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Reference is made to my latest communication dated October 5, 1954, and to your letter of September 10, 1954, conderning the interviews of Commission Nembers and staff regarding alleged leaks of the Oswald diary, the Ruby Polygraph transcript and the Ruby testimony.

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Concerning the documents subjected to Laboratory examination in connection with this matter, the following findings are set forth for your information of the copies of Ruby's testimony submitted, it was concluded that the following were not used to reproduce the facsimile of page 103 appearing in the August 18, 1964, issue of the New York Journal-American.

Copy number five of the "Word and Paul" copies obtained from Congressman Ford's Office.

Copy obtained from Mr. Redlick's Office

Copy obtained from Senator Russell's Office

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Copy obtained from Mr. Willens's Office

Original transcript of Ruby's testimony

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No conclusion was reached as to whether any of the following was used to reproduce the newspaper facsimile: Cope number one through four of the "Ward and Paul" copies

Copy obtained from Mr. Tonahill

Be Because of the effects on the newspaper facsimile *Le fficti* <u>nt_retombling</u> and of the process of newspaper reproduction, it was not possible to make a definite determination in any of the above instances. However, some characteristics in the Journal-American facsimile appear also in the above five copies.

The impressions of the word "CONFIDENTIAL" in red on the pages of the "Word and Paul" copies were not printed in the manner of the impressions of the word "CONFIDENTIAL" in red on the sample pages obtained from the Word and Paul firm.

The impressions of the work "CONFIDENTIAL" in red on the pages of the "Ward and Paul" copies of Ruby's testimony were printed by an offset printing process, whereas the impressions of the word "CONFIDENTIAL" in red on the sample pages furnished by the Word and Paul firm were printed by a letterpress printing method.

The work "CONFIDENTIAL" in red on the covers of the five "Word and Paul" copies of Ruby's testimony contains characteristics of rubber stamp impressions. It was furither found, however, that these were not made from the type used to print the word "CONFIDENTIAL" on the sample pages furnished by the Word and Paul firm or \$\$ from the two rubber stamps furnished by the President's Commission.

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The impression of the word "CONFIDENTIAL" at the bottom of the facsimile reproduction of page 188 appearing in the Journal-American contains some characteristics in common with the impressions in red of the work "CONFIDENTIAL" at the bottom of page 103 of each of the "Ward and Paul" copies and the word "CONFIDENTIAL" appearing in black on page 103 of the transcript

furnished by Mr. Tonahill.

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Examination of the **Word** and Paul" copies of Ruby's testimony revealed no conclusive evidence that any had been untied and retied. The ribbon of copy number four shows more fraving of the ends that do the others. The pages of copy number three **WW** revealed that they have been subjected to much more handling than do the pages of any of the other copies.

The evidence examined will be returned separately.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: In view of the fact that the Washington Field and Dallas Offices furnished the evidence examined and in view of the fact that the evidence was obtained from specific individuals who requested that their respective items be returned to them, the evidence examined and treated of in the above report will be returned to Washington Field and Dallas for return to the respective individuals.

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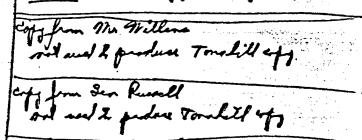
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