

1/1/68

Transcripts
Ward and Paul-Reporting Services
Executive Sessions
✓ Agent Oswald
Destruction evidence

Receipt No. 3001 is not labelled for executive session, though it is for that of 1/21/63. It acknowledges receipt of the transcripts plus "also, Reporter's notes, master sheets, carbon paper, waste."

Receipt No. 3013, identically the same comment about the 1/27 ex sess.

2/7/64 Julia Eide note says that all waste material, etc. delivered by Ward & Paul to that date given SA Agt Moore for White House burning.

3/10/64 bill commented on in separate writing (draft "Script by George Orwell) cover confiscation notes 1/22/64 ex sess

Receipt No. 3227 shows that when it was discovered that page 1320 was missing from all pages of transcript delivered and "Master sheets had been destroyed by Commission", "one copy" of presumably "the original run" had to be "returned to Ward & Paul in order to Retranscribe (sic) page 1320", from "the reporter's notes". This seems to indicate that the master sheets were destroyed separately from the reporter's notes. Why one and not the other had to be destroyed so promptly escapes immediate explanation, as does the reason for the destruction of anything. However, it would also seem that if the "original run" was complete, the simplest thing would have been to simply xerox the missing page. This makes it seem that some attention should be paid to page 1320 of volume 14, which includes pp. 1187-1473. The date is 2/21/64. Robert Oswald's testimony on that date begins 1R329 and continues throughout all of that day's printed testimony, which ends on 427, where his testimony of 2/22 also begins. With no record of any executive session on that date, it would seem this has to be in his testimony. It would also seem that with every existing record of any kind returned by Ward & Paul and with the total destruction of all of this, unless Ward & Paul made a separate record of what was said "off the record", or unless it is in the original transcripts and was edited out in printing (and I have seen no cases of this), there remains no record of what was said "off the record".

Receipt No. 3271 for "Commission meeting", "TOP SECRET", seems not to cover an ex sess, for there seems to have been none that day (April 22). Other bills do not use the words "Commission meeting".

Receipt No. 3313, "TOP SECRET" -- Meeting of the Commission without witnesses", does cover the date of an executive session, 5/19/64. It is withheld.

Receipt No. 3343, with attached note (Stuckey 6/6) shows liberties taken with the verbatim transcript by the reporter (See draft "Script by George Orwell").