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been no conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. The three dissenting Warren Commission members thought that a transcript of their objections was being made and would be kept as a historical record. Long after the end of the Commission's work and the publication of its Report, the Commission members were provided with a covering letter and what purported to be a transcript of this meeting. The first page of the faked transcript counterfeits the work of Ward & Paul. The first and succeeding pages of this faked transcript were numbered to make it appear that they were in proper sequence with all preceding Ward & Paul transcripts. However, this transcript is in fact a fake and does not include any verbatim report of the actual Executive Session. It also does not include the objections raised by Senator Russell and the other unsatisfied members of the Warren Commission.

27. After I discovered the faked transcript, I met and corresponded with Senator Richard Russell about it. At first Senator Russell could not believe that the doubts and disagreements he had expressed at the September 18th Executive Session were not recorded. When, on June 5, 1968, I informed Senator Russell of what Dr. Rhoads had written me, that "No verbatim transcript of the executive session of September 18, 1964, is known to be among the records of the Commission," Senator Russell asked me to make a further inquiry. On June 14, 1968, I informed him of the National Archives' added responses: "All that we have for that session is the minutes, a copy of which was furnished you."

28. Senator Russell was shocked to learn that the purported copy of the Executive Session transcript had indeed been faked. Not long before his death Senator Russell began to publicly voice his doubts about the conclusions which the Commission had reached

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in its Report. Privately Senator Russell told me that he was convinced that there were two areas in which Warren Commission members had been deceived by the Federal agencies responsible for investigating the assassination of President Kennedy. These two areas were: (1) Oswald's background; and, (2) the ballistics evidence. The first of these two areas was the principal subject discussed at the January 27, 1964, Executive Session.

Harold Weisberg
HAROLD WEISBERG

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

Before me this 25th day of April, 1974, deponent Harold Weisberg has appeared and signed this affidavit, first having sworn that the statements made therein are true.

My commission expires July 1 - 1974

Laura R. Murphy
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND