

MEMORANDUM
14 August 1966

From: Sylvia Neagler
To: Robert Silvers
Copies to: Ed Epstein, James Harris (memo only)
Subject: Commission Documents excluded, in whole
or in part, from the published Exhibits
in Volumes XVI-XXVI

The attached list has been compiled from a tabulation that I worked out shortly after the Hearings and Exhibits were published, in an attempt to determine how many of the Commission Documents had not been converted into Commission Exhibits nor included in Volumes XVI-XXVI; and from an index prepared by Paul Hoch on July 30, 1966, at the Archives, which he has been good enough to make available.

I have worked out this list (15 pages) mainly as a basis for further discussion of the idea of a joint purchase of microfilm copies of all non-published documents available in the Archives. I was not able to make carbon copies of the list. Therefore, I hope that your office can make photocopies for Ed Epstein, James Harris, and myself. If possible, I should like to have at least one extra copy to send Paul Hoch, in reciprocation for his helpfulness in sending us copies of his 7/30/66 index (it being understood that the idea of a central pool of the documents will not be breached to Hoch or any other researchers unless we reach a decision to that effect).

Before we contemplate ordering the documents on the enclosed list,^{1/} I believe that we should attempt to indicate the title or subject form each document number. That can be done by means of the 200-page list of documents in the Archives, which I have already purchased on microfilm and which I will be glad to make available if someone can be assigned to do the job. It means taking the roll of microfilm to a library (i.e., the Newspaper Library on West 43rd Street between 9th and 10th Avenues) where a viewer is accessible, and checking each document number on my list against the microfilm list, jotting down the title and any other helpful information such as the date or dates, origin of the document (FBI report, Secret Service report, etc.), and the like. If that is done, the list should be retyped with the title, etc., incorporated next to each document number.

This work may take the best part of a week. It may be that we should not bother with the content but order the documents "blind." However, before anything else, inquiries should be made about microfilm viewer/photocopier rental or purchase.

The list is not entirely comprehensive—some document numbers were omitted for technical reasons (difficulty in deciphering pagination, or no pagination indicated); others were omitted because I have already purchased the microfilm copies and have them available.

^{1/} Sample cost estimate for documents on pp. 4 and 5 alone, 1696 pages, is \$84.80 for microfilm and \$339.20 for Xerox.