

In fairness to Rankin I report that the pittance the Commission paid for the Ward & Paul court-reporting services ^C for January 22, \$24.75, is what Ward & Paul billed for it. The bill was rendered by the manager, a man I knew well, whose name is ^{close to} illegible in the bill rendered under date of March 10 to the Commission, Account No. G-7883. It covers "daily delivery" for the transcripts of January 21, and February 3, 6, 10, 11, 12, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 27. The transcripts for February 4, 5 and 6 were marked "rush delivery" and billed at the rate of \$3.05 per page instead of the standard rate of ~~\$2.55~~ \$2.55 per page. The item for January 22 is separate ~~and~~ at the bottom of the bill. It reads "No write-up (reporter's notes confiscated by Commission) pages estimated 30." The ~~re ca~~ charge per page was ~~\$~~ \$0.825.

At the bottom the bill is notarized, apparently because "The above proceedings were classified as TOP SECRET." The manager/affiant was Wayne Birdsell.

This record, from the Commission's files, has ^{several} notations on it. One reads, "3-27-Mr. Ward called to ask when might receive payment." ^{Three} days later there was a return call informing the Mr. Ward ^{might} who ~~must~~ be the son of the Jesse Ward ^d I knew in the 1930s, ^e telling him that the bill was processed for payment March 17 and it usually took about 10 working days for the processing.

Also attached to this bill is a typed statement by ^{D.K.} Rankin's secretary:

2/7/64 - 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Elmer Moore of Secret Service took all as waste material delivered by Ward & Paul to date to be burned with other waste matter at the White House and under supervision of White House Police.

Julia Eide

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All but the first two items were transcripts that were to be published. ^{But} Rankin
 was so paranoid about a word of the Commission's testimony getting out he insisted that
 War/ & Paul give him all wasted sheets, carbon paper ^{typewriter ribbon} (and the like- ^{anything at all about} so what was to be pub-
lished could be burned at the White House by ~~the Secret Service!~~

with all its secrets.