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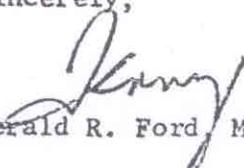
Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel  
President's Commission on the  
Assassination of President Kennedy  
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.  
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Dear Lee,

Enclosed is the draft for Chapter VIII: Presidential Protection  
with comments attached and other notes on the draft in red ink.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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CHAPTER VIII - PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION

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| p.1   | Statistics of assassinations            | - Delete bracketed paragraph.   |
| p.9, top                                      | Secret Service                          | - Redivide sentences  |
| pp.9-10                                       | SS protects President                   | - What authority was there for this?<br>On whose initiative was it started and continued?   |
| p.11; L1.15-18                                | SS assumes full responsibility-         | Authority for this?   |
| p.15, par.1                                   | PRS file                                | - More info on reasons for and method of establishing this file would be desirable.<br>- Is there any proof it was helpful?                                 |
| pp.17-18                                      | FBI appropriation                       | ↓ What is the practice now?   |
| p. 18, L.12<br>p. 19, L.4                     | "Treasury Guard Force"                  | - What is this? Explain it, or, better yet, leave it out.   |
| (Part B) p.1, )<br>bottom; )<br>p.4, bottom ) | Protective Measures,<br>Motorcade Route | - This raises the question of organization. Should this material be taken out of Chapter 2 and inserted here?   |
| p.6, bottom                                   | Choice of Trade Mart                    | - How important are SS evaluations of security problems in making final decisions?  |
| p.7, L.7                                      | Trade Mart                              | - Was the roof loose or what?   |
| p.9, L1.8-11                                  | Police on roof                          | - What was the purpose of this?   |
| p.10, Par.1                                   | Precautions at Trade Mart               | - This conclusion seems valid except for the question of how carefully the lessees, customers, guests, and employees were screened, as mentioned on Page 7. |
| p.11, L1.14-15                                | Love Field Conclusion                   | - Adequate for what purpose?<br>These are crowd techniques only.  |
| p.13, top                                     | Lawson's work                           | - What is point of second sentence?<br>Rewrite, or drop.  |
| p.13, par.2                                   | Dallas police & SS                      | - Delete bracketed portions   |
| p.15, middle                                  | Policemen                               | - Rephrase  |
| p.16, bottom                                  | FBI assistance                          | - This is just wrong! What exactly did FBI do? Why not mention Oswald?  |
| p.17, top                                     | FBI procedures                          | - This is too general - should recommend specific steps; eg., transfer of informati & names, etc.   |

- p.20, top Scanning building - What do they look for? Has it ever helped? Was it satisfactory procedure?
- p.21, top Checking building - Is this a reasonable step? What are they looking for? What can they hope to get?
- p.30 Drinking incident - This is well handled. In the same line, should the SS rules be examined and evaluated?
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(In this chapter should be inserted the materials under headings "Background" and "Motorcade" of Chapter 2, which are relevant only to the question of security measures and their adequacy. See, for comments thereon, notes to Chapter 2.)

Part C -

- p.32 PRS file Rearrange sentences.
- p.38, top; )  
p.39, L1.7-8) 10-20 "clear risks" Were these more dangerous, or just without permanent residence?
- p.44, L1.5-8 Lee's work at TSBD and motorcade route - Is there any reason for thinking PRS would have connected them?
- p.44, bottom Oswald & SS interest - On what criteria would Oswald have been investigated?
- p.52, top Oswald's case reopened - Is this all that was done?
- p.54, par.1; )  
pp.55-56 ) FBI interview in NO - Did Oswald tell Quigley why he wanted this interview? What was discussed?
- p.56, L.10 Investigation of Lee - Does this mean FBI did not know where he was living? If so, it seems inconsistent
- p.58, top Mexico & State Dept. - Could something have been done by State at this point?
- p.58, L1.7-10 P.O. address change - Why wasn't this known until Oct.? How was it learned?
- p.58, bottom Hosty looks for Lee - Straighten this mess out.
- pp.59-60 Hosty interviews Mrs. Paine - What was purpose of investigation? What was he looking for?
- p.62, L1.3-4 Oswald's case not urgent - Are there criteria established for priority among cases?
- p.67, bottom FBI Agent Theory - Delete bracketed sentences.

- p.68, bottom FBI - This could have been done but not reported; this statement assumes required procedures were followed.
- p.69, par.2 FBI - Rearrange, & shorten as marked.
- p.71, par.1 Hosty address, etc. - Hosty's license number was also in book -- explain.
- p.73, top Marguerite's theory - Rewrite sentence.
- p.73, bottom CIA denials - This phrasing is not good - what about CIA informant in Soviet embassy in Mexico City?
- p.75, bottom CIA Liaison - It's more than ironic!
- p.77, par.2 SS & other threats - Proof, examples of this?
- p.80, par. 1 SS & report on Oswald - This is repetitious.
- p.80, par.2;) Other agencies & SS - This conclusion should be amplified -  
p.81 ) by existing criteria, by best possible criteria, etc.? Is parenthesis correct? What about method?
- p. 83, L.4 FBI Changes - What classification do defectors come under
- p.85, Ll.6-8 New criteria - Is it possible to have criteria which are practical and which would have covered Oswald?
- p.87 Conclusion - personal liberty dangers - Recommendations by Comm? Any criteria to be suggested at least as minimal?
- Part D  
p.88 Scope of Comm's work - Is this correct? I suggest dropping first hal.
- p.89, bottom SS Study - Is this really secret? Has it been given to Comm members?
- p.91, top Recommendations - Meaning unclear.
- p.92, par.1 Role of President - Poor sentence for report
- pp. 93-94 Speed of travel - Delete.
- p.96 Role of Protection - What is protection against? Analyze dangers.
- p.99, par.1 "National mood," "elementary caution" - These are unnecessarily vague and general
- p.99, Par.2 Armored car - Is this realistic - Will LBJ ever use it? Or any President?

PP.100-101

Agents on and in car

- JFK told them not to ride on  
platforms! - Could Kellerman have  
got to back seat?