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ROCCA note to HELMS on  
Talk with DULLES on 21 March.

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Dick:

Had a briefing at Allen Dulles' house on Saturday after-  
noon. (We were assembled to discuss his taping session with

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Deryabin, Helen MacInnes, Donovan and Hanson-Baldwin in New  
York tonight. None of the others were present.)

AWD showed me a letter he had received from Rankin  
recently expressing the desire to reach a modus vivendi in  
order to allay the story of CIA's possible sponsorship of Oswald's  
activity. The point of the communication to AWD was to suggest  
that he serve as <sup>CIA</sup> a file reviewer for the Commission. The letter  
outlined alternative possibilities in this matter (affidavit from  
the DCI, etc.).

In my presence, AWD wrote the answer:

a. Declining the invitation to serve as file  
reviewer for good and sufficient reasons.

b. Stating his willingness to provide a state-  
ment or testimony to the Commission with respect to  
his knowledge of Oswald during his tenure as DCI. He  
noted in the tail-off of the letter that as far as he could  
remember he had never had any knowledge of Oswald  
prior to the date of the assassination.

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