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PURPOSE:

To advise status of investigation requested by the President's Commission letter September 10, 1964, for Commission members and staff and Sol A. Dann and Melvin Belli, former Ruby attorneys, to be interviewed regarding leak of Oswald's diary, Ruby's polygraph examination and Ruby's interview with Chief Justice Warren and the Commission.

BACKGROUND:

We have previously conducted extensive investigation regarding the three leaks with exception of investigation within the Commission itself. Results were furnished to the Commission with the advice that investigation at Commission itself would not be conducted in the absence of a specific request. The Commission has now requested investigation within the Commission regarding the three leaks by letter dated September 10, 1964. Washington Field Office (WFO) was instructed to conduct requested inquiries.

WFO has advised investigation to date discloses a complete lack of organization within the Commission concerning handling of records. There was found to be no document control whatever and no accountability for documents whether classified or not. It was also determined out of 62 persons employed by the Commission 32 are no longer employed or living in the Washington, D. C. area. Efforts are being made to locate these individuals for interviews by field offices covering their present location.

With respect to the leak to Dorothy Kilgallen and the "New York Journal American" of the transcript of Ruby's interview, it has been determined an unknown number of copies of this document were made from the original upon receipt at the Commission. Only five copies are known to have a confidential stamp on page 103, which is the stenographer's

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certification. The published transcript in Kilgallen's column also contains a confidential stamp indicating the possibility that one of these five copies was the source of the leak. The five copies bearing the "confidential" notation were distributed within the Commission to:

1. Norman Redlich, Legal Consultant
2. Senator Richard B. Russell, Commission member
3. Durt W. Griffin, Legal Consultant
4. Retained for use of Commission staff
5. Congressman Gerald R. Ford, Commission member

Kilgallen, during a previous interview, advised she would not reveal the source from whom she received copies of the transcript. However, she did not indicate she would not be of assistance. She mentioned she made copies of the Ruby transcript and also had photostat copies made. She also mentioned she did not tell the newspaper the source of her information. It is recommended efforts be made to obtain from Kilgallen the copy of the transcript she has in her possession. Also, that the "New York Journal American" be contacted and attempt to obtain the photograph used to reproduce page 103 of the transcript and to determine if the newspaper has a copy of the transcript Kilgallen used in preparing her article. If these documents are obtained, they will be compared with the questioned five copies.

The Commission also furnished one copy of the transcript to Ruby's attorney, Joe Tonahill. An effort will be made to obtain his copy to determine if it bears the confidential stamp and merits comparison.

ACTION:

By teletype attached, New York and Dallas are being instructed to obtain the material from Dorothy Kilgallen, "New York Journal American" and Joe Tonahill.

The five confidential transcripts and original transcript obtained from the President's Commission have been furnished to the Laboratory for examination.