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Jerry:

After a full day of digging into recent events of the commission, it seems to me very essential that before hearing more testimony, an hour or so be taken by commission members to discuss in general what has transpired so far, and what is the logical way to proceed:

- 1) Undoubtedly the staff is working very diligently to follow up loose ends and open questions aroused by the testimony thus far, but I think it is proper for you to tell Mr. Rankin what additional questions any of you want the staff to follow up.
- 2) Secondly, I think it is important to have a pre-view of who is going to come before the commission when and why. I assume all important witnesses are scheduled but if one knew in what order one could gather the questions one wishes to act on.
- 3) There was talk at one time of letting members concentrate on certain areas. Whether this is a good idea or not I don't know but to the best of my knowledge nothing of this nature has been developed. You will note that your attendance record is about tops of the group, but others can hardly be blamed if the schedule is up in the air. Some can't help absences in any case.
- 4) There was the rather involved session regarding the Nation article and Mr. Wades thoughts. Not much has been done to follow this up as far as the commission is concerned except the one affidavit (which although important) is not conclusive of the facts.
- 5) Because mother Oswald has brought up a somewhat similar thesis, this is one of the most important allegations to be disposed of in the most factual and convincing manner. Isn't it time to find out more about Mr. Ludkins and Feldman's article in the Nation.

These are just a few of the items I would think should be discussed in a sound way.

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Oswald's "Undesirable" Discharge

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The entire matter of Oswalds "Undesirable" discharge needs to be taken up as a separate subject. Certainly the MC and military security interests would justify some action of the part of officials, but all the facts surrounding the manner in which this was handled should be brought out on the record. Here is something that historians will always look at --especially those seeking to find somepsychological reason for Oswalds later actions. They willwant to know the facts and the record should show the facts.

Much has been made of the letters written by Lee from Russia asking for a rectification of what he thought was an injustice. These letters in early publicity were cited as "threats" to Gov. Connally, and it is a question of motivation that could bear on Kennedy's also being a target.

Thus far there is little to indicate that this grievance continued to fester after Lee got back. His mother mentioned it and he said (see Vol. 2), "Don't worry about that." He seems to more or less have accepted it after returning to the US because he showed little interest in following the matter up. He told his mother he intended to visit Washington on his return but we have no indication that he did. She interprets this as further indication he was an agent (that he might visit Washington.) It is more likely that he had in mind checking on his discharge.

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