

June 4, 1964

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel

FROM: *m* Howard P. Willens ← *Please modify as indicated. J.F.R.*

SUBJECT: Proposed Exchange of Letters between the Commission and the Attorney General

Attached are drafts of a proposed exchange of letters between the Chairman of this Commission and the Attorney General. As I have mentioned to you, this recommended procedure is the result of my recent discussions at the Department with Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach and the Attorney General. The Attorney General would prefer to handle his obligations to the Commission in this way rather than appear as a witness.

The proposed response by the Attorney General has, of course, not been approved by him or on his behalf by the Deputy Attorney General. It represents a revision of an earlier letter which I did show to them during my conference with them today. At that time the Attorney General informed me that he had not received any reports from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the investigation of the assassination, and that his principal sources of information have been the Chief Justice, the Deputy Attorney General and myself. This accounts for the specific mention of these persons in the second paragraph of his letter to the Chief Justice.

Attachments.

*Done - H.P.W.
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