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cc: Mr. Rankin
Mr. Eisenberg

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Honorable Alphonzo Bell
House of Representatives
Room 1504, New House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Miss Mandell

Dear Congressman Bell:

In response to your request for information to aid you in answering correspondence concerning Mr. Norman Redlich, a consultant to the President's Commission on the Assassination, the following information may be helpful to you.

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.

As you probably know, on May 19, 1964, at a meeting of the full Commission, the Commission unanimously granted clearance to Mr. Redlich and issued the following public statement:

"The Commission met today to discuss the taking of further testimony and looking toward the formulation of a report. It also reviewed all of the field investigations concerning the security clearance of its employees, and the Commission unanimously cleared all of the members of the staff to handle classified information."

For the enlightenment of the citizen correspondent, it may be well to inform him regarding the Commissioners and their official capacities.

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In answering correspondence addressed to this office, we inform them as follows: 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.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel