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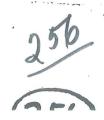
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Warren Commission on 12 March 1964

- 1. On 12 March 1964, STAFF OFFICERS
 met with Mr. Rankin, Chiei Counsel for the Warren Commission, Mr. Willems, and other members of Mr. Rankin's staff. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the current status of the CIA contribution to the work of the Warren Commission.
- 2. The first topic raised by Mr. Rankin concerned information on Lee Harvey Oswald's stay in the Soviet Union as reported by the FBI, based on their interview of the defector, This discussion is reported in a separate memoral dum.
- 3. After disposing of the question of LEFECTOR's information on Oswald, Mr. Rankin's sicil showed us a detailed memorandum they had prepared based on all of the information available to them, including our own contribution concerning Oswald's stay in the USSR. This material, together with some questions specifically related to the material we provided, will be forwarded to us by Mr. Rankin's stail. It was then suggested that a CIA officer most familiar with the material provided by CIA on the USSR aspects of the Oswald case visit the Commission in order to review on the spot the testimony given to the Commission by Marina Oswald. We agreed to send the appropriate officer to review this testimony but suggested that we wait until after receipt of the material just shown to us.
- 4. Members of Mr. Rankin's staff then spoke about having found a book in Oswald's possessions which had certain letters cut out giving the impression that this might have formed the base or key for a cipher system. They asked whether it would be useful in our opinion to send this book to NSA for review. The assured them that NSA was the appropriate Agency for this and officer commented that when this was done reference might also be made to the portion of Lee Oswald's notes which mentioned microdot. Another member of the Rankin staff



daily movements while in Mexico City nor could they confirm the date of his departure or his mode of travel. The original assumption that he had returned by bus could not be proven. Several possibilities were discussed whereby the Commission could fill in the gaps of its investigation of the Mexican phase. The suggestion was made that the most effective way of resolving the questions they had would be to have a member of the Commission visit Mexico City and discuss the Issues on the spot with those American and Mexican officials directly concerned. TOFFICER noted that it would be possible for a member of the Commission to visit our STAFF OFFICER; who would then be able to work out. with the Warren Commission staff member the best way to handle interviews with Mexican police criticals, particularly it it is desired that these interviews be informal in nature. Cur STAFF OFFICER would also be able to put the Warren Commission stall member in contact with the FBI officials and Immigration and Naturalization Service officers stationed in Mexico City.

bers of Mr. Rankin's staff questioned STAFF OFFICERS regarding the extent of the CIA file on Oswald for the period of October to 22 November 1963. They questioned the sanitized extracts which they had been shown and wondered if there were not more. SFFICER summarized the materials that had come to the attention of the Secret Cervice, or had been disseminated to the Secret Service. immediately after the assassination.

OFFICER said there was not additional substantive information and that the sanitized version seen by the Commission constituted the sum of our holdings. (officer then explained that as a matter of practice we did not release actual copies of our messages because they contained codewords which would be unintelligible to a person not familiar with them. He added, however, that he would be happy to show the file with the original messages to any staff member of the Warren Commission who might come to visit him at Langley.