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MEMORANDUM

TO: J. Lee Rankin
FROM: Norman Redlich
SUBJECT: Assignments of Messrs. Redlich and Eisenberg

The areas in which I am working are as follows:

1. The extent to which the evidence being reviewed by the Commission should be made open to the public after submission of the Report.
2. Review of the preliminary memoranda prepared by the various staff members.
3. Review of the testimony of the witnesses appearing before the Commission.
4. Study of assassination films to locate position of car when shots hit President Kennedy and Governor Connally.
5. Wound ballistics to determine paths of bullets before and after penetration.
6. Coordination of efforts in area of Oswald as a possible agent of a Government department.
7. I also consider it part of my responsibility to review all of the underlying materials, including the major Ruby reports.

From the nature of these areas, most of them must be worked on concurrently, although priority is being given to items 1 and 2.

The areas in which Mr. Eisenberg is working are as follows:

1. Cataloging the evidence in the FBI's possession and the exhibits introduced into evidence in connection with the Marina Oswald deposition. (This involves obtaining translations, identification of photographs and books, and making up descriptive lists and cross-indexes.)
2. Working with me on the problem of studying assassination films to locate car position when bullets hit President Kennedy and Governor Connally.

3. Developing expert knowledge in certain areas of criminal investigation with a view toward assisting Messrs. Ball and Belin in the evaluation of the evidence concerning the assassination and related events. These areas, in the following order of priority, are: weapon identification; ballistics; paraffin tests; fingerprint and palm print evidence; handwriting identifications.
4. Mr. Eisenberg also considers it his responsibility to review the major underlying materials.

Two legal questions which you sent to us, dealing with the Commission's subpoena powers and the effect of an oath administered by the staff, have been assigned to Mr. Mosk.

P.S.

The difficulty of assigning priorities to our areas of work is best evidenced by the fact that since this memo was written I have been assigned the job of preparing the questions for James Martin which has assumed top priority over everything else.