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Mr. HOWARD P. WILLENS, Executive Assistant to General Counsel J. LEE RANKIN, President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY, was interviewed at the offices of the Commission, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E. He advised that he is an attorney and has been attached to the Commission since its inception, specifically since December 17, 1963. He added that he has handled liaison matters between the Commission and the Department of Justice, and is responsible to Mr. RANKIN for administrative direction of the Commission's activities.

Concerning the diary of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and related documents, which appeared in the June 27 and 28, 1964, issues of "The Dallas Morning News" in articles under the by-line of HUGH AYNESWORTH, Mr. WILLENS stated as follows:

Mr. WILLENS read the OSWALD diary shortly after it first reached the offices of the Commission. He has had no occasion to maintain a copy of this document in his office, since he has had relatively little need to refer to it. He said that the diary is available to him on short notice from Commission files.

Mr. WILLENS said that he does not know HUGH AYNESWORTH of "The Dallas Morning News." He explained that on a trip to Dallas on Commission business in March, 1964, he had given interviews to two reporters, one from each of the Dallas papers. He is satisfied that HUGH AYNESWORTH was not one of these reporters. Mr. WILLENS added that to his knowledge, he has never met any other representatives of the Dallas newspapers.

Mr. WILLENS said that he has read the FBI reports of investigation into the unauthorized disclosures of information and documents in the press. He said that he has formed the conclusion that the unauthorized disclosures took place in Dallas. He stated that he has implicit faith in the members of the Commission staff, and is satisfied that no Commission employee was the source of any of these disclosures.

Mr. WILLENS stated emphatically that he had not furnished documents or information which resulted in the disclosures in the press in this matter to anyone.

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Mr. EDWARD A. CONROY, Planning and Program Branch, Inspection Service, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D. C., advised he was detailed to the President's Commission looking into the assassination of President KENNEDY from January 16, 1964, until May 18, 1964. His work was performed in Washington, D. C. and he, along with Mr. JOHN O'BRIEN, Inspection Service, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D. C., was responsible for compiling a chronology of significant events from a review of the investigative reports received. He recalled seeing parts of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's diary which was made a part of the chronology but never had any copies xeroxed. He could not furnish any information that would shed any light on the leak of OSWALD's diary to members of the press and is not acquainted with press representatives of Dallas, Texas, and New York, New York newspapers.

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1 Dr. ALFRED GOLDBERG, Editor, was interviewed in the offices of the Presidential Commission, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., and related that he first saw a copy of the diary of LEE HARVEY OSWALD probably in February, 1964, when he read the Federal Bureau of Investigation report on the OSWALD investigation. He stated he read the diary at that time and since then has had no occasion to work with it. He stated that he is not acquainted with CARL FREUND or HUGH AYRESWORTH, reporters for the "Dallas Morning News" newspaper. He is not acquainted with anyone affiliated with the "Dallas Morning News" or the "Dallas Times Herald." He has never made any Commission information available to anyone not entitled to receive it.

Dr. GOLDBERG stated he has read Federal Bureau of Investigation reports concerning investigation into the release of the diary and related papers to the "Dallas Morning News" and has always felt that the information was leaked in Dallas rather than through the Commission.

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John H. Ely  
 1 Mr. JOHN HART ELY, Law Clerk to Chief Justice EARL WARREN, was interviewed in the offices of the President's Commission, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., and advised that from approximately February 15 to June 15, 1964, he was on loan to the President's Commission. From approximately June 15 to July 15, 1964, he was on vacation, during which time he was studying for and took a bar examination. From approximately July 15 to August 15, 1964, he was employed as Law Clerk in the office of Chief Justice WARREN. Effective August 15, 1964, he returned to the President's Commission.

Since being reassigned to the Commission, his area of specialization has been the biography of LEE HARVEY OSWALD up to the night before the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He has had occasion to view OSWALD's diary in this connection. Prior to this assignment he recalls reading the diary in "Life" magazine. He has seen some of the papers of OSWALD that were acquired by the Dallas Police Department during the period from November 22-23, 1963, in connection with his Commission assignment. He has never made any of this information available to anyone not entitled to receive it.

Mr. ELY stated he is not acquainted with "The Dallas Morning News" reporter HUGH AYNESWORTH or anyone else affiliated with "The Dallas Morning News."

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JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Assistant Chief, Investigative Branch, Inspection Service, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Headquarters, Washington, D. C., furnished the following information:

O'BRIEN was detailed to the President's Commission by the IRS from January to May, 1964, along with EDWARD A. CONROY, also of IRS. During Commission assignment, O'BRIEN worked in the Commission Office located in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, where he and CONROY had been furnished a private office and a personal secretary.

O'BRIEN and CONROY had been assigned the specific project of the "Preparation of Chronological History of the Principal Characters of the Assassination." These "Principal Characters" consisted of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, Mrs. LEE HARVEY OSWALD and JACK RUBY. In addition, O'BRIEN and CONROY were requested to submit recommendations for additional coverage of possible value to the investigation. When these specific assignments were completed, O'BRIEN and CONROY were released from detail with the Commission and returned to direct IRS employment.

O'BRIEN and CONROY were detailed to the Commission during the early phases of the Commission's work, and in the completion of their assignment they personally reviewed all Federal Bureau of Investigation and Secret Service reports from which they extracted material needed to compile their chronological history.

O'BRIEN had all Commission records and documents available to him during the entire duration of his detail to the Commission. All other Commission staff members and employees also had free and unlimited access to the Commission

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records and documents. General distribution of documents among Committee employees was necessary to effect efficient operations.

The Commission staff was divided into six groups, each of which consisted of a Senior Attorney, a Junior Attorney and other staff members. The Commission also employed an abundance of secretarial and clerical employees.

The American Bar Association also had been provided space within the Commission Offices where Commission documents would have been available to them.

Security from outside penetration of Commission space by the press or other unauthorized personnel was maintained in an effective manner by the General Services Administration guard force in the building. All pertinent documents and papers of the Commission were maintained in safes and other security devices when not in use during evening hours.

O'BRIEN does not consider the leak of information from Commission files to have been resultant from unauthorized penetration of Commission space. He does consider that the information could have been leaked by members of the Committee's staff or by members of some other governmental agency or business concern which had authorized access to the pertinent information during some phase of the Commission's investigation.

O'BRIEN was unable to furnish any specific information revealing or indicating the sources of leakage of Commission material. He could provide no suspects in this regard.

O'BRIEN noted that during his period of service with the Commission he had the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary in his possession on approximately five occasions and has made a



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thorough review of its contents as well as the contents of various other papers and documents relating to OSWALD. However, O'BRIEN had never made this diary nor any other documents available to anyone unauthorized to have possession of them.

O'BRIEN noted that he was no longer with the Commission at the time LES MARVELY OSWALD's diary and other Commission documents relating to OSWALD were published on June 28, 1964 in "The Dallas Morning News."

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STUART R. POLLAK, 3603 R Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., who is an attorney on the staff of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY, advised as follows concerning the leak of information appearing in "The Dallas Morning News," on June 27 and 28, 1964, under the by-line of HUGH AYNESWORTH, pertaining to the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary and related papers:

He did not go to Dallas, Texas, as a staff member of the Commission. He neither knows HUGH AYNESWORTH nor any other reporters or employees of "The Dallas Morning News," nor did he furnish anyone outside the Commission any information for deliverance to any news media, newspaper or reporter.

The first time he read the OSWALD diary was when it appeared in "Life." He feels that he probably saw copies of the diary earlier at the Commission but is not sure of this and did not recall reading it before its publication in "Life." He does not recall seeing any of the OSWALD related papers. He explained that he had little or no occasion to handle aspects of the OSWALD diary.

He has no suspicions of any staff members being the source of a leak to the press concerning OSWALD's diary.

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**CHARLES FORMAN SHAFFER**, 8510 16th Street, N. W.,  
Silver Spring, Maryland, furnished the following information:

Mr. SHAFFER advised that he is presently employed as a Special Attorney, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and was so employed just prior to December 25, 1963, when he was assigned to the legal staff of Commission Counsel J. LEE BANKIN of the President's Commission handling the investigation of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He continued in this capacity until the early part of April, 1964, at which time he returned to the Department of Justice to handle several cases involving court trials. He said because of the pressure of his own work he did not return to the Commission legal staff.

He indicated that his work on the legal staff of the Commission entailed reviewing reports, suggesting courses of investigation, and assisting at conferences concerning legal phases of the investigation. He said that with regard to the diary of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, he recalled that he first saw parts of this diary which were exhibits in the report covering the FBI investigation of the assassination. At a later date he had occasion to visit the FBI Laboratory which was handling the physical evidence in the case, and he believes he saw the actual diary during this visit. He said, however, that he never actually handled the diary and never had access to it other than as set out above.

SHAFFER said that he has never been approached by anyone to reveal the results of the Commission's investigation, nor does he know of any person who has been so approached. He said that he has no knowledge of how information concerning the investigation had been leaked to the press, nor did he know who might have made such a leak.

He said that since leaving the legal staff of the Commission he has had occasion to speak to Commission Counsel BANKIN and to HOWARD WILLENS, another Department of Justice attorney assigned to the Commission legal staff. He said however, that he had received no information during these occasions which would indicate how the leaks had been made to the press.

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1 Mr. LLOYD L. WEINREB, Attorney, was interviewed in the offices of the Presidential Commission, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., and advised that he has been associated with the Commission since August 3, 1964. Prior to that he was a clerk at the United States Supreme Court.

Prior to coming to the Commission he never had any access to Commission documents but since coming to the Commission has done considerable work on the diary of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. In his work at the Commission he is concerned with the biography of OSWALD up to the night before the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

He is not acquainted with any reporter or anyone else affiliated with the "Dallas Morning News" newspaper. He has never furnished any Commission information to anyone not entitled to receive it.

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MURRAY J. LAULICHT advised he is presently residing at 6040 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., Apartment 119, telephone 882-1736. His permanent address is at 67-30 Clyde Street, Forest Hills, New York, telephone number BO 3-6924. He stated he graduated from the Columbia Law School on June 2, 1964, and the following date entered on duty with the staff of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (the Commission), at Washington, D. C., as a Legal Clerk.

Mr. LAULICHT stated that when initially employed, he applied his time to the reading of various Commission reports for the purpose of acquiring background and also read trial transcripts, did some editing and read newspapers to denote articles of interest to the Commission. In late June or early July, 1964, it was decided to prepare a biography on JACK L. RUBY and he was assigned this task. LAULICHT stated that since this assignment, his work has been principally concerned with matters relating to RUBY, substantially excluding other individuals and aspects of interest to the Commission. During this time, he has worked under the supervision of Staff Attorney BURT W. GRIFFIN and has had considerable contact with two other staff personnel who are associated with GRIFFIN, LEON HUBERT and STUART POLLAK.

LAULICHT stated that since joining the Commission staff on June 3, 1964, he has never been on any official out of town travel. On weekends, holidays and religious holy days, he visits at his home in New York or at the home of his fiancée in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

LAULICHT advised he has never seen the original diary of LEE HARVEY OSWALD or the following described documents: (a.) The Communist Party, USA letter to OSWALD dated July 31, 1963; (b.) The United States Marine Corps discharge of OSWALD, dated September 13, 1960, and (c.) International Certificate of Vaccination of OSWALD, dated June 8, 1963. He stated that as a matter of fact he has

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never seen any reproduction of any of the named items except in newspaper and magazine accounts.

LAULIGHT recalled reading the June 27, 1964, issue of "The Dallas Morning News" and has a recollection that he saw in this issue a reproduction of one page of the OSWALD Diary. He may have seen the June 28, 1964, issue of this newspaper but does not recall this. He has a recollection that he saw the issue of "Life" magazine covering the OSWALD Diary and believes he obtained it from someone at the Commission Offices.

LAULIGHT denied he had ever had possession of or access to any photographic film of the diary or described documents. He stated he has no information concerning the film recording of these documents at Dallas or who received or distributed copies either negative or positive of any film made.

LAULIGHT stated he has no information or suspicions about how copies of the diary and related items were made available to "The Dallas Morning News." He denied knowing or ever meeting or having any contact with CARL FREUND, HUGH or PAULA AYNESWORTH, LARRY GROVES, or JERRY C. RICHMOND of Dallas, Texas. He denied knowing HOLLAND MC COMBS or anyone else associated with "Life" magazine. He stated he did recall having heard in the office from his superior, BURT W. GRIFFIN, speculation and rumor that WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER, Assistant District Attorney of Dallas County, was considered a prime suspect.

LAULIGHT stated he has carefully considered the question of whether a Commission or Staff member might have been responsible for this leak of information and has concluded he has no reason to be suspicious of anyone.



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Mrs. JULIA T. BIDE, administrative assistant to J. LEE RANKIN, General Counsel, President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, was interviewed at her office on September 17, 1964. Mrs. BIDE stated she presently resides at 4550 MacArthur Boulevard, Washington, D. C., and she has been employed by the Commission since December 15, 1963.

Mrs. BIDE advised that as administrative assistant to Mr. RANKIN, her duties ordinarily do not include the overseeing of documents, as such, as such work generally is handled by Mrs. BEVERLY HECKMAN, secretary; however, on occasion when Mrs. HECKMAN has been absent Mrs. BIDE has handled such matters.

Mrs. BIDE informed that in reference to the "leak" of a diary purportedly written by LEE HARVEY OSWALD, she had no knowledge or information as to the identity of the individual responsible for making this and other OSWALD material available to the news media.

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1 Mrs. JEANNE HAUER, Secretary, President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY, was interviewed at the offices of the Commission, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E. She said that she first came to work for the Commission on April 28, 1964, and that she has served as secretary during the ensuing period for WESLEY J. LIEBELER, Staff Attorney. Mrs. HAUER said that Mr. LIEBELER's area of interest in the Commission's investigation has been the background and possible motive of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He has been concerned with the life of OSWALD from his birth to the morning of the day on which President KENNEDY was assassinated.

Mrs. HAUER said that in her work at the Commission she has made use of the OSWALD diary practically daily, beginning early in May, 1964. She added that she has worked closely with the originals of exhibits in the OSWALD matter. She recalled that at some time during the past six weeks she was instructed to make three sets of Xerox copies of each of these OSWALD exhibits, one designated for the responsible attorney and two for the files of the Commission. With regard to the original exhibits, Mrs. HAUER advised that they have been maintained in the safe in Mr. LIEBELER's office. She said that everyone working for the Commission has the combination to this safe and others in the Commission space, with the exception of that in the office of Commission Counsel J. LEE RANKIN. The OSWALD exhibits were, therefore, available to any member of the staff of the Commission.

In regard to the appearance in the press of the OSWALD diary and related documents, Mrs. HAUER said that it was rumored about the Commission that MARINA OSWALD's business manager, JIM MARTIN, had a copy of these materials in his possession from the early days of the investigation. There was speculation among the members of the staff that this was the source of the unauthorized disclosures in the press.

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Mrs. HAUER said that she has never been to Dallas, Texas, and that to her knowledge she has never met anyone connected with any Dallas newspaper. She said specifically that she does not know HUGH AINSWORTH, author of the articles concerning the GIBBS diary.

Mrs. HAUER stated emphatically that she has never made available to any unauthorized person any information or documents coming into her possession through her work with the Commission.

Mrs. HAUER said that in late May, 1954,erox copies of the political writings of Lee HARVEY OSWALD were sent by Mr. LIEBLER to Dr. C. THEODORE MITAU, Political Science Professor at Maclester College, St. Paul, Minnesota. These documents were sent to Professor MITAU for his professional opinion concerning them, and they were returned within a short time by Professor MITAU. Mr. LIEBLER had obtained prior authority from Commission Counsel J. L. BAKER to send this material to Dr. MITAU.

Mrs. HAUER said also that transcripts of depositions of witnesses before the HARKIN Commission were sent out from Washington for signing and notarizing. These depositions generally went to the various United States Attorneys, who contacted the witnesses to obtain their signatures on these depositions. On occasion transcripts were sent directly to the witnesses involved, and Mrs. HAUER recalled one having gone to a witness in New Jersey and another to a witness in New York City. Each such transcript was returned, properly signed and notarized, to the Commission offices within a short period of time.

Mrs. HAUER said that there have been many copies of OSWALD'S diary in the Commission's offices. Some are reproductions of the handwritten diary, others are typed, and still others printed. The diary has been much in demand for use by attorneys and staff members and has been actually used by most of the staff since the beginning of the investigation. Mrs. HAUER was satisfied that copies of the diary and related documents have been sent outside the Commission as well.

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Mrs. HAUER stated emphatically that she had not made available to anyone not authorized to receive it any information or documents which came into her possession through her work with the Commission.

Mrs. HAUER commented that she has been employed in other agencies where very strict security of documents was enforced. However, this has not been her experience in her employment with the Commission. She said that anyone in the Commission can reproduce virtually any Commission document at any time without difficulty and that such copies might be carried outside Commission offices very easily.



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Mrs. ADELE LIPPARD, 2608 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, was interviewed at the office of the Commission. She stated she is Secretary for HOWARD P. WILLENS, Executive Assistant to the General Counsel and Liaison with the Department of Justice.

Mrs. LIPPARD advised she has been an employee of the Department of Justice since 1941, but she has worked with the Commission since December, 1963. One of her duties as Secretary to Mr. WILLENS is to have copies of various documents, but not transcripts, reproduced on Xerox equipment maintained by the Commission. When Xerox copies are needed, she gives the document to be reproduced to Mr. EDWARD R. PIERPOINT with instructions as to the number of copies needed. She added that she has maintained records of the dates on which various documents were reproduced, as well as the distribution of these copies.

Mrs. LIPPARD stated she does not recall ever having seen a copy of OSWALD's diary in any form, although she vaguely recalls requesting Mr. PIERPOINT to reproduce some information pertaining to the diary. After this material was reproduced it was distributed to various employees of the Commission who had an interest in this document.

Mrs. LIPPARD stated she is aware that a Dallas newspaper, the "Life" magazine, and the "New York Journal-American" newspaper published articles recently disclosing information regarding the Commission's work. She advised, however, that she is not aware of the identity of the source or sources of this information to the various news media. She added that she has never revealed any information of the Commission's activities to any unauthorized person and she knows of no one who has.

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 Mrs. JANE W. PETER, 660 Northampton Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, was interviewed at the Commission Offices.

She advised she is employed as Secretary to Mr. ALBERT JENNER, Jr., Staff Attorney. She denied ever having disclosed any information from the Commission's files to any unauthorized person. She has no idea how various news media obtained information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD's diary. She has never seen the original or any copies of this diary in connection with her duties at the Commission.

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Miss HELEN TARKO, 2801 Quebec Street, N.W., *Washington*  
 advised she has been employed with the President's  
 Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY since  
 June 15, 1964. She is presently on loan to the Commission  
 from her regular employment with the Department of Agriculture  
 where she is an Industrialist Analyst with the Agriculture  
 Stabilization and Conservation Service. Miss TARKO said  
 that she is acting as one of the secretaries to Mr. J. LEE  
 RANKIN, General Counsel to the President's Commission.

With regard to the unauthorized publication of  
 the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary by "The Dallas Morning News"  
 Dallas, Texas, on June 27, and 28, 1964, Miss TARKO advised  
 she did not personally divulge this information to any  
 unauthorized person, nor does she know who may have done  
 so. She said she has never disclosed any information  
 concerning her job on the Commission to any person not  
 authorized to receive it. Miss TARKO advised she has never  
 been in Dallas, Texas, and has never traveled outside  
 Washington, D. C., with the Commission. She is not acquainted  
 with HUGH AYNESWORTH, CARL FREUND, any other person connected  
 with "The Dallas Morning News," or anyone in Dallas, Texas.  
 She emphasized she has no idea how this information may have  
 been obtained by the newspaper.

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Miss JANE VIDA advised she resides in Apartment 528 at 833 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, telephone number JA 5-7395. She is regularly employed as a secretary in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and since January 6, 1964, has been loaned to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (the Commission) where she also works as a secretary.

Miss VIDA was interviewed at the Commission offices and requested to furnish any information she might have regarding the articles concerning the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary and certain documents related to OSWALD which appeared in the June 27 and 28, 1964, issues of "The Dallas Morning News" and in "Life" magazine. Miss VIDA stated her work for the Commission had no relation to OSWALD. She never saw the original diary of OSWALD or the documents mentioned in "The Dallas Morning News" articles and never saw or had possession of any film or photographic reproduction of any of these items.

Miss VIDA stated she does not know anyone who is in any way associated with "The Dallas Morning News" or "Life" magazine, specifically including HUGH AYNESWORTH, PAULA AYNESWORTH and HOLLAND MC COMBS. She stated she never received any request from anyone to furnish any type of copy of the OSWALD diary or other documents mentioned. She additionally stated she is not acquainted with anyone connected with the Dallas District Attorney's office, including WILLIAM F. ALEXANDER. She stated she does not know the identity of the individual responsible for furnishing these documents to the Dallas newspaper or to "Life" magazine.

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Miss ANNE V. WELSH, employed as a Secretary, Task Force, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, and residing at 857 South Frederick Street, Arlington, Virginia, home telephone number 671-6811, advised that she served as a Secretary on the President's Commission for six months from December 18, 1963 to about June 18, 1964. With the Commission, she assisted in the over-all operation of the Office of the Commission and was a secretary to Mr. SAMUEL STERN, an attorney. He was principally concerned with the reporting on the operation of the Secret Service in connection with the assassination of former President KENNEDY. D.C.

In connection with the diary of OSWALD, Miss WELSH advised that she had not been in possession of the diary at any time and that to her knowledge, no copies of the diary were made. She recalled that an article had appeared in a Dallas newspaper in which parts of the diary were quoted but she did not know the source of the newspaper article.

She also advised that she had access to other parts of the investigation effort of the Commission such as stapling pages and arranging material which she had no time to read carefully. She advised she had never seen the completed report of the Commission since she left the Commission in June to return to the Defense Department and at that time, it was only in draft stage.

She said she is not acquainted with DOROTHY KILGALLEN or any member of the press and she does not know anyone who may have furnished information from the Commission material to an unauthorized person.

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Date 9/18/64*Vivian Johnson*

VIVIAN H. JOHNSON, 32 Hawaii Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C., a clerk in the Records Section, President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY, advised as follows concerning the leak of information appearing in "The Dallas Morning News" on June 27 and 28, 1964, under the by-line of HUGH AYNESWORTH pertaining to the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary and related papers:

She came to the Commission about April 13, 1964, from the National Archives. She remained at the Commission Office about two weeks and then returned to the National Archives where she worked on Commission papers sorting and indexing them following which they were returned to the Commission for filing.

She has never read the OSWALD diary. She is aware that something did appear in the newspapers regarding the diary but never read the article. She does not believe that her records ever included the original diary.

She has never been to Dallas, Texas. She does not know HUGH AYNESWORTH or any other reporter or employee of "The Dallas Morning News." She has never furnished anyone outside the Commission with any information pertaining to the OSWALD diary and related papers.

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Mrs. LAWRENCE (SHEILA B.) ADAMS, 3749 Jay Street, N.E., Apartment 5, Washington, D. C., who is presently on maternity leave from the United States Post Office Department, where she was employed as a clerk-typist in the Construction Engineering Division, Washington, D. C., furnished the following information:

Mrs. ADAMS was detailed to the President's Commission by the United States Post Office Department, during the latter part of May, 1964, and she terminated Commission employment on July 3, 1964 to go on maternity leave.

While employed by the Commission, Mrs. ADAMS engaged in general clerical activity which included occasional operation of the office switchboard. She worked under the supervision of HOWARD (?) WILLENS who was an Attorney on the Commission's staff on loan from the United States Department of Justice.

Mrs. ADAMS was not aware that she had access to any of the documents or transcripts leaked to unauthorized personnel during the course of the Commission investigation. She was also not aware of ever having seen nor handled any of the items from which information was leaked.

Mrs. ADAMS noted that although she was employed by the Commission at the time the information concerning LEE HARVEY OSWALD, including the contents of his diary, was leaked to the press, she had no knowledge of this activity and could furnish no information of value to this investigation.

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1 Mrs. M. FRANCINE DAVIS, Secretary, President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY, was interviewed at the offices of the Commission, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E. She advised that she has been in the employ of the Commission since January 22, 1964. Prior to June, 1964, she worked primarily for the attorneys responsible for the investigation in regard to LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and since June, 1964, she has worked for Dr. ALFRED GOLDBERG, whose responsibility is the writing and editing of much of the Commission's report.

With regard to the diary of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and related documents, an article concerning which appeared in the June 27 and 28, 1964, issues of "The Dallas Morning News," under the by-line of HUGH AYKESWORTH, Mrs. DAVIS advised as follows:

She has never been to Dallas, Texas. In the months before June, 1964, she did a great deal of stenographic work in regard to the OSWALD diary. However, prior to the appearance of this diary and related documents in "Life" magazine, she had not seen the diary itself, nor had she read it in its entirety. Mrs. DAVIS knows no one affiliated with any Dallas, Texas, newspaper and specifically is not acquainted with HUGH AYKESWORTH.

Mrs. DAVIS stated that she has never divulged to any unauthorized person information or documents coming into her possession through her job at the Commission.

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1 On September 18, 1964, Miss CHARLEE DIANKE DUKE, 1394 Fort Stevens Drive, N.W., Washington, D.C., Apartment 201, a typist for the President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY, furnished the following information regarding her employment:

Miss DUKE stated that she worked from March 5, 1964, to May 28, 1964, for a Mr. EDWARD A. CONROY and Mr. JOHN J. O'BRIEN. Her place of employment was located in Room 508 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Building, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C.

CONROY and O'BRIEN were assigned to writing a chronology of all aspects of the OSWALD case beginning around 1957. The chronology included OSWALD's relatives, as well as information concerning JACK RUBY.

Reports of the investigative data for the Commission were forwarded to CONROY and O'BRIEN, who read them and extracted pertinent information for their chronology report.

CONROY would dictate his material to Miss DUKE, who would then type it on notebook sheets. The chronology, as far as Miss DUKE knew, ran to the latter part of November, 1963.

The chronology consisted of six volumes and was bound with a blue cover, which was fastened with metal clips. Each volume was approximately two inches thick.

Approximately ten copies of the chronology were made, with copies being furnished to both the defense and prosecution involved in the OSWALD case. The chronology was not classified, as far as Miss DUKE knew.

CONROY and O'BRIEN, as far as Miss DUKE knew, had copies of all investigative data for use in the chronology; however, Miss DUKE did not observe personally any volumes of the JACK RUBY testimony before Chief Justice EARL WARREN.

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The documents used in the chronology were locked in a combination safe at night, the combination being known only to CONROY, O'ERIEEN, and a couple of other men working with that group.

All trash and carbons of typed material were placed in a burn bag, which was destroyed on the fourth floor of the building.

The chronology group had three rooms in the aforementioned VTS Building, and for security purposes someone was always left to watch the three rooms during the working hours of 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Miss DUKE also advised she had no knowledge of information regarding the OSWALD diary or any "leaks" to any news media.

Miss DUKE advised that she had no reason to believe that her superiors CONROY and O'ERIEEN would have leaked any information regarding their knowledge of the OSWALD case to any news media or to anyone not entitled to the receipt of such information, as they seemed to her to be very security conscious.



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ANNIE M. CLARK, 3027 Eastern Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, furnished the following information:

She stated that she is presently employed as Secretary to Mr. WINGATE UNDERHILL, Assistant to the Under-Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. She indicated that she was employed in this capacity on or about May 30, 1964, when she was assigned to the President's Commission handling investigation of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. She indicated that she served as a secretary for a Mr. SLAWSON, a member of the legal staff of the Commission, for approximately two weeks, and then returned to her job at the Department of Agriculture. She said that since that time she did work two or three days more for the Commission approximately one week ago.

With regard to her work with the Commission, Miss CLARK stated that she had worked on parts of the diary of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, but she had never actually seen the diary itself and never had access to it. She said that the first information she received to indicate that the diary had been made public, was when "Life" magazine published the diary.

Miss CLARK said that she has no idea how or by whom this information was leaked outside of the Commission. She said she had never been approached by anyone requesting information concerning the Commission's investigation. She said that she also knew of no one on the Commission who had been approached in this manner.

She said that all of the work she did for the Commission was performed in Washington, D. C., and she could furnish the names of no suspects in this matter.

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1 Miss BETTY JEAN COMPTON, Secretary-Stenographer, President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY, was interviewed at the offices of the Commission, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E. Miss COMPTON said that she has worked for the Commission since May 8, 1964, and in that period has worked with virtually all of the attorneys on the Commission on specific jobs.

Miss COMPTON said that she had run off Xerox copies of the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary in its handwritten form at the request of one of the attorneys on the Commission staff at some time later than June 15, 1964. She said that during her term of employment with the Commission she has seen and had available to her several copies of the OSWALD diary in the Commission offices. She specifically denied that she is acquainted with any individual known by her to be connected with any Dallas, Texas, newspaper. She said that HUGH AYNESWORTH, author of the articles appearing in "The Dallas Morning News" newspaper, is unknown to her. Miss COMPTON declared that she has never made available to anyone not authorized to receive it any information or documents coming into her possession through her position with the Commission.

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Mrs. ~~SALLY BERNIGAN~~ <sup>Y</sup> ~~Secretary~~, was interviewed in the offices of the President's Commission, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., and advised that she has seen reproduced copies of the diary of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and other related papers that were acquired by the Dallas Police Department during the period from November 22-23, 1963. She saw these copies after reading about the diary in "Life" magazine. She stated she could have seen the copies of the diary sooner, since they were available at the Commission, but she had no reason to consult them. She has never been to Dallas, Texas, is not acquainted with HUGH AYNESWORTH, a reporter on "The Dallas Morning News" and is not acquainted with anyone affiliated with either Dallas newspaper. D.C.

She stated that it would have been a simple matter for anyone to reproduce copies of the diary on a Xerox machine and walk out of the building with them. She stated that any Commission staff member can get any document from the Commission file room.

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Mrs. ROSLYN ELAINE JOHNSON, 4201 South 31st Street, Arlington, Virginia, advised she entered on duty as a secretary (GS-3) in February, 1964, with the President's Commission, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., and was assigned to work for JOHN HART ELY, law clerk of Chief Justice EARL WARRIN. She said she also has done work for RICHARD MOSK, who is no longer with the Commission.

In regard to LEE HARVEY OSWALD's diary, she recalls looking within her office for a report pertaining to the diary about two or three months ago, but has never read nor seen the OSWALD diary or copies of the diary in the Commission's Office. However, she did read the article pertaining to the diary which appeared in Life Magazine.

Mrs. JOHNSON advised she is not acquainted with newspaper reporters CARL FREUND and HUGH AYNESWORTH of the "Dallas Morning News" and to her knowledge she does not know anyone who may be associated with any newspaper reporters. She said she did not furnish the information and she does not know who may have furnished information pertaining to the OSWALD's diary, which appeared in the Dallas newspapers.

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Mrs. PEARL G. KAMBER, Secretary, was interviewed in the offices of the President's Commission, 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E. She has been employed at the Commission since May 6, 1964, having been previously an employee of the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Public Roads. While at the Commission she has been assigned to attorneys covering all areas of the investigation.

Mrs. KAMBER said that from early in her assignment to the Commission, she has been aware of, and worked with the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary. She said that she cannot recall having had an interest in the diary as a whole, but that she has had occasion to copy excerpts from it in her work for Commission attorneys. She commented that she does not recall having seen the original of the diary, or copies of the original in its handwritten form, but she believes that her work was with typed copies of this document. She added that in recent weeks, in the course of the preparation of the Commission report, she has had considerably more contact with the contents of this document than previously.

Mrs. KAMBER stated that she cannot recall ever having seen the documents, which were reproduced in the press and which were the personal possessions of OSWALD, prior to having seen them in the papers.

Mrs. KAMBER said that she has not traveled to Dallas, Texas, on Commission business, and that she is satisfied she has never met any person connected with any Dallas, Texas, newspaper.

Mrs. KAMBER stated specifically that she has never made available, to any person not authorized to receive same, any information or document coming into her possession through her connection with the Commission. She was unable to furnish any information pertinent to the unauthorized disclosure of these Commission matters.

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Mr. DAVID P. LUHN, Administrative Index Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C., advised he was detailed to the President's Commission looking into the assassination of President KENNEDY, from April 29, 1964, to August 14, 1964. He said the first three weeks he worked at the National Archives under the direction of Mr. MAURICE MOORE classifying reports received as to topic matter. After the third week, he worked in the Commission's office at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) building under the supervision of Miss JOSEPHINE FARRAR.

While working at the VFW building, Mr. LUHN said he was responsible for seeing that the proper copies were xeroxed in connection with each topic matter mentioned in the reports so they could be filed under the appropriate heading. He said the items xeroxed by him came from all agencies submitting reports.

Mr. LUHN said he recalls seeing excerpts of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's diary as they appeared in reports, but that he never made a copy of any part of the diary other than for breaking the diary down as to topic matter to be placed in the Commission files.

He disclaimed any knowledge of how the information appeared in "The Dallas Morning News," issues of June 27 and 28, 1964. Also that he is not personally acquainted with any members of the press from Dallas, Texas, New York, New York, or Washington, D. C., or any other area.

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 Mrs. ELLA MARIE MC CALL, 1933 Second Street, N.E.,  
 Apartment 2, advised she entered on duty with the United  
 States Department of Justice in November of 1961 as a file  
 clerk and was loaned to the President's Commission on  
 March 5, 1964. Her duties at the Commission consist of  
 indexing the mail and other general duties as a file clerk.

Mrs. MC CALL stated she recalls seeing a Xerox  
 copy of the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary and read certain parts  
 of this diary in the course of her duties. She said she  
 has never furnished any information to anyone regarding  
 the mail and material which she handles in the course of  
 her duties. She said she is not acquainted with anyone  
 who is employed or associated with the newspaper industry.

Mrs. MC CALL concluded by stating she has no  
 idea who may have furnished the information regarding the  
 LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary which appears in the Dallas  
 newspapers or the "Life Magazine."

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Mrs. LOUISE S. MCKENZIE, 5633 3rd Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C., furnished the following information:

Mrs. MCKENZIE advised that she is presently un-  
employed but was formerly employed on a part-time basis as  
a clerk-typist for the Audit Division, Internal Revenue  
Service, Washington, D. C. She said that she resigned from  
this job about June 21, 1964, because of illness, but intends  
to return to the job when her health permits.

She said that during the period of her employment,  
she was assigned to work as a clerk-typist for the President's  
Commission handling the investigation of the assassination of  
President JOHN F. KENNEDY. She said that in this capacity she  
worked for the Commission from March 3, 1964, until approximately  
May 30, 1964. During this time she worked for Mr. EDWARD CONROY  
and Inspector JOHN J. O'BRIEN, both of the Internal Revenue  
Service assigned to the Commission.

Mrs. MCKENZIE said that during her employment for  
the Commission she handled typing, filing and research matters.  
She said that she never saw the diary of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and  
never had access to it. She said that she did not know that  
the diary had been leaked to the press until after leaving the  
Commission, and the diary was published in "Life" magazine. She  
said that she had no idea of how the press got hold of this  
diary or of who might have made it available to them.

Mrs. MCKENZIE said that she had never been approached  
by anyone to reveal the results of the Commission's investigation,  
nor did she know of anyone who had been approached in this  
manner. She said she did not know of anyone who might have  
leaked material to the press nor did she have any idea of how  
the press might have gotten access to Commission material.

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Mrs. EDMUND L. (JEAN H.) MILLARD, Secretary to the Assistant for Administrative Management, Office of Administrative Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration), Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia, furnished the following information:

Mrs. MILLARD was detailed to the President's Commission by the Department of Defense from January 6, 1964 to April 13, 1964, when she returned of her own volition to the Department of Defense to fill a permanent employment position which had opened and which she now holds. She had previously been floating in the Defense Department's personnel pool. She has been cleared to have access to top secret information.

Mrs. MILLARD had left Commission employment shortly after testimony had been initially furnished by MARIA OSWALD and the other members of the LEE HARVEY OSWALD family.

While attached to the Commission Mrs. MILLARD was employed as Secretary to JOSEPH BALL, Senior Attorney, and DAVID BELIN, Junior Attorney, in the group which reviewed the entire facts of the actual assassination up to where OSWALD had entered the taxicab in his departure from the crime scene.

During Mrs. MILLARD's employment with the Commission transcripts of testimony, some of which were classified "Top Secret," were closely guarded at the Commission's Offices. These items were always kept under close control in the office of J. LEE RANKIN. When a transcript or other classified document was needed for review it was personally obtained from RANKIN's office by the interested staff member, rather than by his secretary or other auxiliary employees.

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The secretarial and clerical employees of the Commission who were the female employees, were greatly restricted as to the availability of Commission documents to them, but the staff members, who were the male employees, had far greater latitude in this regard and could secure these documents with a minimum of effort.

Protection from trespass upon Commission space from without was effectively afforded by the security guard force of the building.

Mrs. HILLARD was unable to furnish any specific information revealing or indicating the sources of leakage of Commission material. She considered that any leakage through Commission employees could have been more easily facilitated through the men employees than through the women employees. She further considered, however, that the leaks must have been from sources outside of Commission employment.

Mrs. HILLARD noted that all leakage of documents relating to LEE HARVEY OSWALD, including his diary, occurred long after her termination of Commission employment. She noted that the OSWALD diary had not yet been made available to the Commission when her employment was terminated.



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Date 9/18/64

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Mr. MAURICE MOORE, Management Analyst, General Services Administration, Regional Office, Washington, D. C., advised he worked for the President's Commission looking into the assassination of President KENNEDY, from April 13, 1964, until June 19, 1964. He advised excerpts of LEE HARVEY OSWALD's diary were read by him in connection with classifying FBI reports as to topic matter but that he could not furnish any information as to how OSWALD's diary information was leaked to members of the press.

He claimed that he is not acquainted with members of the press in Washington, D. C.; New York, New York; or Dallas, Texas.

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Miss MARY L. NORTON, employed as a Secretary, Task Force, Office of The Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, and who resides at 2A Auburn Court, Alexandria, Virginia, with home telephone number KI 8-2693, advised she had previously worked on the President's Commission from January, 1964, to about July 13, 1964.

She explained she had returned to the Commission from the Defense Department for several days after July 13, 1964, but during that week, to complete some work and on an overtime basis. While with the Commission, she worked as a Secretary for Mr. ARLEN SPECTER and Mr. FRANCIS ADAMS, Attorneys for the Commission. The area of their work was concerned principally with the actual assassination of former President KENNEDY and his tour from Washington, D. C., to Dallas, Texas and up to the autopsy.

She advised that she and other members of the Commission were told of the type of work they were doing and were told of the need to keep the work done in confidence. Even if the papers handled bore no classification, they were told to treat them as confidential. She said she had followed these instructions religiously.

She assisted in the typing of Chapters Two and Three of the Commission's report relative to the President's motorcade in Dallas and relative to information concerning OSWALD's presence in the building from which the fatal shot was fired.

She stated she had not seen the completed copy of the Commission's report and had read only the galleys or proofs of the investigation covered by Mr. SPECTER and Mr. ADAMS. She was not with the Commission when its report was completed.

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In regard to the OSWALD diary, Miss NORTON advised she knew of the existence of such a diary but had never seen it. The first time she saw the contents of the diary was in the Dallas newspaper. She did not know the source of the newspaper article or how its author had gained possession of such information.

She advised she had furnished no information concerning any of the work done by the Commission or by her. She is not personally acquainted with any members of the press and did not know anyone who may have furnished information to any unauthorized person.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/17/641

EDWARD R. PIERPOINT, 111 West Nelson Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia, advised that he was hired by the Commission as a Messenger, but his principal duty has been to operate Xerox machines for reproduction of various documents. He specifically recalls he reproduced copies of the OSWALD diary at the instructions of Mrs. ADELE LIPPARD, a secretary for an official of the Commission. Mr. PIERPOINT said he is unable to recall the number of copies he reproduced or the exact date on which he performed this assignment.

Mr. PIERPOINT said, however, that about five days after he reproduced the copies of the diary he heard various employees of the Commission discussing the fact that the latest edition of "Life" magazine, which was dated on or about July 10, 1964, published the contents of the OSWALD diary. Mr. PIERPOINT added that sometime later he personally saw a copy of the "Life" magazine containing the article regarding OSWALD's diary.

Mr. PIERPOINT also stated he did not make available a copy of OSWALD's diary to "Life" magazine nor has he discussed any information from files of the Commission with any unauthorized individual. He added he has no information regarding the identity of "Life" magazine's source of information for the OSWALD diary.

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DOUGLAS PRATHER, 1010 Columbia Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. advised that he is employed by the Commission as a Messenger. He delivers sealed envelopes containing various documents to members of the Commission as well as to other officials or offices of the United States Government. He stated that since the envelopes are sealed, he is not aware of their contents or the nature of the documents contained therein except they pertain to the work of the Commission.

Mr. PRATHER advised he has never disclosed any information from files of the Commission to any unauthorized individual nor is he aware of anyone who has.

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Miss CAROLYN SCHWEINSBERG, 2001 Columbia Road, N.W., advised she is employed as a telephone operator and clerk-typist with the President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY. She has been so employed since January 29, 1964.

With regard to the unauthorized publication of the LEE HARVEY OSWALD Diary by the "Dallas Morning News" on June 27 and 28, 1964, Miss SCHWEINSBERG said she did not divulge the contents of the diary nor does she know who did. She has never been in Dallas, Texas, and knows no one in the city. She is not acquainted with anyone employed by the "Dallas Morning News" or HUGH AYNESWORTH or CARL FREUND, reporters with the "Dallas Morning News." So far as she knows she did not see a copy of the diary until it appeared in "Life" magazine. She has no idea who may have made a copy of the diary available to the newspaper.

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 Mrs. MARGARET C. YAGER, 3850 Tunlaw Road, N.W.,  
 Apartment 107, Washington, D. C., was interviewed at the  
 Commission Offices.

She stated she is employed as a Staff Secretary for  
 the Commission. She takes dictation from various staff  
 members of the Commission and performs any clerical duties  
 assigned to her.

She denied ever having disclosed any information  
 from the Commission's files to any unauthorized person. She  
 has no idea how various news media obtained the information  
 concerning the diary of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She has never  
 seen this diary or reproductions of the same in the Commission  
 files.

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Miss CHARLENE CARDWELL, 1380 Adams Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., a former typist for the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, furnished the following information regarding her employment:

Miss CARDWELL advised that she worked for the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy from August 13, 1964, to August 25, 1964. Her place of employment was located in Room 440 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C.

Miss CARDWELL had not been in the employ of the Commission at the time of the unauthorized publications concerning the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary and other documents, and could furnish no information pertinent thereto.

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On September 18, 1964, Miss SERRESA MINTER, 909 Evarts Street, N.E., Washington, D. C., a former typist for the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, furnished the following information regarding her employment.

Miss MINTER worked for the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy from August 13, 1964, to August 24, 1964, as a typist for a lawyer, LIEDLER (phonetic). Her place of employment was located in Room 404 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, 200 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C.

Miss MINTER's work consisted of typing rough draft copies of the testimony of JACK RUBY before Chief Justice EARL WARREN on June 7, 1964.

Miss MINTER had not been in the employ of the Commission at the time of the unauthorized publications concerning the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary and other documents and could furnish no information pertinent thereto.

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Miss BEATRICE WILDER was interviewed at her residence, 4507 South 34th Street, Arlington, Virginia. Miss WILDER advised that she is a secretary in the Office of the Chief of Communications-Electronics, Department of the Army, Arlington, Virginia. She explained that about June 22, 1964, she was designated on loan to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, and had worked in the offices of the Commission as a secretary for one week only before returning to her regular position with the Department of the Army.

Miss WILDER said that during the period she was attached to the Commission, she had worked in Room 506 at the Commission offices, 200 Maryland Avenue, N. E. She said that the area of the investigation to which she was assigned was the biography and activities of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She said that her main duties were the typing of drafts and memoranda concerned with the proposed final report of the Commission. She said that she had little if any occasion to see and work with the transcripts of testimony or other Commission documents.

Miss WILDER said that she cannot recall having seen or read the OSWALD diary while in the employ of the Commission. She did not remember having ever seen the originals or copies of documents which were found among the personal effects of OSWALD.

Miss WILDER said that she has never been to Dallas, Texas, and is satisfied that she has never met anyone connected with any Dallas, Texas, newspaper.

She stated specifically that she had never made available to anyone not authorized to receive same, any information or documents which had come into her possession

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through her connection with the Commission. She could offer no information which she felt could be of assistance in determining how these unauthorized disclosures might have occurred.

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JAMES H. PIPKIN, JR., 6409 Shadow Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland, advised he was employed on a volunteer (without pay) basis by the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy at Washington, D. C., from July 16, 1964, to August 3, 1964. He stated he had completed work at the United States Supreme Court and was in a terminal leave status when he volunteered to assist the Commission. He stated he is a recent graduate of Harvard Law School. He advised that during the brief period he assisted the Commission his duties consisted in checking the accuracy of footnotes and supplying footnotes where they were lacking. During his employment he was exclusively in Washington, D. C., and did not have occasion to go to Dallas, Texas.

Mr. PIPKIN advised he has no information whatever concerning how a representative of "The Dallas Morning News" obtained access to the LEE HARVEY OSWALD diary or to the three OSWALD documents which appeared in "The Dallas Morning News" on June 27 and June 28, 1964. He likewise advised he has no information at all as to how "Life" magazine obtained possession of the OSWALD diary. He advised he has never had ~~any contact~~ <sup>contact</sup> whatever with either of these publications and specifically stated he does not know HUGH AYNESWORTH, PAULA AYNESWORTH, LARRY GROVES, JERRY RICHMOND or ROLLAND EC COXBS. He advised his work did not in any way relate to the OSWALD diary and he had no occasion to become interested in it.

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Mr. EDWARD G. GEBO, 12615 Beechfern Lane, Bowie, Maryland, advised he is employed by the Government Printing Office (GPO) and is on loan to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY to handle the preparation of the copy furnished by the Commission which is to be printed by the GPO. Mr. GEBO advised he began his duties with the President's Commission on May 1, 1964.

With regard to the unauthorized publication of the LEE HARVEY OSWALD Diary by the "Dallas Morning News" on June 27 and 28, 1964, Mr. GEBO advised he has no knowledge concerning it. He said to the best of his recollection he has not read OSWALD's diary, and certainly did not furnish a copy of it or the information in the diary to any newspaperman. Furthermore, he has no idea who may have given it to the paper. He said he has never been in Dallas, Texas, does not know anyone living in the city of Dallas, Texas, does not know HUGH AYKESWORTH, a reporter, or CARL FREUND, also a reporter. Mr. GEBO said he has no idea as to the means by which the "Dallas Morning News" came into possession of the information about OSWALD's diary.

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**DONALD WAYNE CRAVER, 1907 Camp Alger Avenue, Falls Church, Virginia, was interviewed at the Commission's Office.**

Mr. CRAVER advised he is a Government Printing Office (GPO) proofreader assigned to the Commission. Although his job title is proofreader, while assigned to the Commission he does not proofread copy. His duties consist of cutting, pasting, and numbering various documents for transmittal to the GPO for printing. When the material is returned from GPO he peruses the material for indexing.

Mr. CRAVER stated he has never disclosed to any unauthorized person any information coming to his attention at the Commission and knows of no one else who has divulged any such information.

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