

Secret Service
MEMORANDUM

April 2, 1964

To: Mr. Harold Wilkins

From: Leon D. Hubert

I spoke to U.S. Attorney Edmund Sanders at approximately 10:30 in the morning and told him that the FBI would be able to make plans for the early documents in possession of District Attorney Wade in Wade's office. In other words, it would not be necessary for the documents to be taken out of the office. I told Sanders that the FBI had advised us that this could be done in a few minutes and that the purpose for making the documents was twofold, one to assist in the investigation and the other a permanent record for the Archives. Sanders then stated that he understood the problem better than he had previously and said correct and let me know. He called me back about 11:15, but I was at home; nevertheless, he spoke at about 2 or 3:30 the afternoon. He told me that at first Wade seemed to be along with the idea but as the conversation continued, Wade seemed to have some doubts. Wade stated that he wanted the documents but he would not put the plan in the possession of the U.S. Department of Justice. Wade indicated that he would therefore prefer to have the Secret Service do the job. As I understood the matter, Wade seemed to come to the point ultimately as the conversation progressed that if the documents were made available for photographing under any circumstances, it would be upon condition that the documents would never be made available to the Department of Justice. Sanders, of course, advised me that he was not in a position to make such a commitment.

Apparently Wade could have no objection to the project so long as the Commission alone was involved, but expressed his doubts as to completing in the project unless he could be given the assurances stated above.

Sanders advised further that Wade said he would think the matter over and would contact Sanders tomorrow morning, Thursday, April 2nd. Sanders said he would let me know as soon as he has heard from Wade.

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Mr. Rankin