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MEMORANDUM TO MR. J. LEE RANKIN, General Counsel

From: *W* Howard P. Willens

This is the file received from Central Intelligence Agency late in the afternoon on Friday, March 6, 1964.

The letter of February 12 makes two requests.

(1) In the second paragraph of the letter we asked CIA to send copies of the reports or communications regarding the assassination which were disseminated by CIA and are in the possession of the Secret Service. We informed CIA that Secret Service would not release these materials to us and asked for copies of these reports as soon as possible. (2) In the third paragraph of the letter we asked CIA to supply the Commission with the report on the information in the possession of CIA regarding Oswald prior to November 22, 1963. In particular, we expressed interest in knowing what dissemination, if any, was made to other agencies of items added to the file after October 9 and prior to November 22, 1963.

As I mentioned to you on the telephone I called Mr. Helms today in your absence. Mr. Helms stated that our first request gives CIA certain unspecified problems. He stated that some of the information referred to has already been passed on to the Commission in a different form and other of the material included irrelevant matters or matters which had not checked out. He stated that they would prefer not to comply with this request. When I suggested that we had certain problems with this proposed disposition we agreed that we would talk about it at our next meeting.

Please follow up on suggestions
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