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Dear Mr. Sawyer:

We have received your letter of May 14, 1964, relating to Norman Redlich, a consultant to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, and to the Chief Justice's statement concerning the release of information gathered by the Commission.

In response to your first question, security requirements for federal employees are governed by President Eisenhower's Executive Order No. 10450, which provides that "The appointment of each civilian officer or employee in any department or agency of the Government shall be made subject to investigation." Such an investigation was made in the case of Mr. Redlich by the Civil Service Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the facts developed were evaluated by the members of the Commission--Earl Warren, Chairman, Chief Justice of the United States, Richard B. Russell, John Sherman Cooper, Hale Boggs, and Gerald R. Ford, leading Democratic and Republican members of the United States Congress, John J. McCloy, former High Commissioner of Germany, and Allen W. Dulles, former head of the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

On May 19, 1964, at a meeting attended by all the Commissioners, the Commission unanimously cleared all the members of its staff to handle classified information. The members of the staff who were cleared included Mr. Redlich.

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On March 4, 1964, in an open hearing of the Commission, the Chief Justice made the following statement which, I believe, answers the second part of your letter.

"The purpose of this Commission is, of course, eventually to make known to the President, and to the American public everything that has transpired before this Commission. All of it will be made available at the appropriate time. The records of the work of the Commission will be preserved for the public.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel