

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

8/26/65

MEMO FOR Nav Rankin

The original Feb. 65. Atty Gen
letter on the Warren Commission
records, our listing of the
documents then considered
and Mr. Paul's letter in
reply.

Wm Smith.

24 Mar 65

Honorable Nicholas A. Katzenbach
Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

This is in further response to your letter of February 8, 1965 to the Secretary of Defense concerning the availability for public examination of the unpublished materials in the National Archives placed there by the President's Commission on the Assassination of the late President Kennedy.

An examination has been made of certain material at the National Archives which was identified to our representative as the material furnished the Warren Commission by the Department of Defense. This material, all of it unclassified, is described in the enclosure hereto. Some of the information includes investigative reports and material relating to individuals and normally is not disclosed to the public. Based upon our examination of these materials and in view of the exceptional circumstances of the Commission's Report, the Department of Defense interposes no objection to making these materials available for public examination.

It is our understanding a possibility exists that there may be additional Department of Defense material at the National Archives not described in the enclosure which has not yet been identified as such. In the event any such additional Department of Defense records are disclosed at a later date, they should be brought to our attention for appropriate review.

Sincerely yours,

H. Norman S. Paul

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Enclosure

Mr. Callano

Mr. Bartimo

cc: OASD(M) files

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Report No.	Classification	Description of Material	Publication	Remarks
1042	Unclassified Enclosure-"FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY"	Dept of Navy Ltr from Rear Admiral Wilfred Hearn, JAG, with enclosure dated 6/3/64. Enclosure-Ltr from Dir. of Naval Intelligence to JAG, Navy, subject: Oswald, Lee Harvey (Deceased)-Forwards ONI Report on the Circumstances Surrounding the Death of Pvt. M. D. Schrand (Philippines 1958)	Not published	Oswald thought to be involved. Report indicates Schrand death an accident.
1055	Unclassified	Dept of Navy - Hq U.S. Marine Corps. Ltr from Lt Col A. G. Folsom, Jr., U.S.M.C. to Mr. Lee J. Rankin, Gen. Counsel, Warren Commission, dated 6/8/64 w/encln. Encls. - M.C. Regulations re; Marksmanship Courses.	Ltr of Trans- mittal, published Page 16, Vol. XIX, Designated Anderson Exhibit No. 1	Furnished in response to Commission's query re; Oswald's marksmanship.
1059	Unclassified	Dept of Navy - Hq U.S. Marine Corps. Ltr from Lt Col A. G. Folsom, Jr., U.S.M.C. to Mr. Lee J. Rankin, Gen. Counsel, Warren Comm. w/2 encls. Encl. 1 - Scoring Pro- cedures GCT. Encl. 2 - Ltr from Lt Col Folsom, Jr. to Chief, Bureau of Med. & Surgery (Requests	Not published	

Report No. 1059 (Continued)	Classification	Description of Material	Source and Publication	Remarks
1105	Unclassified	Medical Records on Oswald be furnished to the Comm.) Dept of Navy Ltr from R. D. Brown, Ch, Bureau of Med. & Surgery to Comm., subject: Psy- chological Examinations Administered to Lee Harvey Oswald.	Published Page 688, Vol. XXII Designated Comm. to Oswald. Exhibit No. 1383	Ltr indicates no psycholog- ical examinations administered to Oswald.
83	Unclassified	Dept of Army Service and Med. Record of Jack Rubenstein(Ruby)	Published Pages 182-202, Vol. XXIII. Designated Exhibits Numbered 1706 and 1707	No ltr of transmittal
492	Unclassified	DOD-Gen Counsel Ltr from Mr. Frank A. Bartimo to Mr. Leo J. Rankin w/attachmets, dated 3/11/64. Attachmets-Off. Rpt of Investigation of the Death of Pvt. Marlin D. Schrund, U.S.M.C.	Pages 2-12 (Body of Rpt of In- vestigation) Published pages 862-867, Vol. XXV. Designated Exhibit No. 2586. Statements of Witnesses (Pages 13-20)not published.	Investigation shows death of Schrund to be accidental.

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852	CONFIDENTIAL Regraded Unclassified when separated from encls. (Note: encls. have been declassified. See 852a, b, c, and d.)	DOD - Gen. Counsel Ltr of transmittal from Mr. Frank A. Barlimo to Mr. Leo J. Rankin, dated 4/24/64 w/4 encls. (See 852a, b, c, and d.)	Not Identified in Commission Report	A ltr from Mr. Leo J. Rankin to Mr. Niederleinder, OSD, General Counsel, dated 9/30/64, stated in part, "The Commission wishes to publish at the earliest opportunity the following classified documents:

1. Office of General Counsel memorandum to Mr. Leo J. Rankin, dated April 24, 1964 w/attachments from the three Military Departments and the DIA concerning arrangements for safeguarding the President-CONFIDENTIAL
2. Air Force proposed Manifest-AF #1 - Fort Worth to Dallas-CONFIDENTIAL."
 Note: Para. 1 declassified (Authority shown as E.O. 10501)
 Para. 2 not seen.

The response to Mr. Rankin's ltr not seen.

Report No.	Classification	Source and Description of Material	Publication	Remarks
852a.	Formerly CONFIDENTIAL. Declassified 11/6/64. Stamped: Classification changed to unclassified by authority of E.O. 10501, dated 11/5/53. BY AMM 11/6/64	DIA enclosures to above cited ltr of transmittal (852) Memo for Gen. Counsel, DOD, subject: Arrangements for safeguarding the President, dated 4/10/64	Cannot be identified in Comm. Report.	Brief 2 page letter which states in substance - DIA had no arrangements in effect for safeguarding the President.
852b.	Originally unclassified - filed but stamped as 852a. above	Dept of Army Enclosure to above cited ltr of transmittal (852) Memo for Gen. Counsel, DOD from R. Tenney Johnson, Actg Gen. Counsel, D/A, dated 4/17/64, w/attachments.	Cannot be identified in Comm. Report.	Forwards regulations on protection of persons.
852c.	Originally unclassified - filed but stamped as 852a. above.	Dept of Navy Enclosure to above cited ltr of transmittal (852) Memo for Gen. Counsel, DOD, from Mr. Boy, Secretary of Navy, dated 4/17/64.	Cannot be identified in Comm. Report.	Forwards regulations on protection of persons.

Report No.	Classification	Description of Material	Publication	Remarks
852d	Originally unclassified. Marked FOUO	Dept of Air Force Enclosure to above cited ltr of transmittal (852)	Cannot be identified in Comm. Report.	Forwards regulations on protection coverage for distinguished visitor.
	Stamped as 852a. above.	Memo for Gen Counsel, DoD, from Mr. Joseph P. Hochreiter, Deputy Admln. Asst. to Secy of the Air Force, dated 4/16/64.		

973	Unclassified	Dept of Defense Memo from Mr. Frank A. Bartimo to Mr. Lee J. Rankin w/encl. from Adjutant General, Dept of Army and Records Br., U.S. Marine Corps.	Not published	Forwards Military Records of Specialist 4, Nelson Delgado
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1044	Unclassified Marked FOUO	Dept of Defense Memo for Mr. Lee J. Rankin from Mr. Callano w/encl (OSI file on Staff Sgt John E. Plc. half-brother of Oswald)	Not published	Mr. Callano's memo states in part "The documents have been downgraded from 'CONFIDENTIAL' to 'OFFICIAL USE ONLY,' but I would like to emphasize that it is the policy of the DOD not to make reports this type available outside the Executive Br. and it is our understanding that this information contained in this document will not appear in any public reports of the Commission without our clearance."
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Part No.	Classification	Description of Material	Source and Publication	Published pages	Remarks
1509	Unclassified	Secretary of Defense Affidavit from Mr. McNamara to the effect that Oswald was never an informant or agent of any intelligence agency under the jurisdiction of the Dept of Defense	XXVI. Designated Exhibit No. 3138.	891-892, Vol.	None.