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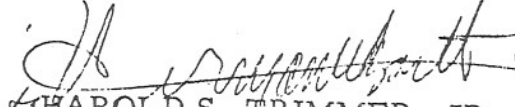
Harland F. Leathers, Esquire
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Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Leathers:

Subject: Harold Weisberg v. U.S. General Services Administration,
USDC DC, Civil Action No. 2052-73
Your Ref: JAxelrad:pad:145-171-122

Pursuant to your letter of April 8, 1974, enclosed is an executed original and four non-executed copies of an affidavit of J. Lee Rankin, Esquire, former General Counsel of the Warren Commission, dated April 8, 1974. The affidavit, which states that Mr. Rankin, under authority of Executive order, originally ordered the "Top Secret" classification of the Commission executive session transcript dated January 27, 1964, is intended to meet the requirements of Rule 56(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure with regard to personal knowledge and competence to testify as to the legality of the original classification. Attached to the affidavit are certified copies of records within the Warren Commission holdings which corroborate the affidavit. We regret that we do not have the originals to these documents, although we don't anticipate their necessity.

Sincerely,


HAROLD S. TRIMMER, JR.
General Counsel

Enclosure