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Dear Harold,

I happened across a document which you ~~may~~ might be able to use in your suit for the 1/27/ Executive Session Transcript. It includes a statement by Rankin on March 11, 1964 that "At this point in the investigation there appears to be nothing of significance which should not be revealed to the American public because of ~~the~~ national security or any other consideration."

This is from a letter ~~xxx~~ of Mar 11 (drafted Mar. 9, by Willens) to Sen. Jacob Javits. The copy I got, from Entry 25, is too faint to copy. ~~xxx~~ Evidently Javits had passed on various complaints and questions from his constituents. They included some complaints about Warren's "national security" statement of Feb. 5. I think ~~that~~ the answer in this letter is more detailed than ~~that~~ that used in the many other letters I have seen; the Commission got lots of mail about that ~~xxx~~ statement by Warren. Here are the relevant paragraphs from p. 2 of the Rankin ~~xxx~~ letter to Javits:

"The Chief Justice has authorized me to assure you that none of his remarks regarding the Commission were intended to suggest that the significant conclusions of fact developed by ~~the~~ this ~~investigation~~ investigation would not be made known to the American public. The final report of this Commission will be complete and documents by references to relevant testimony and/or underlying investigative materials. At this point in the investigation there appears to be nothing of significance which should not be revealed to the American public because of national security or ~~any~~ any other considerations. On March 4, 1964, the Chief Justice stated as follows:

'The ~~xxx~~ purpose of this Commission is, of course, eventually to make known to the President and to the American public everything that has transpired before this Commission. [sic - I thought the purpose was to investigate the assassination] All of it will be made available at the appropriate time. The records of the work of the Commission will be preserved for the public.'

(The quotation is from 2H34)

I hope that this letter is ~~of~~ of some assistance to you ... and I remain available to ~~xxx~~ assist you in any way possible.'

Paul
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