

September 2, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
 General Counsel  
 The President's Commission  
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your request of August 20, 1964, that this Bureau conduct an investigation to determine how the transcript of Jack L. Ruby's testimony before the President's Commission on June 7, 1964, came into possession of Dorothy Kilgallen and the "New York Journal-American" and my letter to you of August 26, 1964, confirming this request.

Enclosed herewith are two copies each of a memorandum dated August 23, 1964, at Dallas, Texas; a memorandum dated August 24, 1964, at Houston, Texas; and a memorandum dated August 27, 1964, at Newark, New Jersey, setting forth results of the desired investigation.

The investigation is continuing and you will be advised of the results.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE:

A copyright story by Dorothy Kilgallen appeared in the "New York Journal - American" on 8/18/64 which set forth verbatim Ruby's testimony before the President's Commission on 6/7/64. On 8/20/64 Mr. Rankin telephonically requested investigation to determine how this transcript came into possession of Kilgallen and the "Journal - American." By letter 8/26/64 we confirmed Rankin's request, and furnished results of interviews of the publisher of the "Journal - American" and Dorothy Kilgallen, both of whom refused to identify their source. We also advised the Commission that we would not interview any personnel of the Commission in absence of a specific request. We have interviewed all others present except Commission members who deny any knowledge of how the transcript came to be printed.

Dallas has been instructed to reinterview court reporter Laidrich for details re security of her original notes and United States Attorney Sanders whom she turned transcript over to for mailing to the Commission for information re his handling of the transcript.