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Mr. Walter E. Craig
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Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Craig:

Thank you for your letter of April 3, 1964, regarding depositions currently being taken by members of the Commission staff in Dallas.

I assume that by this time you have received my letter of March 31, 1964, listing additional witnesses to be interrogated in Dallas with respect to the investigation of the assassination by the Dallas Police Department and Oswald's involvement in the assassination. These depositions are proceeding as scheduled and will probably be completed by Friday, April 10, 1964. Copies of these depositions as well as all others taken by the members of the Commission staff will be available for your inspection in the Commission's offices as soon as they are received from the reporter.

In the event you did not receive a copy, I am enclosing a list of the witnesses who were scheduled to appear before the Commission during the past week. With some slight variations in order these witnesses appeared as indicated. As you will note, they included not only expert witnesses from the Federal Bureau of Investigation but also witnesses not employed by the Federal Government who are experts in the fields of ballistics and fingerprint identification. We are planning also to have at least one witness from outside the Federal Government testify before the Commission on questions of handwriting analysis at some point in the near future. After you or your associates have reviewed the transcripts of this testimony, we would certainly be interested in your opinion as to whether any additional expert testimony on these subjects is desirable.

Sincerely,

cc: Mr. Rankin
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J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Enclosure

WITNESSES BEFORE THE COMMISSION
Week of March 30, 1968

<u>Date</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Mon., March 30 9 a.m.	Dr. Charles J. Carrio Dr. Malcolm R. Ferry	Doctors Carrio and Ferry are two of the Fairland Hospital doctors who examined and treated President Kennedy. Additional medical testimony may be presented on this day depending upon the outcome of depositions to be taken by the staff in Dallas next week.
Tues., March 31	Robert A. Franier Cecilant E. Cunningham	Mr. Franier and Mr. Cunningham are from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and will testify regarding their examination of the weapons, bullets and cartridge cases associated with the assassination and the murder of Officer Tippit.
Wed., April 1	Joseph D. Nicol Barclay Simmons	Mr. Nicol is Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Illinois Department of Public Safety, and will testify regarding his examination of the weapons and bullets. Mr. Simmons is from the Weapons System Division at Fort Meade, Maryland, and will testify regarding the accuracy of the rifle found on the sixth floor.
Thurs., April 2	Sebastian F. Latona Lt. Joseph Rooney and/or Det. Arthur Mandella	Mr. Latona will testify regarding the Federal Bureau of Investigation examination of fingerprints and palm prints discovered on items of evidence involved in this investigation. The other two witnesses are from the New York Police Department and will testify on the same subject.
Friday, April 3	Mr. Paul Starbough a second FBI expert	Mr. Starbough will testify regarding the Federal Bureau of Investigation examination of the fibers found on the gun and the paper sack and the hairs found on the blanket in which the rifle was reportedly wrapped. The second expert to be designated by the Bureau will testify regarding his examination of the paper sack found on the sixth floor of the Depository.