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November 5, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSION

There are attached a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Commission and the financial statement of the Commission.

If there is any question about any of these materials, please feel free to ask me about them and I will come to your office and discuss them.

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Washington, D.C.

Friday, September 18, 1964

The President's Commission met pursuant to call at 10:00 a.m., in the Hearing Room, Fourth Floor, 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D. C., Chief Justice Earl Warren, presiding.

PRESENT:

Chief Justice Earl Warren, Chairman

Senator Richard B. Russell, Member

Senator John Sherman Cooper, Member

Representative Gerald R. Ford, Member

Representative Hale Boggs, Member

Allen W. Dulles, Member

John J. McCloy, Member

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The Chairman. The Commission will be in order.

The Commission has a number of matters to consider and decide in preparation for the completion of its final report and the closing of its affairs.

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It was suggested by one of the Commissioners that it would be helpful to Members of the Commission if they each had a page proof of Chapter I of the proposed Report as soon as it is obtained from the Public Printer for their examination. The General Counsel was thereupon instructed to make arrangements for delivery of such page proof to each of the Commissioners promptly upon receipt of the same from the Public Printer.

A Motion was made, seconded and carried that there be provided 100 copies of the Report and Hearings bound in buckram for the Commissioners to distribute as they may determine and that in addition 500 copies of just the Report be provided for such distribution.

A Motion was made, seconded and carried that leather bound copies of the Report and Hearings with the names of the proposed recipients stamped on them in gold be provided for the President and such persons as he might select, for members of the Kennedy family in accordance with the direction from the White House, and for the Commissioners.

A Motion was made, seconded and carried that one set of the Report and Hearings with the proposed recipient's name stamped in gold be furnished each of the staff members who have been with the Commission a substantial period of time in the work of the investigation and preparation of the Report.

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The General Counsel was asked to furnish each of the Commissioners a list of the employees of the Commission with their addresses and that this be supplied to each Commissioner as soon as it can be furnished after the Report has been published.

Discussion was had regarding Chapters III and IV of the proposed Report. The General Counsel was instructed to use care that the proposed conclusions concerning such chapters, as they were set forth in Chapter I, not contain any conflict.

A Motion was made, seconded and carried that the General Counsel proceed to make arrangements to provide for the return of President Kennedy's clothes which are referred to in the Report to Mrs. Kennedy. It is also directed that this be done as soon as it can be accomplished after the Report is published and still adequately protect the determinations of the Commission as set forth in the Report. Furthermore, that the return of such apparel be subject to an arrangement whereby such clothing will be available if and when necessary to support the work the Commission has done, presumably upon mutual agreement of the Chairman and the widow or members of the Kennedy family.

A Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Chairman hereby be appointed to act with full and complete authority so as to promptly proceed with whatever steps are necessary and proper to liquidate and close up the affairs of the Commission and that during such period of liquidation and final determination of the Commission's activities,

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the Chairman shall have full power and authority to call the Commission into session at any time that he may see fit, and shall do so upon the request of any Commissioner.

A Motion was made, seconded and carried that the General Counsel be authorized to proceed to make arrangements, subject to the approval of the Chairman, to return to interested parties who have furnished documentary and other evidence to the Commission all of such materials when their retention is no longer necessary to adequately protect the Report of the Commission or when duplicate or other conformed copies will be fully adequate. That in taking such action the General Counsel consult with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other interested persons and agencies whenever necessary and proper.

A Motion was made, seconded and carried that as soon as all of the exhibits and other records of the Commission which are to be published have been printed and made available to the public, all of the remaining materials and records of the Commission shall be delivered to the National Archives to be held in perpetuity for the use and benefit of the people of the United States in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

A Motion was made by Representative Ford that a letter dated September 10, 1964, of Representative Pillion of Buffalo, New York, directed to the Commission, together with a copy of the interview of

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the Federal Bureau of Investigation with said Representative, be published in the Hearings of the Commission. After some discussion, the Chairman declared the Motion lost for lack of a second.

A Motion was made, seconded and carried that pictures of the Commission be procured and that a total of 100 copies be made available for the Commissioner's use and that one copy of such Commission picture be provided for each staff member.

The General Counsel stated that in excess of 2100 exhibits had been made out of Commission documents that had been called to the attention of the Commissioners in the preparation of the Commission's Report. He further reported that these had been used as citations in support of various statements in the Report and that it was desirable and proper for these Commission documents at this time to be denominated exhibits and thereby be made a part of the proceedings of the Commission.

The General Counsel further stated that all of such exhibits were listed on a document which had been marked Exhibit 3154, whereon the exhibit number, the date, in many cases, and the description of the exhibit was set forth. Thereupon the General Counsel offered in evidence such described exhibits running from 1054 through 3154, both inclusive, and asked that as listed on said Exhibit 3154 and as those exhibits each respectively appeared in the records of the Commission, but as limited by the documents so marked, be made regular exhibits of the Commission's proceedings with the same force and effect as any

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and all other exhibits which had heretofore been offered and received in evidence. The Chairman declared that the exhibits as offered be received in evidence and become a part of the Commission's exhibits.

The General Counsel reported various items of the expenses and budget of the Commission during its months of operation and after discussion a motion was made, seconded and carried that the budget and expenses of the Commission as reported by Mr. Rankin be approved, subject to his furnishing a general financial statement for the period from November 29, 1963, to an estimated date of October 31, 1964. Such statement shall describe the salaries, travel, equipment rent and similar general categories, with the total obligations and total estimated cost, this approval to be subject to such financial statement being furnished to each of the Commissioners and their having an opportunity to direct such inquiries as they may care to to the General Counsel about specific items.

The Chairman then announced that an appointment had been made for the Commission to deliver its Report Volume to the President on September 24, 1964, at 11:00 a.m., at the White House. The Hearings Volumes will be delivered to the White House as soon as they are all published. All Commissioners stated that they would plan to attend that proceeding.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

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Financial Statement - November 29, 1963 through November 30, 1964
(Actual through October 31, 1964 - Estimated November 1-30, 1964)

Direct Expenses of the Commission		
Salaries and related benefits	$ 235,650	
Travel and related expenses	67,441	
Equipment rental	13,332	
Space rental and security guarding - Commission headquarters	47,223	
Payment to General Services Administration for administrative support	9,000	
Payments to Civil Service Commission for security investigations of Commission employees	8,225	
Payment to Department of Defense for photographic services	4,000	
Commercial contractual services	17,192	
Communications	14,538	
Supplies and materials	5,488	$ 442,089
Other Expenses		
Air-conditioning Commission headquarters (Excess of normal work day)	7,539	
Travel and related expenses of witnesses	16,267	
Transcript expenses	72,474	
Printing:		
Reproduction	608,500	
Reimbursement for detail from Government Printing Office	48,000	752,780
Contingencies		5,131
Total		$1,200,000

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Total Estimated Cost per attached Financial Statement			$1,200,000
Funds Provided from Emergency Fund for the President:			
FY 1964 Allocation	$240,000		
FY 1964 Allocation	360,000	$600,000	
FY 1965 Allocation		400,000	1,000,000
Additional Allocation Required			$ 200,000

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COMMISSION INVESTIGATING ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
Basic Salaries Paid To Commission Personnel
November 29, 1963 Through October 31, 1964

Consultants	F.Y. 1964 11/29/63 thru 6/30/64	F.Y. 1965 7/1/64 thru 9/12/64	Total 11/29/63 thru 9/12/64	
Seniors ($100/day)				
Rankin	$ 20,600.00	$ 7,400.00	$ 28,000.00	
Redlich	13,174.20	6,200.00	19,374.20	
Adams	2,562.50	-	2,562.50	
Jenner	13,300.00	6,450.00	19,750.00	
Ball	9,300.00	200.00	9,500.00	
Hubert	10,562.50	1,600.00	12,162.50	
Coleman	5,000.00	1,400.00	6,400.00	
Sub-Total	$ 74,499.20	$23,250.00	$ 97,749.20	
Juniors ($75/day)				
Spector	8,095.68	2,623.60	10,719.28	
Stern	9,332.72	1,807.93	11,140.65	
Eisenberg	10,213.30	1,949.04	12,162.34	
Liebeler	10,906.92	5,172.40	16,079.32	
Slawson	10,194.56	4,797.60	14,992.16	
Belin	8,133.16	712.20	8,845.36	
Griffin	11,206.72	5,247.36	16,454.08	
Scobey	3,635.72	1,424.36	5,060.08	
Burns	-	1,874.00	1,874.00	
Clark	-	1,124.40	1,124.40	
Sub-Total	$ 71,718.78	$26,732.89	$ 98,451.67	
Regular Staff	16,628.00	9,769.39	26,397.39	
Total	$162,845.98	$59,752.28	$222,598.26	$222,598.26
Add: Estimated Basic Salaries September 13 thru October 31, 1964				16,399.74
Grand Total				$238,998.00

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COMMISSION INVESTIGATING ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
Detail of Travel Expenses
November 29, 1963 through October 31, 1964

Commission Staff

	Transportation	Other	Total
Consultants			
Seniors			
Rankin	$ 1,477.10	$ 2,619.88	$ 4,096.98
Redlich	1,300.27	2,849.50	4,149.77
Adams	258.77	826.16	1,084.93
Jenner	926.21	7,161.80	8,088.01
Ball	3,353.73	3,435.15	6,788.88
Hubert	2,010.75	2,584.89	4,595.64
Coleman	745.50	1,350.18	2,095.68
Sub-Total	$10,072.33	$20,827.56	$30,899.89
Juniors			
Spector	931.20	1,776.90	2,708.10
Stern	172.50	138.50	311.00
Eisenberg	119.82	2,315.67	2,435.49
Liebeler	1,510.14	4,933.96	6,444.10
Slawson	420.10	3,748.52	4,168.62
Belin	1,970.85	2,462.10	4,432.95
Griffin	439.60	2,676.66	3,116.26
Scobey	79.70	1,278.91	1,358.61
Burns	192.17	-	192.17
Clark	-	268.16	268.16
Sub-Total	$ 5,836.08	$19,599.38	$25,435.46
Regular Staff			
Eide	-	191.64	191.64
Laulicht	-	54.00	54.00
Ely	-	91.44	91.44
Mosk	-	783.56	783.56
Sub-Total	-	$ 1,120.64	$ 1,120.64

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Witnesses	Total
Baker, M. L.	$ 46.95
Boone, E. L.	35.88
Brennan, H.	22.83
Brian, V. J.	11.96
Callaway, T.	67.96
Carrico, C.	14.56
Cooper, J. V.	197.76
Creford, C.	89.20
Crowe, W. D.	70.10
Curry, J. E.	706.19
Daur, B.	46.12
Day, J. C.	10.03
Dean, P. T.	209.50
Dulles, A. W.	305.32
Evins, A.	13.64
Fain, J. W.	19.21
Ford, D. P.	325.55
Frazier, W.	39.20
Fritz, J. W.	16.73
Gibson, D.	58.26
Goldberg, A.	239.85
Gregory, C. V.	204.51
Gregory, P.	508.70
Jarman, J.	18.94
Kelly, T.	440.87
Kenney, F. T.	274.50
Klause, R.	180.10
Lone, M.	566.50
Mandella, A.	320.17
Markham, H.	41.91
Martin, J. V.	153.23
McCloy, J. J.	1,381.56
McDonald, M.	34.69
McWalters, C.	13.48
Mooney, D.	34.56
Mooney, J. A.	393.06
Morenschildt, G.	838.60
Nicol, J. D.	377.81
Norman, H.	34.08
Oswald, M.	760.86
Oswald, R. L.	205.68
Paine, R.	501.48
Pappas, I. N.	83.84
Perry, M. O.	335.96
Pic, J. E.	206.84
Powers, D. P.	108.08
Randle, L.	265.02

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Witnesses (Continued)	Total
Reid, R. A.	$ 792.95
Revill, J.	314.73
Rich, N. P.	71.37
Rothstein, D. A.	60.90
Rowland, A. L.	30.06
Rubenstein, H.	113.13
Ruby, E.	76.00
Scoggins, W. W.	698.29
Shaw, R. R.	36.28
Stucky, W. K.	109.22
Surrey, R. A.	190.97
Truly, R. S.	796.63
Wade, H.	203.93
Waldo, T.	17.28
Welasman, B.	62.90
Whaley, W. W.	289.08
Willens, H. P.	179.50
Williams, B.	17.79
Richey, M.	90.14
Norton, M. L.	40.00
Johnson, J.	4.00
Johnson, P.	70.19
Johnson, S.	71.52
Powell, N.	50.00
Mayers, L. V.	121.63
Sub-Total	1/ $15,340.32

Miscellaneous (Including Expenses of the District Attorney's Office, Dallas)	887.96
ADD: Estimated travel expenses September 17 thru Oct. 31, 1964	9,279.73
GRAND TOTAL	$82,964.00

1/ Predominately transportation costs.

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Detail of Payments to Commercial Contractors
November 29, 1963 thru October 31, 1964
(Actual thru 9/16/64 - Estimated 9/17 thru 10/31/64)

Vendor		FY 1964 11/29/63 thru 6/30/64	FY 1965 7/1/64 thru 10/31/64
Anderson & Co.,	Wash., D.C.	$ 13.87	
Safemasters Inc.,	"	6.50	
Dictaphone Corp.,	"	10.90	
Safemasters Inc.,	"	25.00	
Security Storage,	"	4.75	
J. Vartabedian,	Hyattsville, Md.	472.86	
Dictaphone Corp.,	Wash., D.C.	7.40	
" "	"	182.20	
" "	Bridgeport, Conn.	50.00	
J. T. Eddie,	Wash., D.C.	5.03	
Dictaphone Corp.,	Bridgeport, Conn.	25.00	
New Republic,	Wash., D.C.	2.10	
J. L. Daniels,	Dallas, Texas	4.46	
T. Jackson,	Dallas, Texas	4.56	
E. Pitts,	Dallas, Texas	4.46	
A. Riggs,	Dallas, Texas	4.46	
J. D. Servance,	Lancaster, Texas	5.10	
Press Intelligence,	Wash., D.C.	2,413.10	
Security Storage,	Wash., D.C.	3.00	
Safemasters Inc.,	Wash., D.C.	6.50	
Security Storage,	Wash., D.C.	6.50	
Vet. Foreign Wars,	Wash., D.C.	331.00	
G. J. Applin Jr.,	Denison, Texas	16.16	
A. Armstrong,	Dallas, Texas	8.92	
R. E. Edwards,	Tahlequah, Okla.	66.72	
W. W. Litchfield II,	Huston, Texas	43.04	
Ward & Paul,	Wash., D.C.	4,629.75	
Vet. Foreign Wars,	"	330.00	
Moveing, Inc.,	"	37.20	
U.S. District Court Reptrs.,	New Orleans, La.	212.00	
Dictaphone Corp.,	Bridgeport, Conn.	100.00	
Press Intelligence,	Wash., D.C.	109.55	
Sullivan Reporting Inc.,	Chicago, Ill.	100.00	
C. S. Thomas Co.,	New Orleans, La.	144.00	
"	" "	408.00	
Safemaster Co.,	Wash., D.C.	6.50	
"	"	6.50	
So. District Court Report,	New York, N.Y.	734.00	
Times Herald Print,	Dallas, Texas	15.00	
M. R. Slaughter,	Huston, Texas	4.00	
A. Ward,	Dallas, Texas	586.00	
J. T. Edie,	Wash., D.C.	22.15	
Dictaphone Corp.,	Bridgeport, Conn.	350.00	
"	"	50.00	
Ward & Paul, Inc.	Wash., D.C.	7,713.75	
"	"	6,826.50	
Press Intelligence,	Wash., D.C.	73.40	

Vendor		FY 1964 11/29/63 thru 6/30/64	FY 1965 7/1/64 thru 10/31/64
J. T. Edie,	Wash., D.C.	$ 3.00	
Minnesota Mining & Mfg.,	St. Paul, Minn.	205.92	
B. Shaw, District Clerk,	Dallas, Texas	210.25	
Minnesota Mining & Mfg.,	St. Paul, Minn.	380.16	
E. E. Pierce,	Dallas, Texas	8.00	
Century Blueprint Co.,	Wash., D.C.	28.87	
H. Laidrich,	Dallas, Texas	206.00	
So. District Court Report,	New York, N. Y.	42.00	
Vet. Foreign Wars,	Wash., D.C.	315.00	
G. J. Applin Jr.,	Denison, Texas	12.16	
Ward & Paul, Inc.,	Wash., D.C.	172.50	
"	"	3,297.45	
J. J. Muleady,	Dallas, Texas	225.00	
Wfar Com. Center,	Dallas, Texas	15.00	
Nelson & Amack,	Los Angeles, Calif.	41.15	
"	" "	46.65	
Sullivan Reporting,	Chicago, Ill.	86.92	
L. Z. Johnson,	Irving, Texas	950.74	
Intern Bus. Mach.,	Arlington, Va.	25.00	
"	"	40.00	
"	"	20.00	
Vet. Foreign Wars.,	Wash., D.C.	287.50	
Ward & Paul Inc.,	Wash., D.C.	7,484.25	
"	"	5.162.40	
"	"	209.10	
S. Stinebauch,	Dallas, Texas	918.00	
G. S. Thomas Co.,	New Orleans, La.	274.00	
J. T. Edie,	Wash., D.C.	3.60	
G. S. Thomas Co.,	New Orleans, La.	102.00	
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Wash., D.C.	330.00	
Xerox Corp.,	New York, N.Y.	95.00	
H Laidrich,	Dallas, Texas	4,892.00	
O. Oliver,	Dallas, Texas	10,815,00	
Intern Bus. Mach.,	Arlington, Va.	25.00	
Dietrich & Witt, Inc.,	New Orleans, La.	771.00	
Press Intelligence,	Wash., D.C.	99.20	
Dietrich & Witt, Inc.,	New Orleans, La.	66.00	
Dictaphone Corp.,	Bridgeport, Conn.	57.20	
Ward & Paul Inc.,	Wash., D.C.	351.00	
Xerox Co.,	New York, N.Y.	690.71	
Security Storage,	Wash., D.C.	17.25	
Wac-G 0304		2,398.22	
64-1344		1,482.46	
Wac-D 8739		474.71	
Misc. Other Items		2,019.99	
G.S. Thomas Co.	New Orleans, La.	72.00	
Ward and Paul, Inc.	Washington, D. C.	4,506.75	

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Vendor		FY 1964 11/29/63 thru 6/30/64	FY 1965 7/1/64 thru 10/31/64
Las Vegas Reporters,	Las Vegas, Nev.		175.79
J. P. Gregory,	Fort Worth, Texas		35.60
Intern. Bus. Mach.,	Arlington, Va.		9.59
Ward & Paul, Inc.,	Wash., D.C.		1,397.10
"	"		2,270.25
Deitrich & Witt,	New Orleans, La.		483.00
Safemasters,	Wash., D.C.		7.00
"	"		7.00
Nelson & Am ck,	Los Angeles, Calif.		50.00
J. T. Edie,	Wash., D.C.		1.25
Vet. Foreign Wars,	Wash., D.C.		345.00
Estimated Obligations - 9/17 - 10/31/64			9,718.42
		$76,118.00	$14.500.00
Total Obligations			$90,618.00

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