commission members to any such letters.

5. Any letters sent to members of the Warren Commission as a result of the January 18, 1965, White House directive to the Attorney General that he find out how the Warren Commission viewed the problem of the public availability of its records. Also, the response of any Warren Commission member to any such letters.

Request for Production of Documents

Civil Action No. 75-1448

Request for Production of Documents

6: Any instruction from the Warren Commission to its General Counsel, Mr. J. Lee Rankin, ordering him to classify the January 21 or June 23, 1964, or any other Warren Commission executive session transcripts.

The National Archives has not found any instruction from the Warren Commission to its General Counsel, Mr. J. Lee Rankin, ordering him to classify the January 21 or June 23, 1964, or any other Warren Commission executive session transcripts.

Request for Production of Documents

7. Any document ordering Ward and Paul to classify the January 21 or June 23, 1964, or any other Warren Commission executive session transcripts.

January 7, 1964, Jesse L. Ward, Jr. to J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, Presidential Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. Confirms instructions given to Ward and Paul by J. Lee Rankin orally on January 6, 1964. "The work will be given Top Secret or Secret classification, so marked on each volume, volumes numbered in accordance with security regulations, and receipts obtained for material passing between the Commission and our firm Only personnel having the full necessary clearance will be used in any phase of handling the work of the Commission."

January 8, 1964, J. Lee Rankin to Mr. Jesse L. Ward, Jr. Confirms receipt of letter of January 7, 1964, from Mr. Ward. " . . . The arrangements set forth in your letter are satisfactory to me and I am confident that your organization will be of great assistance to this Commission."

May 1, 1964, J. Lee Rankin to Ward and Paul. Instructs Ward and Paul to classify depositions and testimony Confidential rather than Top Secret. Commissioners' meeting will continue to be classified Top Secret.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HAROLD WEISBERG,

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 2052-73

v.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF NEW YORK) ss.:

CITY OF NEW YORK)

I, J. LEE HANKIN, living at 35 Sutton Place, New York,

New York, do hereby solemnly swear:

1. From December 8, 1963, I served as General Counsel of

the President's Commission on the Assassination of President

Kennedy (Warren Commission).

2. Shortly after I had assumed the duties of General

Counsel of the Commission, I was instructed by the Commission

that among my duties was the responsibility to security classify

at appropriate levels of classification those records created by

the Commission in its investigation and report that should be

security classified under existing Executive order. The

Commission's authority to classify its records and its decision

to delegate that responsibility to me existed pursuant to

Executive Order 10501, as amended.

PAUL F. CIRILLO
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 29-150730
Qualified in Nassau County
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Paul Cirillo

Subscribed and sworn to before me
at New York, New York
on this 8th day of April, 1974.

J. Lee Rankin
J. LEE RANKIN

Interested parties.
to be considered confidential and that it may be shown to the
belief. I understand that the information I have given is not
and it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and
I have read the above statement, consisting of two pages,
correspondence between Ward & Paul and me).
transcribers of the executive sessions (see attached copies of
and I communicated the fact of said classification to Ward & Paul,
including that of January 27, 1964, be classified "Top Secret,"
transcripts of certain of the Commission executive sessions,
3. As agreed to by the Commission, I ordered that the

It is contemplated that the reporting services will be performed in Washington, D. C., and that transcription and duplication will be in the premises of Ward & Paul at the address given above. The work will be given Top Secret or Secret classification, so marked on each volume, volumes numbered in accordance with security regulations, and receipts obtained for material passing between the Commission and our firm. If desired, notes, waste paper and other materials will be delivered to the Commission daily, with the delivery of each transcript, or they can be retained by us, under security, and destroyed from time to time. I would suggest that all waste material be destroyed weekly, and the notes be turned over to the Commission at the end of each week, this for possible reexamination of any necessary page or phrase which might need it.

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Pursuant to our conversation of yesterday, in which a general outline of reporting services and needs was discussed, and at which time you asked for a statement of prices for work performed, I am happy to submit the following schedule of charges:

Dear Sir:

Re: Stenographic Reporting

Hon. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel,
 Presidential Commission on the
 Assassination of President Kennedy,
 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.,
 Washington, D. C. 20002.

January 7, 1964

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1971 - Mr. Rankin

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Please excuse this lengthy letter, but we feel that it is better to lay a proper groundwork for mutual understanding of the different phases of work involved.

Please allow me to thank you, sir, for the time you took to talk with me, and for your understanding of our problems. It is our hope that we may be chosen to serve the Commission, and that we may do so in a manner that will reflect credit on those who have been kind enough to suggest our firm for the work.

Respectfully submitted,

WARD & PAUL

By:

James D. Moore

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Sincerely,

Thank you for your promise in supplying me with this information.

The arrangements set forth in your letter are satisfactory to me and I am confident that your organization will be of great assistance to this Commission. I would like you to handle the reporting of the meetings of the Commission as well as any hearings outside the city which may be held by the Commission. I shall advise you of the date of the next Commission meeting as soon as possible.

Thank you for your letter of January 7, 1964, setting forth the schedule of charges for your reporting services.

Dear Mr. Ward:

Mr. Jesse L. Ward, Jr.
Ward & Paul
917 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Jan 8 1964

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John Rankin

J. Lee Powell
General Counsel

Very truly yours,

This is to inform you that as of this date all reports and testimony handed by your firm for the Commission will be classified as confidential rather than top secret. The reports of the Commissioners will continue to be classified top secret.

Gentlemen:

917 O Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20001
Paul and Paul

MAY 1, 1964

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8. Any statement of views on the public availability of Warren

Commission records solicited of the following agencies: the Federal

Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, Central Intelligence Agency,

Department of State, and Department of Defense. Also, the letters

soliciting these views from the foregoing agencies. [The statements

of these agencies are summarized in the "Attachment to the April 13,

1965, Attorney General's Memorandum re "Public Availability of

Materials Delivered to the National Archives by the President's

Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy" which is

attached hereto as Exhibit F].

The National Archives has been unable to locate any statements

from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, Central

Intelligence Agency, Department of State, or Department of Defense

concerning their views on the public availability of Warren

Commission records.

9. The statement of views of Mr. Howard P. Willens of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice referred to in the last paragraph of the January 15, 1965, letter from Lawson B. Knott, Jr. to Gordon Chance. [A copy of this letter is attached hereto as Exhibit G].

January 14, 1965, Routing Slip, Howard P. Willens to Mr. Ralph Given, GSA.

Mr. Willens expresses his disagreement with the proposed response being sent to Mayor Johnson. Also, Mr. Willens indicates that he has discussed his views with Gordon Chase of the White House Staff. There is no indication that Mr. Willens put his views in writing. The National Archives has only the Routing Slip of January 14, 1965, to show that Mr. Willens disagreed with the proposed response.

ROUTING SLIP

TO:		NAME	DIVISION	BUILDING	ROOM
1.	Mr. Ralph Given				
2.	General Services Administration (Security)				
3.	Room 3326 - Central GSA Bldg.				
4.	F Street, between 17th & 18th Streets, N.W.				
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REMARKS:					
<p>I do not concur with the proposed response to Mayor Johnson. I have expressed my views on this subject to Mr. Gordon Chase of the White House staff.</p>					
FROM:		NAME	BUILDING, ROOM, EXT.	DATE	
		Howard P. Willens	Main-Justice	1/14/65	
		Room 2107	187, x 2621		