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SUBJECT:

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PROPOSED FOREIGN TELEVISION PROGRAM ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY (USIA)

Memorandum dated August 3, 1964 from Jones to DeLoach recommended that prior to the Bureau taking any action to cooperate with the U. S. Information Agency (USIA) that the matter be discussed with J. Lee Rankin of the President's Commission.

On August 11, 1964, this matter was discussed with Mr. Rankin and he advised that while the President's Commission had committed themselves to be of assistance to USIA, they did not intend to give out information prior to the release of the Commission's report. He stated he felt the report of the President's Commission would speak for itself and that there would be no necessity of requiring individuals to furnish answers to various questions. He stated he was aware of the proposed script that USIA was working on but that the President's Commission had taken no action on this matter at the present time. Mr. Rankin said he understood he had been quoted rather freely but actually he had not furnished specific answers to USIA.

With respect to the Bureau cooperating with USIA, Mr. Rankin requested that they be advised that this matter had been discussed with the President's Commission and that in the event USIA desired any specifics at this time the matter should be discussed in detail with the President's Commission first and in the event the President's Commission decided they needed any specific material or interviews with individuals at the Bureau, arrangements would be made for same following the discussion with the President's Commission.

**ACTION:** 

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• Miss Shafer should be advised that the President's Commission does no desire the Bureau to furnish specific information at this time and in the event USIA desires data at this time, they should contact the President's Commission and discuss the matter in detail with the Commission.

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