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SUBJECT: PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF WARREN COMMISSION RECORDS

By August 10, 1965, letter to the Attorney General, we completed the project of reviewing past records of the Warren Commission on file at the National Archives for the purpose of determining how this material fit a series of guidelines approved by the White House with a view towards making as much of the material as possible available to the public. To accomplish this, the Department sent us an original list prepared by the National Archives in which the material to be reviewed was identified by Commission numbers and was, in part, otherwise described. When we completed this review, we returned the original list to the Attorney General.

The purpose of this memorandum is to record the identities of the SA personnel who worked on the project and to serve as a vehicle for the inclusion in this file of the work papers prepared by the personnel involved and our master listing which is a Xerox copy of the original Archives list which was returned to the Attorney General.

The review of the material was completed by SAs J. Q. Stokes, J. W. Hines, K. M. Raupach, T. N. Goble, J. M. Sizoo, L. L. Anderson, and L. Whitson. The project was coordinated by SA Stokes who completed the preparation of the master list.

Each item on the master list bears a marking at the Commission document number. The significance of these markings is as follows: A check mark indicates the document can be released to the public; an X mark signifies that the entire document is to be excised; a circle around the document number indicates that the document is to be excised in part prior to release to the public; and a square about the document number signifies that no decision could be reached as to public disclosure because the document was missing or was a document of another agency which should make the decision. The colors of the markings signify the identity of the agent who made the decision as follows: Red, Stokes; green, Hines; dark blue, Raupach; brown, Whitson; purple, Sizoo; pink, Anderson; light blue, Goble. Attached to this memorandum for filing are the master listing and the notes of indicated personnel showing those items that were designated for complete or partial excision as well as their reasons for this designation. There is attached in addition one Xerox copy of our August 10, 1965, memorandum which portrayed our findings in connection with the review of the material "ENCL BEHIND FILE REC. 113 62 - 1090 90 in question. A yellow copy of our August 10, 1965, letterhead has gone to file.

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All of this material should be filed and retained for future ference because it will be necessary to review in five years all of e material which we recommended be excised to determine at that time it can be made public.

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Route to Records Branch for filing.