

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ON THE  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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Mr. Joe H. Tonahill  
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Dear Mr. Tonahill:

Joe I have your letter of January 9th requesting the reports, minutes and all evidence of the Commission created by Executive Order 11130 dated November 29, 1963, created by President Lyndon B. Johnson to report upon the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and the shooting of his assailant, Lee Harvey Oswald, and stating your reasons for desiring the same.

This is to advise you that the President's Commission is not a prosecuting agency, and up to the present time has before it for consideration, evaluation and eventually a report to the President, only summaries and copies of working papers of other federal, state and local agencies. These documents, because of lack of time, have not been evaluated, and no conclusions have been reached concerning them. The originals are in the agencies from which they were received, and any relationship between them and the case of your client must be established with those agencies.

This Commission in no way changes or limits the powers and responsibilities of any law enforcement agency in performing its duties incident to the prosecution or defense of criminal cases.

After discussion of your request with the Commission, I am authorized to advise you that it is not within the province of the Commission to respond favorably to your request.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

cc: FBI

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