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During my conference with the Chief Justice today we discussed the draft of the conclusions and the draft of the recommendations both dated July 3, 1964. Regarding the draft of conclusions, the Chief Justice made the following comments:

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Regarding paragraph C, subparagraph 3, on page 4, he suggested that the timing of the shots should be clarified and that it should be clearly indicated that one shot could be fired in 2.2 seconds and that two shots could be fired within the same period of time if one of the two shots had been loaded and aimed before completing the time.

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Concerning paragraph D, subparagraph 4, he suggested an observation that the ballistics and testimony of reliable witnesses established conclusively that Oswald killed Tippit. With regard to subparagraph 5 of D, he thought it would strengthen the paragraph to indicate that Oswald was arrested within \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of the time he killed Tippit and that he attempted to kill the arresting officer in the theatre and said to him "This is it."

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Concerning paragraph E, subparagraph 3, he thought it should be changed to read: "The numerous and frequently erroneous statements made during this time of confusion and disorder in the police station, to the press by various law enforcement officials in Dallas would have presented serious obstacles to the obtaining of a fair and speedy trial for Lee Oswald. To the extent that the information was erroneous or misleading, it helped to create doubts, speculations and fears which might otherwise have been avoided."

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Concerning paragraph F, subparagraph 3, it should read as follows:

"The Commission has carefully investigated the rumors that some member of the Dallas Police Department assisted Ruby in the killing of Lee Oswald and finds that there is no evidence to support any claim that Ruby was knowingly assisted by any member of the Dallas Police Department."

Concerning paragraph G, subparagraph 4, this paragraph should be clarified so that it does not appear that the Department of State and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are being singled out and the Central Intelligence Agency is being left out.

With regard to paragraph G, subparagraph 5 at the bottom of the page, strike out the clause "which information is corroborated by highly confidential information available to this Commission."

Concerning paragraph G, subparagraph 6, substitute the words "rumors and speculations" for the word "allegations."

Paragraph I, subparagraph 1, say something to the effect of the system invoked for many years has never resulted in the maintenance of a close and expert supervision by the Department of the Treasury of the Secret Service. Through all the years the Secret Service has not developed in accordance with the various conditions in the country and the changing relationships that have resulted.

Paragraph I, subparagraph 3. This paragraph should read: "Although the Secret Service is compelled to rely to a great extent on local law



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enforcement officials, its procedures did not call for written instructions as to the duties and responsibilities of the police officials and other persons assisting in the protection of the President, but these responsibilities should be clearly defined in writing to avoid any misunderstanding."

Paragraph I, subparagraph 5, the second sentence should read: "The evidence does not establish that these agents were intoxicated." And the last sentence of the same paragraph should read: "The Commission cannot say that the conduct of these agents did not have any effect on their ability to perform their duties with an alertness consistent with their great responsibility."

Paragraph I, subparagraph 7, should read: "The Commission has concluded that the preventive measures of the Secret Service were not adequate."

Under that subparagraph 7, paragraph b thereof, the word "abdicated" should be replaced by the word "delegated." At the end of sub-subparagraph b the sentence should be added: "The criteria should have provided for notification to the Secret Service of a defector, particularly one with the known history of Oswald as of November 22, 1963."

Paragraph I, subparagraph 8, should be replaced by the following: "Although the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in the normal exercise of its responsibilities, had secured considerable information about Lee Harvey Oswald, it had no responsibility under existing criteria to

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refer Oswald's name to the United States Secret Service at the time of the President's trip to Dallas. However, it is apparent to the Commission that there was inadequate liaison and coordination of information and of activities between the federal agencies."

At the beginning of the draft of conclusions, there should be said something to the effect that throughout the life of the Commission, the agencies, federal, state and local have fully cooperated with the Commission in this investigation.

Turning to the recommendations, in the first full paragraph the last sentence should be stricken and toward the end of the recommendations something should be said to the effect that there have been various proposals suggesting means for more adequate protection of the President including the transfer of the function to the Department of Justice, but the Commission does not consider that such a proposal was within its competency and that it should be left for the consideration of the President and the Congress without any recommendation by the Commission.

The paragraph numbered 1 should be modified to insert the words "Congress or the" between the word "the" and "President" on the third line and the words "or Congressional action" between the word "Order" and "appoint" on the fourth line, and after the words "periodic review" on the seventh line add the words "the procedures, needs and condition of the Secret Service and."

In paragraph 3, in the fourth line, strike out the word "already" and move the words "since the assassination" up to the end of the fourth

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line after the words "Secret Service" and insert a period after the word "regard" in the fifth line.

From paragraph 3, subparagraph c, take this idea and insert it in the paragraph providing for the establishment of the Committee of Overseers and do not provide for another commission. To paragraph 5 add this sentence: "When the new criteria and procedures are established, it is doubtful if the Secret Service will have enough personnel or facilities and these should be provided."

Paragraph 6 replace with this: "The Commission recommends that other federal agencies, particularly the Federal Bureau of Investigation, continue the practice as it has developed, especially since the assassination, of assisting the Secret Service upon request by providing personnel or other aid, and that there be a closer association and liaison between the two agencies and that adequate written criteria be adopted for the supplying of any information by one agency to the other.

In paragraph 7, that subparagraphs a and c be stricken.

That paragraph 9 be stricken.

That there be a recommendation developed suggesting that the Bar and the news media, by joint action, establish ethical standards for the presentation of information to the public concerning criminal actions in the courts.

That there be a recommendation developed concerning the adverse effect on the public interest of the purchase of evidence that may have an important bearing upon investigations concerning the commission of a crime.