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H. BAREFCOT SANDERS, United States Attorney, Northern District of Texas, advised that on the morning of June 12, 1964, HELEN LAIDRICH, court reporter, delivered to him, at his office, the original and a copy of the transcript of the deposition of JACK L. RUBY to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President KENNEDY. He said he, on the afternoon of the same date, dictated a letter to Mr. ARIEN SPECTER, 1510 Philadelphia Savings Fund Building, 12 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by which he transmitted the original of the transcript. The secretary, to whom he dictated, sealed the envelope addressed to Mr. SPECTER in his, SANDERS', presence and, thereafter, sent it by registered mail, return receipt requested.

Mr. SANDERS said his copy of his letter to Mr. SPECTER does not show the initials of the secretary to whom he dictated. He said his first impression was he dictated to THELMA ABIES of his staff, but has been told by Mrs. IVOJEANE ALEXANDER, also of his staff, that it was she to whom he dictated. He stated he advised Mr. SPECTER, in his letter, that a copy of the transcript was being retained in his office pending any instructions as to other disposition. He said copies of numerous transcripts of depositions of various persons interviewed by the Commission had been retained in his office for possible future reference. He said he placed the copy in this instance at the rear of the center drawer of his desk where it remained several weeks. He said his desk is normally locked when he is not at the desk and, in any event, he has no knowledge that any employee of his office or other person was aware of its location in his desk. He said employees of his office do not enter his desk except on instructions to do so.

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Mr. SANDERS, continuing, stated in recent weeks he had the copy of the RUBY transcript removed from his desk and placed in a safe in the office of Assistant United States Attorney MARTHA JOE STROUD with other documents concerned with the Commission. He said to the best of his knowledge only the secretary to whom he dictated, Miss STROUD, and he knew of the existence of the document in his office.

Mr. SANDERS stated he has no recollection that court reporter HELEN LAIDRICH furnished to him her notes from which the transcript was made. In some instances court reporters working for the Commission have furnished their notes along with various transcripts.

Mr. SANDERS stated he had no information as to how DOROTHY KILGALLEN came into possession of the transcript of RUBY's deposition. He said he had, at the request of the Commission, obtained the services of several court reporters, including HELEN LAIDRICH, to take notes in connection with various depositions. He said HELEN LAIDRICH has a good reputation. He noted that it has been reported in the press that LAIDRICH was a one-time employee of MELVIN BELLI, former RUBY defense counsel, in San Francisco. He said LAIDRICH had informed him of this previous employment some fifteen years ago, that the employment had been brief and that she had not seen Mr. BELLI in recent years. He said this information was made known to Commission representatives prior to her use.