

Mr. Belmont

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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION

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During a recent conversation with J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel, the President's Commission, Mr. Rankin mentioned that there had been three specific leaks of information which the Commission had requested the Bureau to investigate, these being the leak of the Oswald diary; the polygraph interview with Jack Ruby and the interview by Chief Justice Warren with Ruby at the Dallas County Jail. Mr. Rankin noted that the Bureau in its correspondence had pointed out that with the exception of an interview with Commission member Congressman Gerald R. Ford of Michigan no interviews had been conducted with other Commission members or members of the President's Commission staff. Mr. Rankin indicated that he desired the Bureau to conduct such investigation as was necessary regardless of what members of the staff or members of the Commission it would be necessary to interview. Mr. Rankin advised that this request would be made in writing and he was told that the investigation would be conducted upon receipt of such a letter. In the absence of such a letter being received from the Commission, Malley on two occasions, the latter being 8/9/64, advised Mr. Rankin's office (Mrs. Eide, Mr. Rankin's secretary, inasmuch as he was unable to talk to Mr. Rankin) of the fact that no letter concerning this matter had been received. On 8/9/64, Mrs. Eide noted that Mr. Rankin had dictated such a letter, that it was being typed and that she would see that it would be delivered to the Bureau as quickly as possible.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Upon receipt of the letter as described above, appropriate instructions will be issued to conduct the necessary interviews with the President's Commission members and staff.

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