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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Dallas by teletype advised on 3/20/64, while Agents obtaining signed statements requested by Commission, the Commission staff in Dallas were interviewing the same individuals. Director commented, "I would suggest we take this up with Rankin and see if we can withdraw and let his attorneys take the statements. We are wasting manpower, time and money . . ." By memo Rosen to Belmont 3/24/64, Malley advised this matter taken up with Rankin and he advised Commission Dallas staff not duplicating our work but only interviewing a few individuals scheduled to testify, and questions asked by our Agents not being asked by Commission. Rankin stated he would make every effort to avoid duplication.

Attached article from "The Dallas Morning News" of 3/31/64 discloses the press considers the Commission duplicating effort.

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