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Dr.

Our letter dated August 10, 1965, forwarded to you copies of our memorandum of the same date which set forth the results of our review of certain material contained in the Warren Commission's Numbered Document File at the National Archives. The purpose of our review was to reach a determination under guidelines approved on April 19, 1965, by the Honorable NcGeorge Bundy, then Special Assistant to the President, as to which of the documents may be made available to the public.

At the time of our review, certain of the documents in the Commission's Numbered Document File were missing and, accordingly, we were unable to reach a determination as to the public disclosure of those documents.

On December 30, 1966, Mr. John F. Simmons of the staff of Dr. James B. Rhoads, Deputy Archivist of the United States, advised that Commission Document Number 304 had been located in the files of National Archives. This Document consists of a letter from this Bureau to the President's Commission dated January 23, 1964, and two memoranda attached thereto which deal with a phonograph record which was issued and distributed by the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans, Incorporated (DLRA). The record is narrated by Herbert R. (Walley) Butterworth, Executive Secretary of such organization.

For your information, we have no objection to this Document being placed in the public domain.

> James B. Rhoads is being informed of the foregoing. 1 J

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NOTE:

The phonograph record mentioned above which was described in our letter to the President's Commission on 1-23-64 was made available to our Atlanta Office during our investigation of the assassination. The DLRA was organized in Atlanta in 1962 reportedly for the purpose of opposing communism, marxism, Mongrelism, and so forth. The organization has been active in distributing anti-Jewish and anti-Negro phonograph records and literature. The record mentioned in Document Number 304 makes a number of wild allegations in connection with the assassination and is extremely anti-Jewish and anti-Negro throughout. It attempts to show that 'the communist-Jewish conspiracy' was responsible for the assassination and subsequent events. It is also critical of the FBI for not trailing Oswald in Dallas prior to the assassination. The record is narrated by Butterworth who in 1962 was Public Relations Director of the United Clans of America. Butterworth has a long record of Ku Klux Klan activity.

Under the guidelines established by the White House, there is no reason for this Document not to be placed in the public domain. This determination was coordinated with Supervisor J. W. Hines of the General Investigative Division and Supervisor Robert E. Lenihan of the Domestic Intelligence Divison.