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Dear Mr. Fensterwald,

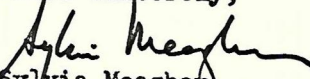
Unfortunately I simply do not have the time to make a close or methodical examination of the documents you sent me on 6 January, which I am returning herewith intact. I did give them a once-over, casually, and found it curious that it is indicated in several different places that for 1/22/64 there was "no write-up (reporter's notes confiscated by Commission)." This is the date of the executive session at which Wade and other Texas officials' allegations that Oswald was on the FBI payroll were discussed privately by the Commission and J. Lee Rankin. The meeting is described in Chapter I of Gerald Ford's book. What is curious is that, as I recall, Ford quotes certain remarks verbatim, although the notes were confiscated and presumably not transcribed by the Ward & Paul stenotypist. It is possible, of course, that the notes were transcribed later by someone else.

So far as the list of depositions is concerned, all the names of witnesses were familiar and in some cases the dates of deposition corresponded with my recollection of the dates which appear in the published volumes of testimony.

I noticed in the "log" of the dates, net pages, etc., of the reporters' assignments that the entry for 8/11 for Cantor has been crossed out and the words "(no pages)" inserted. This suggests another executive session for which the notes may have been confiscated, in the same way as the 1/22/64 session. Since there is no way of correlating the pages of the transcripts with the printed pages of testimony, it is not possible to determine the significance of corrections made by witnesses nor to judge the correspondence between length of typewritten vs printed testimony. It may be that a few weeks of intensive study of the Ward & Paul papers in relation to the published volumes would turn up anomalies but if they are there they were not apparent on casual examination.

If you would care to indicate the oddities which struck you, I could perhaps be helpful in evaluating them; but, as already mentioned, I cannot spare the time needed for a thorough painstaking study of these papers. While I would be glad to accommodate you personally in this way, I should like it understood that my comments on these documents do not constitute any cooperation with or service to the Committee as such, for the reasons stated in my letter declining membership.

Yours sincerely,


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