Regulations for Reference Service on Varran Cormission Items of Evidence

- 1. Documents (never records) will be furnished to researchers in the research rooms of the Ketional Archives Building. Items of particular value or fragility may, at the Archivist's discretion, be photocopied and the copies furnished to researchers in lieu of the originals. Copies will be furnished on request for the usual fees. Copyrighted material will be reproduced for research only after receipt of a release from the copyright holder.
- 2. Still photographs will be furnished to researchers in the research rooms of the National Archives Building. When negatives are prepared incident to filling a request for copies, the negatives will be retained. Copies will be furnished on request for the usual fees. Copyrighted materials will be reproduced for researchers only after receipt of a release from the copyright holder.
- 3. Lotion picture films and sound recordings will be made available to researchers on appropriate equipment in the National Archives Building. Use copies will be prepared and the original materials withheld from normal reference use as a protective measure. Copies will be furnished on request for the usual fees. Copyrighted materials will be reproduced for researchers only after receipt of a release from the copyright holder.
- 4. Cycrsize charts, graphs, diegrams, and other means of two-dimensional presentation will be furnished to researchers in the research rooms of the Mational Archives Building. Copies will be furnished on request for the usual fees. Copyrighted materials or items incorporating copyrighted materials will be reproduced for researchers only after receipt of a release from the copyright holder.
- Three-dimensional objects and materials that have been subjected to techniques of detailed scientific exemination (the aforestated provisions notwithstanding) will be withheld from researchers as a means of protecting them from possible physical damage or alteration and in order to preserve their evidentiary integrity in the event of any further official investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The National Archives will prepare special cases of verying sizes, constructed in part or entirely of translucent materials, in which objects or materials that do not present unusual problems of size or shape may be viewed by researchers. The Archivist reserves the right to limit the number of such items that may be shown to a researcher within a given period of time, as it will be necessary for a rember of the staff of the Mational Archives to be present at all times during the viewing of such items. Researchers will not be permitted to view the incased items unattended or to touch or handle in any way the items themselves, either remeally or with instruments. To the extent possible, photographs of these materials will be furnished to researchers as a substitute for visual exemination of the items themselves. In the event that existing photographs do not

meet the needs of the researcher additional photographic views will be made. A charge may be made for unusually difficult or time-consuming photography. Rhotographs reproduced from existing negatives or prints will be furnished on request for the usual fees.