

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
ROUTING SLIP

TO	CO	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
NAME/TITLE						CORRESPONDENCE SYMBOL					
1.	<i>N</i>										
2.	<i>NNFL</i>										
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<input type="checkbox"/> ALLOTMENT SYMBOL	<input type="checkbox"/> HANDLE DIRECT	<input type="checkbox"/> READ AND DESTROY
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/> IMMEDIATE ACTION	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMENDATION
<input type="checkbox"/> AS REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INITIALS	<input type="checkbox"/> SEE ME
<input type="checkbox"/> CONCURRENCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NECESSARY ACTION	<input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE
<input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> NOTE AND RETURN	<input type="checkbox"/> YOUR COMMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> FILING	<input type="checkbox"/> PER OUR CONVERSATION	<input type="checkbox"/> YOUR INFORMATION
<input type="checkbox"/> FULL REPORT	<input type="checkbox"/> PER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> ANSWER OR ACKNOWLEDGE ON OR BEFORE _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREPARE REPLY FOR THE SIGNATURE OF _____		

REMARKS

*8/24/71*

*NNFC*

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FROM	CO	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
NAME/TITLE						CORR. SYMBOL		BUILDING, ROOM, ETC.			
<i>N</i>											
						TELEPHONE		DATE <i>8/23</i>			



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August 22, 1971

Dr. James B. Rhoads  
Archivist of the United States  
National Archives and Records Service  
Washington, D. C. 20403

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

With further reference to the longer of your two letters of August 13, 1971, you say you have withheld from me executive session transcripts of the Warren Commission under authority granted by Executive Order 10501.

It is the sworn testimony before a Congressional committee of appropriate jurisdiction by one of the authors of the executive order that it "has, in fact, no application whatsoever to persons outside the executive branch of the government" and that, in any event, "Executive Order 10501 does not have the force of law."

The Warren Commission was not part of the executive branch of government. It was separate and independent as a Presidential commission.

From the public press, it appears to be a fact that "there is no section of the United States Constitution which grants the President express authority to issue any such order."

Reminding you that, under 5 U.S.C. 552, the burden of proof is upon you and that, under the provisions of the official interpretation of the law as embodied in the Attorney General's Memorandum thereon, no bureaucratic obstacles are to be placed in the path of an applicant for public information, I again ask for these transcripts and a citation of proof that you have the right to apply this executive order to this material and, if you persist in claiming it, citation of proper authority therefor.

Sincerely,

  
Harold Weisberg