UNITED STATES TERNMENT

Memorandum

To: Mr. Contest

R. H. Jevons

1 - Mr. Conrad 1 - Office, Room 7133

DATE: 10/26/66

1 - Mr. Cunningham

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SUBJECT: WARREN COMMISSION MATTER;
REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT

Pursuant to a request received from the Department by Inspector James Malley, this date, Supervisors Cunningham of the Laboratory and Raupach of the General Investigative Division, attended a conference this afternoon in the office of Assistant Attorney General Frank M. Wozencraft, Office of Legal Counsel. Present at this meeting were Assistant Attorney General Frank M. Wozencraft, Assistant Deputy Attorney General Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr., Office of the Deputy. Attorney General, Charles F. Simms, Legal Counsel, David Slawson, Legal Counsel, and Martin F. Richmond, Office of Legal Counsel. It is noted that the Department has the responsibility for making the decision as to the items of evidence in the assassination matter which are to be permanently retained by the Government. In this regard, the Bureau by letter dated 9/15/66, furnished the Department a copy of the list of evidence and exhibits turned over by the Bureau to Archives on 9/14/66, (in accordance with prior Departmental authorization) and the Departmental officials were reviewing this list.

Certain of the items in this list had been assigned Commission exhibit numbers by the Warren Commission and such items were accordingly listed by the assigned Commission exhibit numbers. The remaining items were listed by arbitrarily assigned FBI identification numbers. Since many of the items which had originally been assigned FBI identification numbers were subsequently assigned Commission exhibit numbers, or were retained by the Warren Commission, or were returned to their owners, et cetera, such items properly do not appear under the FBI exhibit number heading of the list. The Departmental representatives inquired whether as a matter of assistance the FBI would undertake to provide them with cross reference information which would relate the FBI identification number to the Commission exhibit number, where applicable, or would otherwise set forth the disposition of those items not shown under the FBI identification number heading; (i. e. whether the item had been returned to its owner, et cetera.)

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1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. Rosen (Attention: Mr. Malley, Room 5710)

1 - Mr. Raupach, Room 5716

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The Departmental representatives were advised that this matter would be explored. They indicated that they would confirm their request in writing.

We are making a survey to see whether it is readily feasible to furnish the requested information. Basically what this request amounts to (in addition to providing cross reference relationship between Commission exhibit numbers and FBI identification numbers) is to provide the Department with a supplement to the list of items turned over to Archives. This supplement would constitute an inventory of certain items and exhibits which were formerly in FBI possession but which could not be turned over to Archives because they had already been turned over to someone else, such as the Warren Commission, the owners, or other authorized recipient.

ACTION:

Appropriate recommendations will be made upon completion of the above-indicated survey and upon receipt of the Department's written request.

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